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Leave cash, cards and cheques at home – scan it!

By Robin Yapp

You will never need to take any money to the supermarket again. With a new payment method, shoppers will need only to have their first finger ready **(1)** for their shopping. A scanning machine will read their ‘fingerprint’ for details of their credit and debit cards. The only thing people will have to remember is their personal identification number. No more need to take your cards.

The system, **Pay By Touch**, is used all over the USA. Consumers see two main advantages. They say it has both speeded up shopping and dramatically reduced swindling for them. The system will be introduced in England by the Coop at its stores in Oxford, Swindon and Gloucester and possibly nationally. However, the Coop **(2)** that shoppers may not like a scanner that reads fingers.

The company behind the technology says it does not photograph your fingerprint. Instead, a reader scans customers’ hands and saves data on about 40 points on their first finger. Customers then enter details of their credit and debit cards on-line. When this is complete, they put their first finger on a scanner at the checkout and enter their PIN. This finds their details and customers are asked which card they wish to use. It takes about ten seconds to buy something and registration only takes a minute.

Bill Laird of the Coop said the system is easier and safer than chip and PIN. “Shops want to introduce the normal chip and PIN technology **(3)** service and reduce swindling,” he added. “But **Pay By Touch** gives extra benefits. This is an exciting project and we are excited to be the first shop to offer it to customers.”

Tom Fischer, vice-president of **Pay By Touch**, said: “Simplicity, safety and speed are what consumers want from electronic payment systems. Today, people have too many credit and debit cards, so we **(4)** taken away the need to carry a card. We think our card-owners will like the new service.”

However, as a result of the problems with identifying people using biometric data, a spokesperson for civil rights group **Liberty** said shoppers should think twice.

She added: “I think it would be a bad choice to connect biometric data with your financial details. The system can also be tricked. If the Coop introduces this, they must make sure that it is not illegal. It must harmonise with the Data Protection Act.”

Last month, this newspaper published an article **(5)** a school that is testing the use of fingerprints to check if children are in school each morning. Teachers do not need to do this themselves. The kids touch a monitor on the classroom wall and this registers that they are in school, which gives teachers more time for teaching and helps to fight the problem of kids not coming to school.

The project at Redland Primary in Chippenham, Wiltshire, can be programmed so that parents get a text message or an e-mail in minutes if their child is not at school ...

Goodbye
debit card

Goodbye
checkbook

Hello
Pay By Touch

No need to carry cards,
checks or cash.

Place your finger
on the sensor for
one-touch debit
from your
checking
account.



Task A1 (10 points)

Choose the best word – A, B or C – from the list below for each gap in the text.
Write the letter in the box.

Put the letter here



1	A to pay	B to buy	C to purchase	
2	A is happy	B is afraid	C is sure	
3	A to improve	B to stop	C to slow down	
4	A will	B did	C have	
5	A over	B about	C through	

Task A2 (10 points)

Look at the article about a new kind of scanner in shops again.
Answer the questions below.

Please use keywords.

1 The Pay By Touch system has two good benefits for shops and shoppers – what are they? (key words)	a) b)
2 What biometric data does the system save?	
3 People who use electronic systems to buy goods and services say three aspects are very important when using them. Give two of these aspects! (key words)	a) b)
4 This new system must be 100% legal. Which law in England could be a problem for Pay By Touch ?	
5 In the primary school project, how are mothers or fathers informed that their children have not gone to school? (key words)	a) b)

Bitte wenden!

Task B (5 points)

Look at the courses and activities below.
They are all taking place in the evening this summer.
Decide which course or activity (A–H) would attract which person.
You may not use any letter more than once.

SUMMER COURSES AND ACTIVITIES	
A	Texas line dancing – Monday evening: Texas line dancing for beginners – 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm, admission £2.00.
B	Archery – Could you be Robin Hood? Could you beat William Tell? We have the bows and arrows – we start at 6.30 pm. First lesson free.
C	Nordic walking – Want to get fitter for the hills? Try Nordic walking – the latest new approach to fitness.
D	Woodcarving – Why not try woodcarving? Learn how to cut faces, hands and whole figures out of wood. Come into the forest with us and find your own wood to carve!
E	Maori cooking – Learn to cook like the native people of New Zealand.
F	Patchwork quilts – It's big in the USA! Make lovely decorations for the home with pieces of colourful cloth like Granny used to do!
G	Car maintenance tips – Had enough of paying for expensive vehicle servicing? Learn to do a full service in one evening! 4-week course with mechanic Jake Fender.
H	Gaming for beginners – Program a PC game. A two-month course for people with average computer skills.

Put the letter here



- 1 Jennifer is bored and wants to learn something new. However, she hates doing noisy, dirty, outdoor activities and she's not a wellness freak. She enjoyed sewing and making socks at school. _____
- 2 Bill wants to save money for a round-the-world trip but it's difficult. He's good with mechanical things and hates asking the garage to change the oil on his car. _____
- 3 Larry is a real outdoor guy and trekking freak and is never happier than when he can try out some new sports or gymnastic activity. He's done paragliding, canyoning, river-rafting, the lot. Are there any new sports out there? _____
- 4 Marjorie and her friends (their husbands, too!) invite each other round for meals on Saturday evenings and she wants to give them an unforgettable meal. But what can she offer them that's truly different? _____
- 5 If he could write them himself, computer fan Jeremy could sell them to his friends and buy a really powerful computer. Bill Gates might even give him a job! _____