

Phishing

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Type of resource

Video: (3 mins 46 secs)

Article (2min read)

Learning objectives

- **Recognise Phishing:** Learn that phishing happens when someone tries to trick you into giving personal information, often by pretending to be a trusted company.
- **Think Before You Click:** Don't click on links or open attachments in messages or emails from people or companies you don't know.
- **Trust Your Instincts:** If something doesn't feel right or sounds too good to be true, trust your instincts and check with an adult before taking action.

Content summary

- Presenter introduces the topic of phishing, explaining that it is when someone tries to trick you into giving out your personal details online, like passwords or bank information.
- Presenter uses the analogy of fishing to explain how phishing works, emphasising that some people online pretend to be an official company to hook us in with fake bait so that they can get personal information from us.
- Dramatisation of a young person receiving an email which looks like it is from their favourite online gaming platform. It is trying to convince them that their account has been stolen and that they need to change their password.
- Presenter offers final top tips and advice.

Glossary

- **Phishing:** emails or other types of messages online pretending to be someone they're not and trying to get your personal information.
- **Personal information:** details about yourself that tells someone exactly who you are, such as your real name, date of birth, address, phone number, etc.
- **Fake messages:** a message online that isn't truly from the person it says it is from.
- **Scam:** when someone tries to trick us into giving them personal information or money.
- **Hacking:** when someone uses a computer or other type of technology to access data and information.

Topic introductions and starters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you know what online phishing is? • If you do, what examples of phishing are there? • How might phishing try to trick us into giving our personal information away? • How might someone feel if they are tricked by phishing? • What should you do if you think you've seen phishing? • What should you do if you think you've been tricked by phishing?
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Discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does the first email that the character receives say? What is it telling the character to do?• How does the email nearly persuade the character to change their password?• Why does the character begin to feel suspicious and unsure about the email?• What does the character do to check if the email is trustworthy?• What else does the character notice about the email that makes them feel suspicious and unsure?• What does the character decide to do when they realise that the email is fake?
Activity ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write and design a pretend example of phishing, then swap your example with your partner. How is your partner's example trying to trick you into giving your personal information?• Create a mind map of the different types of phishing someone your age needs to look out for when they are online.• Create a top tips poster, advising other young people about how to keep themselves safe from phishing.