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Three charged in high-profile Twitter hack

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Three people have been arrested over the hacking attack on Twitter last month. Hackers accessed 130 high-profile accounts, including those of Barack Obama, Kanye West, and Amazon's CEO. The account of Apple was also breached. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam. The hackers got into Twitter's administrative tools. They then posted realistic-looking tweets that informed followers they could double any money put in a bitcoin account.

One suspect is a 19-year-old from the UK. The others are US citizens aged 17 and 22. Investigators believe the 17-year-old is the mastermind. A state attorney filed charges against him for "scamming people across America" and the fraudulent use of personal information. A lawyer told CNN: "There is a false belief within the criminal hacker community that attacks like the Twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously and without consequence."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/31/tech/alleged-twitter-hacker-arrested/index.html>
<https://www.wfla.com/news/hillsborough-county/tampa-teen-accused-of-being-mastermind-behind-twitter-hack-that-targeted-high-profile-accounts/>
<https://www.engadget.com/teenager-arrested-twitter-bitcoin-hack-183302700.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Three people have | a. any money |
| 2. the hacking attack | b. also breached |
| 3. Hackers accessed 130 high- | c. been arrested |
| 4. Amazon's | d. profile accounts |
| 5. The account of Apple was | e. looking tweets |
| 6. The hack was part of a | f. on Twitter |
| 7. posted realistic- | g. bitcoin scam |
| 8. they could double | h. CEO |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the 17-year-old is the | a. belief |
| 2. state | b. across America |
| 3. scamming people | c. the Twitter hack |
| 4. fraudulent use of personal | d. mastermind |
| 5. There is a false | e. information |
| 6. within the criminal hacker | f. without consequence |
| 7. attacks like | g. attorney |
| 8. perpetrated anonymously and | h. community |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Three people have been arrested (1) _____ attack on
Twitter last month. Hackers accessed 130 (2) _____,
including those of Barack Obama, Kanye West, and Amazon's CEO. The
account of Apple (3) _____. The hack was part of a
bitcoin scam. The (4) _____ Twitter's administrative
tools. They then (5) _____ tweets that informed
followers they could (6) _____ put in a bitcoin account.
(7) _____ a 19-year-old from the UK. The others are
US citizens aged 17 and 22. (8) _____ 17-year-old is
the mastermind. A state attorney (9) _____ him for
"scamming people across America" and the (10) _____
personal information. A lawyer told CNN: "There is
(11) _____ within the criminal hacker community that
attacks like the Twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously
(12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HACKERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hackers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

