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Three charged in high-profile Twitter hack

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Three people have been charged with allegedly being involved in the hacking attack on Twitter last month. Hackers hacked into 130 high-profile accounts, including those of Barack Obama, presidential candidate Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, and the CEOs of Amazon and Tesla. The accounts of Apple and Uber were also breached. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam. The perpetrators got into Twitter's administrative tools to gain access to the accounts. They then posted legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could double any money deposited in a bitcoin account.

One suspect is a 19-year-old from the United Kingdom. The other two are American citizens aged 17 and 22. State investigators believe the 17-year-old to be the mastermind of the hack. A state attorney filed 30 charges against him for "scamming people across America". He faces multiple charges, including 10 counts of 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." The hackers netted nearly \$118,000.

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/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Three people have been | a. a bitcoin account |
| 2. allegedly being involved in | b. accounts |
| 3. 130 high-profile | c. to the accounts |
| 4. The hack was part of | d. tweets |
| 5. Twitter's administrative | e. charged |
| 6. gain access | f. a bitcoin scam |
| 7. legitimate-looking | g. the hacking attack |
| 8. money deposited in | h. tools |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. State | a. anonymously |
| 2. the mastermind | b. across America |
| 3. scamming people | c. nearly \$118,000 |
| 4. He faces multiple | d. investigators |
| 5. fraudulent use of personal | e. community |
| 6. within the criminal hacker | f. charges |
| 7. perpetrated | g. of the hack |
| 8. The hackers netted | h. information |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Three people have (1) _____ allegedly being involved in the hacking attack on Twitter last month. Hackers hacked into 130 (2) _____, including those of Barack Obama, presidential candidate Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, and the CEOs of Amazon and Tesla. The accounts of Apple and Uber (3) _____. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam. The (4) _____ Twitter's administrative tools to (5) _____ the accounts. They then posted legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could double any (6) _____ a bitcoin account.

(7) _____ a 19-year-old from the United Kingdom. The other two are American citizens aged 17 and 22. State investigators believe the 17-year-old to (8) _____ of the hack. A state attorney filed 30 charges against him for "(9) _____ America". He faces multiple charges, including 10 counts of (10) _____ personal information. A lawyer told CNN: "There is a (11) _____ the criminal hacker community that attacks like the Twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously and without consequence." The (12) _____ \$118,000.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HACKERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200803-hackers-4.html>

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **hackers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
