Pass*phrase* Tips and Examples

Here is a list of tips to consider when creating a new passphrase:

1. **Don't use all common dictionary words.** *Example*: orange, car, etc.

2. **Misspell at least one word**.
   Example: Instead of making it "why would you do that", make it "why wuld u do tht". If the word is not in a dictionary, it helps make it more secure.

3. **Consider using spaces**. *Example*: Instead of making it "iown2dogs", make it "i own 2 dogs"

4. **Consider using a long *and* complex passphrase.** *Example*: Instead of making it "i own 2 dogs and 1 cat", add some punctuation and capitalization to make it something like "I own 2 dogs, and 1 cat!"

5. **Never use sequential letters or numbers.** *Example*: 12345, abcde

6. **Never use repeated letters/numbers or keyboard patterns**
   Example: 111, aaa, qwerty, asdfgh

7. **Never use the same passphrase for every site.**
   Something you could do would be to make a passphrase like: "I am accessing Facebook!" for Facebook, or "I am accessing YouTube!" for YouTube, etc. (hint: don't use these examples)

8. **When creating a new passphrase, analyze it to see how long it will take hackers to crack!** Go to https://www.csa.gov.sg/gosafeonline/resources/password-checker, enter your passphrase (or similar) and be sure that it would take at least 1 century to crack.

Here is a list of example passphrases you could use to help spark some ideas along with the amount of time it would take to crack it.

1. #My son's bday is 20,Dec()   **10,000+ centuries**

2. One(1)+Seven(7)=Eight(8)!!   **10,000+ centuries**

3. *I gr4duated in twenty-ten.   **10,000+ centuries**

4. Me gu5ta L0s Angeles?!   **10,000+ centuries**

5. I am accessing Facebook!   **10,000+ centuries**

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