Playful Computing: Online Safety

Password Psychic

## The Game

To try and match plausible passwords for the characters by asking questions and finding ‘personal information’.

The Aim

To highlight that passwords can be easy to guess if we don’t protect our personal information.

## How to play

Split the class into two groups.

* Group A will be given a password and a list of questions to ask.
* Group B will answer using the information provided on profile cards.
* Based on the information supplied, children in Group A will then try to guess who their password belongs to and explain their reasons.

### Profiles

#### Gareth Hudson - password: avengers15; 15thorki; luigi15



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#### Age: 37

Hi, I’m Gareth, I’m 37. I work in an independent music store called ‘Spinning Plates’ and love all kinds of music. When I’m not listening to the newest bands I enjoy walking my dogs (Thor and Loki) on the beach, drinking coffee with friends and watching films. I’ve always loved computer games too, I must admit to being a Nintendo kid and still play Super Mario games with my brother when we get together. In my book Luigi can do no wrong he always delivers my perfect score #1, 15 points!

#### Tom Rossi - password: wonderwall9; Anfield7; pepperoni11



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#### Age: 21

Hi, I’m Tom and I live at home with my dad and sisters. I’m a 21-year-old student who enjoys eating out (pizza mostly, with friends); watching football Liverpool obviously (it was a childhood dream to play). My dad’s heroes are players from the 1990s, McManaman- 7, Fowler- 9,Redknapp- 11 and all the others. Now I love upcycling and rummaging through charity shops for furniture bargains. My most recent project has been to use some vintage tin boxes to create guitars. The aim is to pull together enough bits and pieces to create a drum kit too so that Alayna, Nora and I can pull a band together and play a bit like Oasis.

#### Tara Kristoffersson - password: snowball17; sweden22; 17icehockey



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#### Age: 22

Hi, I’m Tara. I’ve just finished studying Law at Sheffield Uni, which was amazing and soon I’ll be joining a firm to specialise in family law. I love it here in Britain although I do miss home, which is Malmö in Sweden, because there’s just not enough snow here! I was quite excited to get the keys to our new apartment, number 17 just like home. My boyfriend and I are keen to start decorating and make it feel like home, lots of lovely flower patterns and maybe Henry will agree to me hanging my signed, framed Swedish Ice Hockey shirt collection in the hallway!

#### Dhemi Silvers - password: coffeerocks79; 47pacman; powerup79



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#### Age: 26

Hi, I’m Dhemi. I’m a self-confessed geek who loves tinkering and playing around with all kinds of code and electronics. I do this in my spare time as there wasn’t much opportunity to do that kind of stuff at my school. I work at ‘The Hangout @47’, a cafe in the centre of town and since I’ve started there we’ve introduced some old style games machines that we found online. I’ve managed to fix them up and organise a sort of league between different groups of kids. The obvious favourite is Pac-Man but Asteroids from 1979 is up there too. When I’m not working or building games I enjoy skating and just hanging out with friends.

#### Crystal Huang - password: makingmemories13; bestlife3; missJ8



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#### Age: 19

Hi, I’m Crystal and I’m loving life right now. I’ve just started studying in Bristol, I’m in LOVE with this city, I’m making so many new friends and seem to find a new favourite place each week! I relax by running and I’ve decided to train for the half Marathon - it’s a great way to let off steam and see different parts of town. When I’m done here I plan to teach in a primary school (although I don’t think I’ll ever live up to my all time favourite, Miss Johnson from class 3- she was a pure legend). However, before I make any big decisions I ‘ll consult my Magic8 Ball, it’s never let me down yet!

#### Ridley Harrison - password: LED123; apollo13; simba4eva



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#### Age: 29

Hi, I’m Ridley. Currently I’m working as a lightning engineer for a big company that organises stadium tours and events, it’s not quite what I imagined aged 9 when I wanted to be an astronaut! I do get to see some of the most amazing bands and artists, some I love and some not so much. and I travel a lot. One of my first jobs was to work on the stage show ‘The Lion King’, I was given control of one of the spotlights - it was nerve wracking. I try to spend most of my free time outside with natural light and if I’m lucky to be on my own in a big space I shout really loud because I’m stuck in dark spaces, forced to be quiet for most of my days. It’s childish but it helps.

Suggested Questions

Encourage the class to ask these questions in different ways to try and find out as much information from the profiles as possible. Encourage them to ask questions of their own too.

Do you have any pets?

Do you play or enjoy any sports?

What’s your favourite food? TV show? Film? Band?

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

Tell me something about you that is new or exciting?

Where do you work? Study?

What dreams / ambitions do you have for the future?

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## To extend the game

Using either the profile information, or the password, can the children suggest ways of making the password more secure?

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