



Pupil Activity Sheet



Jennifer's e-mails

Jennifer finds a new e-mail in her inbox. The message says that she has won a competition she doesn't remember entering and gives a link to a web site. She clicks on the link and it takes her to a site with pictures that make her feel very uncomfortable. Jennifer thinks it's her fault so she deletes the e-mail and doesn't tell anyone. What would you have done? Here are some notes to help you:

Strangers

You never know what the intention of a stranger is.

Stop and **think** before you give your e-mail address to others, particularly while you are on-line. The more people who have your e-mail address, the greater the chance you will receive Spam e-mail.

Spamming

Spam e-mails are adverts and other unwanted messages that are sent to hundreds or thousands of mail boxes at a time. Sometimes these messages can be rude or insulting, sometimes they ask for money. They often come from people or companies pretending to be friends or offering great prizes and deals. Never respond to Spam messages as the Spammers are only likely to send you more.

Computer viruses

Computer viruses are often sent as attachments to e-mails. A virus is nasty piece of software that can do great damage to your computer or the programs on it. It is very important to use anti-virus programs to prevent viruses getting into your system and to prevent you from passing them on to anyone else.

How might the sender have got hold of Jennifer's e-mail address?

What sort of problems might Jennifer have met by replying to this e-mail?

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What should she do if she finds herself accidentally on a web site that makes her feel uncomfortable?

Jennifer gets an e-mail with an attachment from someone she doesn't recognise. What should she do?