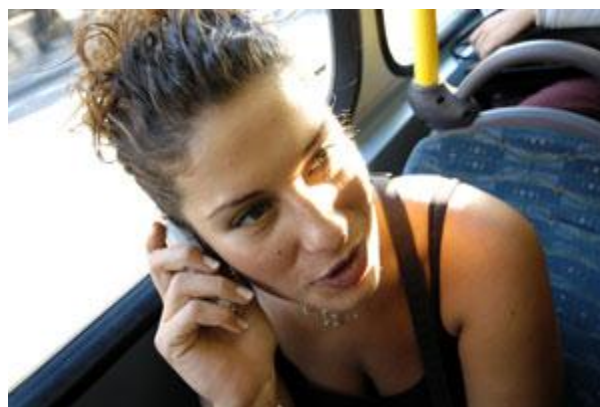


Forget your head? 忘带脑袋?

vocabulary: data protection 词语重点: 数据保护

The first ever **portable** computer was very big and very heavy. Released in 1981, it weighed nearly 11 kilos and folded up, it looked a bit like you were carrying a **sewing machine**. But at least there wasn't much chance you'd **leave it on the bus** – unlike today's small, light technology.



These days more people than ever are carrying important information on smartphones, tablets and laptops wherever they go. And then putting them down and **forgetting** them...

In the UK alone, nearly 9 million **absent-minded** people have lost their mobile at least once in the last five years. Three in ten people said they keep **confidential** information like **PIN numbers** and **passwords** on their phones.

And we're not just **misplacing** our own **data**. Public and private organisations seem to be just as **flaky**. US space agency NASA has forbidden employees from taking laptops out of the office, if they have **sensitive information** on them, after several **data losses**. NASA recently lost laptops containing information used to control the **International Space Station**.

In the UK, Greater Manchester Police was fined £120,000 (around 200,000 US dollars) when an **unencrypted memory stick** was stolen from an officer's home. The memory stick had details of 1,075 people with links to **serious crime investigations**.

According to UK law, organisations should use **encrypted** memory sticks and laptops. If they're lost or stolen, thieves can't read the data without the password. But that only works if you don't also leave behind your password. One health worker in Lancashire lost a memory stick containing the medical details of more than 6,000 people. The data was encrypted, but the password had been written on a note which was attached to the memory stick when it was misplaced.

If we just can't stop **leaving** our portable technology **behind**, perhaps we should make it less portable. As the English saying goes **'I'd forget my head if it wasn't screwed on.'**

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. How much did the first portable computer weigh?
2. Why should organisations use encrypted memory sticks?
3. Which US organisation has lost several laptops?
4. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *Greater Manchester Police was fined £500,000 for losing personal data.*
5. Which types of confidential information do British people keep on their phones?

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. Dave is always forgetting things, he's so _____.

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|-----------|---------|------------|---------------|
| misplaced | leaving | forgetting | absent-minded |
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2. Last year we lost some clients' personal information. We don't want any more _____.

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| data losses | memory sticks | encrypted | confidential |
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3. Oh no! I put my phone down on the train and then when I got off, I left it _____!

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|----|-------|--------|----|
| on | ahead | behind | in |
|----|-------|--------|----|

4. You need to think about what you're doing, stop forgetting things. You're just so _____.

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| flaky | floppy | flappy | flukey |
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5. I left my bag at work and my keys in the house. I'd forget my head if it wasn't _____.

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| portable | screwed on | encrypted | sensitive |
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. How much did the first portable computer weigh? 11 kilos
2. Why should organisations use encrypted memory sticks? So that thieves can't read the data.
3. Which US organisation has lost several laptops? NASA
4. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *Greater Manchester Police was fined £500,000 for losing personal data.* False. They were fined £120,000.
5. Which types of confidential information do British people keep on their phones? PIN numbers and passwords.

Exercise 练习

1. Dave is always forgetting things, he's so absent-minded.
2. Last year we lost some clients' personal information. We don't want any more data losses.
3. Oh no! I put my phone down on the train and then when I got off, I left it behind!
4. You need to think about what you're doing, stop forgetting things. You're just so flakey.
5. I left my bag at work and my keys in the house. I'd forget my head if it wasn't screwed on.

Glossary 词汇表

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|---|----------------------------|
| portable | 便携式的 |
| sewing machine | 缝纫机 |
| leave it on the bus | 把某物忘在公车上 |
| forgetting | 忘记 |
| absent-minded | 心不在焉 |
| confidential | 保密的 |
| PIN numbers | 数字密码 |
| passwords | 密码， 口令 |
| misplacing | 放错地方了 |
| data | 数据 |
| flaky | 不可靠的 |
| sensitive information | 敏感信息 |
| data losses | 数据丢失 |
| International Space Station | 国际空间站 |
| unencrypted | 没有加密的 |
| memory stick | 记忆棒， 储存卡 |
| serious crime investigations | 严重犯罪调查 |
| encrypted | 加密的 |
| leaving behind | （把随身物品）忘记了丢下了 |
| I'd forget my head if it wasn't screwed on | 倘如头不是被拧在身上我恐怕连自己的脑袋也会忘记带上的 |