

Mobile Security Quiz

Quiz · Test Your Phone-Security Knowledge.

Your phone holds more sensitive data than your laptop. Test your knowledge on lock screens, permissions, public Wi-Fi, SIM swaps, and lost-phone protocols.

Instructions

10 multiple-choice questions. Pick the BEST answer for each. Don't peek at the answer key on the next page. Score yourself at the end. There's no time limit, but most people finish in 5-7 minutes.

Questions

Q1. What's the recommended auto-lock time for your phone?

- A. 5 minutes or longer
- B. Never — convenience matters
- C. 30 seconds to 1 minute
- D. Whenever you remember to lock it manually

Q2. Find My iPhone / Find My Device should be:

- A. Disabled to save battery
- B. Always ON, with Send Last Location enabled
- C. Enabled only when traveling
- D. Used only after the phone is lost

Q3. Which apps should have access to your microphone?

- A. All of them — apps need permissions to work
- B. Only apps that need voice features (calling, voice messages, voice assistants)
- C. None — disable mic globally
- D. Just the apps you use daily

Q4. What's a SIM swap?

- A. Trading SIM cards with a friend
- B. When an attacker tricks your carrier into porting your phone number to their SIM
- C. Upgrading from physical SIM to eSIM
- D. Switching between two SIM cards in a dual-SIM phone

Q5. Connecting to a coffee shop's free Wi-Fi without protection is:

- A. Safe — the venue protects users
- B. Risky — public Wi-Fi exposes your traffic; use a VPN or skip sensitive activity
- C. Fine if you only browse news
- D. Required for the network to work properly

Q6. Should you install apps from outside the App Store / Play Store?

- A. Yes — sideloading is always safe
- B. Generally no — official stores have malware screening that third-party sources lack
- C. Yes if you find them online for free
- D. Only at the manufacturer's recommendation

Q7. If you lose your phone, what's the FIRST step?

- A. Buy a new phone immediately
- B. Mark it as Lost via Find My (or remote-wipe if not recoverable)
- C. Wait 24 hours to see if it turns up
- D. Call your phone hoping someone answers

Q8. Why does covering your phone's camera when not in use matter less than people think?

- A. Modern phones have hardware indicator lights when the camera is on
- B. Cameras can't actually be hacked
- C. Apps can't access cameras without explicit permission
- D. Both A and C are correct

Q9. An app you've never heard of asks for access to your contacts. You should:

- A. Always grant — apps need access
- B. Deny it unless you actively want the contacts feature
- C. Grant it then immediately revoke
- D. Uninstall the app and reinstall later

Q10. Setting a SIM PIN on your phone:

- A. Slows your phone down
- B. Prevents someone from moving your SIM to another phone if your phone is stolen
- C. Costs extra each month
- D. Replaces your screen passcode

Answer Key

Don't peek before completing the quiz. Read explanations even for answers you got right — they reinforce the why.

- Q1: C** — 30 seconds to 1 minute balances security and convenience. Anything longer leaves your phone exposed if stolen or set down.
- Q2: B** — Find My is your single best chance of recovering or wiping a lost device. Send Last Location helps even when battery dies.
- Q3: B** — Most apps don't need mic access. Audit quarterly and revoke anything that doesn't actively need it.
- Q4: B** — SIM swap = social engineering attack on your carrier. Used to receive your text-based 2FA codes. Set a port-out PIN with your carrier.
- Q5: B** — Public Wi-Fi can be sniffed or impersonated. VPN encrypts. Otherwise defer banking and password changes to trusted networks.
- Q6: B** — Sideloaded bypasses store safety checks. The risk is real — many malware delivery campaigns target sideloaded apps.
- Q7: B** — Mark as Lost locks the device, shows a return message, and tracks it. Faster action = better outcome.
- Q8: D** — iOS shows a green dot when camera is active; Android shows similar. Apps need permission to access. Cover for paranoia, not because it's strictly necessary.
- Q9: B** — App permissions are a 'least-privilege' game. Deny by default, grant only when needed.
- Q10: B** — SIM PIN protects against phone-theft scenarios where the thief tries to move your number to use your SMS-based MFA.

Scoring

Score	Level	What it means
0–4	Beginner	Your phone is exposing you. Read the Beginner's Guide to Securing Your Phone today.
5–7	Intermediate	Solid mobile awareness. Run the Mobile Phone Security Checklist to harden the gaps.
8–10	Advanced	Strong mobile security. Run the audit on your family's devices too — they're likely behind.

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