

BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

Acting out fraud

There are different types of scams and theft. It's important for you to know how to identify fraud and learn how hackers can easily trick people into sharing important information.

Instructions

- 1 Review the definitions of the three types of fraud below. Each will take place in this skit.
- 2 As students act out the skit, follow along on a copy of the script your teacher gave you.
 - Mark up the text to show where you think fraud is happening.
- 3 For each place fraud is happening in the script, try to identify which type it is.
- 4 In the "Describing fraud" section, try to describe what each type of fraud looked like in action.
- 5 Answer the reflection questions.

Three types of fraud

- **Identity theft:** Using your personal information – such as your name, Social Security number, or credit card number – without your permission.
- **Imposter scam:** An attempt to get you to send money by pretending to be someone you know or trust, like a sheriff; local, state, or federal government employee; a family member; or charity organization.
- **Phishing scam:** When someone tries to get you to give them personal information, such as through an email or text message, often by impersonating a business or government agency. This can be thought of as "fishing for confidential information."



Describing fraud

What did each type of fraud in the script look like in action?

Identity theft:

Imposter scam:

Phishing scam:

Reflection questions

1. Do you think that Jayden gave the hacker enough information to steal his identity?

2. Do you think that Jayden gave the hacker enough information to steal money from him?

3. What do you think that Jayden could have done to stop the hacker from getting important information from him?