



LESSON 9: Activity 1

Watch out for scams

Read through the scams below and underline the things that you think you need to watch out for:

1. You get an email telling you that you've won a large sum of money in a Lotto. The email tells you how to claim the prize. 'Please log onto www.urawinner.com'. To claim your prize be ready to insert your personal bank account details. The email encourages you not to miss out – 'the quicker you do it the quicker you'll receive your prize!'

2. You get a phone call and the person at the other end says he is a security engineer from a well-known technology company, advising that they have identified a problem with your computer. He says he can fix the problem for you if you give them remote access to your PC.

3. You see an ad in the paper: Would you like to work from home? Would you like to be part of Ireland's fastest growing industry? Would you like to be your own boss? Well you can. You can earn thousands of euros a month. Phone +353 1 2244556.

4. You get an email from your bank telling you there has been some unusual activity on your bank account. The email asks you to reply and to confirm your bank account number and PIN details. The email contains website, phone number and email details.

5. You are on facebook and an ad pops up 'Sign up for a free face trial of moisturiser. Please complete the form and send us your credit card details – your only cost is for post and packaging'.