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# Digital Citizenship

Student Packet • Grades 3-5



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# You've Won A Prize!

## Directions

Read the story below and answer the questions that follow.

One day Charlie gets an email from an address he doesn't know. In the Subject box it says "You've won a prize!" The message reads, "Congratulations! You've won a big prize! To claim your prize, click here." There is no name at the end of the message.

Charlie clicks on the link and sees a webpage advertising a pimple cream. He tries to close the page, but other advertising pages pop up for tooth-whitening and foot-odor products. Every time Charlie closes a page, another ad pops up. He can't seem to get off the site.



**1. What do you think Charlie thought when he got this email?**

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**2. Why do you think Charlie opened the email?**

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**3. Was it a good idea to click on the Web link? Why or why not?**

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#### 4. What should Charlie do next?

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##### **Use Common Sense!**

Spammers want you to open their emails. Follow these **spam-stopping** tips – don't fall for tricks!

- Don't open messages from people you don't know.
- If you open a message by mistake, don't click on links or download files that come with it.
- Never reply to emails or IMs from people you don't know.
- Don't reply to spam, even to tell the spammer not to send any more messages.
- Flag emails as "junk" or "spam"
- Watch out for messages that ask for your private information. No one should ever do that.
- Tell an adult you trust about any message that makes you uncomfortable or comes from someone you don't know.

# **Lesson Assessments**

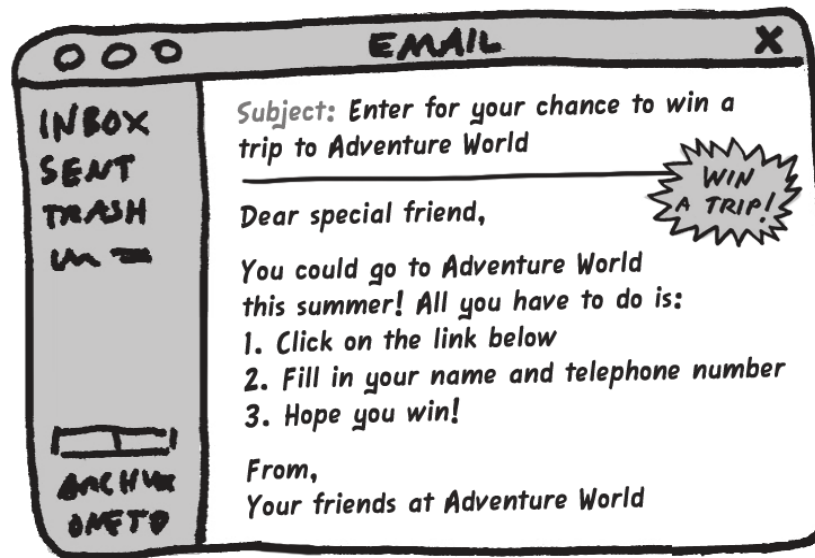
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1. Unwanted \_\_\_\_\_ that you did not ask for are called spam.

- a) emails
- b) high fives
- c) homework
- d) phone calls



Read the email message below. Then, answer questions #2 and #3.



2. Eric receives the email above and thinks it might be spam. Eric should:

- a) Avoid opening or downloading anything that is in the message
- b) Tell an adult about the message
- c) Reply to the message
- d) Both a and b

3. What is a good clue that the message above might be spam?

- a) The message asks you to click on a link. It also asks you to send personal information
- b) The message is to a “special friend,” not to a specific person
- c) The subject of the message sounds too good to be true
- d) All of the above



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