

The devices that can't be stolen 防盗装置

Vocabulary: technology 技术

The market for **smartphones** and **tablet computers** has boomed over the last few years, with over a quarter of adults and nearly half of teenagers owning one in the UK.

But as our **appetite for technology** increases, so does the risk of our **devices** being stolen. **Software** developers are having to come up with innovative methods to prevent thieves from taking our much loved **gadgets**.



There are many **anti-theft technology apps** on the market which use **GPS tracking** as a way to locate a missing smartphone, tablet or laptop. If your device has been nicked, the **sophisticated** technology will allow you to track it to a particular location, so you can know exactly where it is.

People worried about the security of information on their stolen device can **lock** or **remotely wipe** it so that it's rendered useless. One would-be detective even **programmed** their smartphone to take a photograph at set times, unbeknown to the thief. The candid photos were **uploaded** onto a **social networking site** and became an **internet sensation** overnight, with thousands of people identifying the man who was in possession of the phone.

As long as the user has an app and has GPS enabled on their **handset** or device, they've got a chance of locating it- although you still may not get it back.

Anti-theft technology is fast becoming an **essential feature** for phones and tablets, and many companies plan to **install** it in other popular goods such as digital cameras, televisions – and even cars.

But does this technology really make theft impossible? Perhaps not, but with the potential to have your face **plastered across the web**, it suddenly becomes much less appealing.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What percentage of adults in the UK own a smartphone?
2. What word is used to describe electronic devices?
3. What phrase describes the technology used to locate a missing phone?
4. What phrase is used to describe removing content from your phone without being there?
5. What words describe something extremely popular on the web?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. My tablet computer is fantastic – there are so many useful _____ you can buy!

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| GPS | devices | apps | features |
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2. This smartphone is really top of the range. The technology it uses is incredibly _____.

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| sophisticated | enabled | programmed | developed |
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3. She became an internet _____ overnight after the video of her singing badly was posted on a website.

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| thief | detective | sensation | developer |
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4. Could you _____ those photographs so that you can share them with us, please?

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| install | upload | render | wipe |
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5. My cousin always buys the latest gadget – he's got such a real _____ for technology!

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| feature | potential | appetite | market |
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What percentage of adults in the UK own a smartphone? A quarter
2. What word is used to describe electronic devices? gadgets
3. What phrase describes the technology used to locate a missing phone? GPS tracking
4. What phrase is used to describe removing content from your phone without being there? remotely wipe
5. What words describe something extremely popular on the web? internet sensation

Exercise 练习

1. My tablet computer is fantastic – there are so many useful apps you can buy!
2. This smartphone is really top of the range. The technology it uses is incredibly sophisticated.
3. She became an internet sensation overnight after the video of her singing badly was posted on a website.
4. Could you upload those photographs so that you can share them with us, please?
5. We walked down into the valley, towards a handful of small, squat buildings in the distance.

Glossary 词汇表

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| Smartphones | 智能手机 |
| tablet computers | 平板电脑 |
| appetite for technology | 对技术的（胃口）需求 |
| Devices | 装置 |
| Software | 软件 |
| Gadgets | 小器件 |
| anti-theft technology | 防盗技术 |
| Apps | 应用软件 |
| gps tracking | 卫星导航跟踪 |
| Sophisticated | 复杂的，高端的 |
| Lock | 锁住 |
| remotely wipe | 遥控删除 |
| Programmed | 程序编入的 |
| Uploaded | 上传 |

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| social networking site | 社交网络 |
| internet sensation | 网上轰动 |
| Enabled | 使...能够 |
| Handset | 手机 |
| Feature | 特点, 功能 |
| Install | 安装 |
| plastered across the web | 被人网上四处张贴 |