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## Hacking

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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Ten years ago the word "hacking" didn't mean much to anyone. I think it meant cutting something very roughly. Now we all need to be aware of hacking. It is a big problem. Hacking has turned into a major crime. Hackers are stealing people's identities, money, personal information and using them illegally. Hackers are also breaking into top secret government computers to steal classified information. Many spies are using hackers to get the information they want. Many people say the next world war will be fought by hackers in cyber-space. You really need to be careful what information you put online. It's also really important to keep your security up to date on your computer. You need the latest firewalls and anti-virus software.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

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# STUDENT HACKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hacking 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.



## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about hacking. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about hacking. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. HACKING POSTER** Make a poster about hacking. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY HACKING LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on hacking. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on hacking. Share your findings with the class.

