

BBC World Service

The story

The British authority tackling cyber-crime is giving details of the extent to which the country is facing constant threats. The National Cyber Security Centre says it's confronting more than ten cyber-attacks in the UK every week.

Vocabulary

code

a system or collection of rules or guidelines

- There is a dress code in this office. You need to wear a shirt and tie.
- Following the Highway Code will help you to drive safely.

thwarts

prevents; opposes successfully; frustrates

- The police thwarted a bank robbery. They caught the criminals before they arrived.
- My holiday plans were thwarted when my manager told me I couldn't have time off!

doesn't pay

does not provide a reward (monetary or otherwise)

- It doesn't pay to cheat in exams. You can't hide a lack of knowledge forever.
- Now that I'm in prison I can't see my wife and kids. It's true what they say – crime doesn't pay!

Language challenge

Protection against digital crime is called ____-security.

- a) syber
- b) ciber
- c) cyber

Answer

- c) cyber