

What Is a Password?

Name _____

Date _____

Learn what makes a password strong, and how to keep it secret.

cat		Weak
cat2015		Weak
purple-tiger-eats-9-pancakes		Strong

An example only. Make up your own!

1 Strong or Weak?

Short passwords, common words, names, and birthdays are easy to guess. Circle the best answer.

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| 1. 123456 | <div>STRONG</div> | <div>WEAK</div> |
| 2. password | <div>STRONG</div> | <div>WEAK</div> |
| 3. maya2015 | <div>STRONG</div> | <div>WEAK</div> |
| 4. sunny-rocket-pizza-lake-42 | <div>STRONG</div> | <div>WEAK</div> |
| 5. qwerty | <div>STRONG</div> | <div>WEAK</div> |
| 6. seven-green-frogs-dance-loudly | <div>STRONG</div> | <div>WEAK</div> |

2 True or False?

Circle TRUE or FALSE.

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| 1. A short password is just as strong as a long one. | <div>TRUE</div> | <div>FALSE</div> |
| 2. Your name or birthday makes a good password. | <div>TRUE</div> | <div>FALSE</div> |
| 3. It is best to use a different password for each account. | <div>TRUE</div> | <div>FALSE</div> |
| 4. It is fine to tell your best friend your password. | <div>TRUE</div> | <div>FALSE</div> |
| 5. A parent or trusted adult can help you keep passwords safe. | <div>TRUE</div> | <div>FALSE</div> |

Good to know: Nobody can remember dozens of long passwords. Many families use a **password manager**, an app that stores them safely. Ask a grown-up about it.

3 Build a Practice Passphrase

A passphrase is a password made of several words. Write one word on each line, then join them with dashes.

An animal: _____

A color: _____

A food: _____

A number: _____

A place: _____

An action word: _____

My practice passphrase:

This one is only for practice. It is written on paper, so do not use it for a real account.

4 What Would You Do?

A friend asks for your game password “just for one day.” What do you say, and why?

5 In Your Own Words

Why is it safer to use a different password for each account?

Answers for grown-ups. 1: 1 Weak, 2 Weak, 3 Weak (a name and a year), 4 Strong, 5 Weak, 6 Strong. 2: 1 False, 2 False, 3 True, 4 False, 5 True. 4: Say no. A password stops being secret once it is shared. 5: If one password gets out, the other accounts stay safe.

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