

# CYBERSAFETY

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## Lesson: Spam & Scams



### Lesson Background



Another sector of prevalent threats to security and identity in cyber space, this lesson investigates typical internet threats to your identity and personal information, exploring such aspects as spam, hacking, phishing, and pharming. In a comprehension task, students will read about these issues, and demonstrate their learning by re-organising the information in their own words.

### Curriculum Links



**HEALTH:** Personal, Social & Community Health

- Yr 5/6 - Plan and practise strategies to promote health, safety and wellbeing (ACPPS054);
- Yr 7/8 - Develop skills to evaluate health information and express health concerns (ACPPS076);

**ENGLISH:** Literacy

- Yr 6 - Analyse how text structures and language features work together to meet the purpose of a text (ACELY1711)
- Yr 7 - Use comprehension strategies to interpret, analyse and synthesise ideas and information, critiquing ideas and issues from a variety of textual sources (ACELY1723)

### Preparation Materials



- ✓ SPAMS & SCAMS text [\[DOWNLOAD\]](#)
- ✓ Fishbone Graphic Organiser [\[DOWNLOAD\]](#)

### Student Activity



- 1) Have the students read through the text Spams and Scams.
- 2) Students use a fishbone graphic organiser to note-take from this text.
- 3) Students write the title of the text 'Spams and Scams' in the box on the head of the fish.
- 4) Students choose three of the sub headings (main ideas) and write one in each of the other boxes.
- 5) Students then choose supporting details that support their chosen main ideas from the text to fill in the remainder of the graphic organiser.
- 6) Students use their completed graphic organiser to rewrite the text into their own words.

## Extension Activity



An extension of this activity could be to get students to research some of the most common scams, some current scams that have been used on the internet or through email, and then present these to the rest of the class so they are aware of what to look out for. Some that could be used as starting examples include:

- 'Nigerian Prince' scam
- 'Won the Lottery' pop-up scam