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Cracking the Code: Creating Strong and Secure Passwords

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary. Sample answer: To create a strong and secure password for my email account, I would start by choosing a memorable phrase or sentence that only I would understand. Then, I would mix in uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. For example, if I love camping, I could use "CampingUnderTheStars2022!"
2. Answers may vary. Sample advice: I would advise them to create stronger, unique passwords for each account, avoid using easily guessable information, and consider using a password manager to keep track of their passwords securely.
3. It is crucial to have a unique password for each online account because if one password is compromised, it doesn't give unauthorized access to all your accounts. For example, if you use the same password for both your email and bank account, and it gets stolen, the hacker could access both accounts.
4. Answers may vary. Sample story: Once, I used a simple password for my social media account, and someone managed to guess it. They started posting things pretending to be me! I learned the importance of strong passwords and changed all my passwords to be more secure.

