

# Adventures in replying to spam e-mail

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1. Match the words from the box with appropriate categories:

BLACKMAIL    CC (Carbon Copy)    REPLY    SCAM    IDENTITY THEFT  
 COMMIT    SPAM    CHEAT    ATTACHMENT    STEAL  
 ATTACH    CON    SUBJECT    DELETE    SEND    DRAFT  
 INBOX    FORWARD    FRAUD    HACKING

Email Verbs	Crime Verbs	Email Vocabulary	Online Crime

2. Fill in the questions below with the words from exercise 1:

- Why people reply to ..... emails from strange email addresses?
- Do you believe that online .....is a huge problem?
- When do you need to .....an email to somebody at work?
- What kind of email do you always ..... and which do you keep for later?
- How are criminals trying to .....people online? Has something like that ever happened to you?
- Why is it difficult to catch somebody who .....a crime online?



3. Before you watch the video answer the following questions:

- What kind of spam emails have you ever received? Did you read any of them? What was it about?
- Have you ever considered replying to spam? Who usually does it?

4. Watch the TED Talk and answer the questions below:

- What kind of people reply to spam emails?
- Why didn't the spammer (Kamanda Koroma) believe that James Veitch is a real person?
- What did James Veitch ask the spammer to send?
- What did James Veitch want for opening the account?
- How did James Veitch understand the sentence "I don't have much days here on Earth"

**WORD LIST:**

- preposterous = absurd  
 gullible = naive  
 mock = laugh at  
 consignment = delivery  
 hunch = instinct/intuition

