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We often get annoying phonecalls and emails from people who don't know us or care about us but they want our money. James Veitch decided to have some fun when he received a spam email one day.

VOCABULARY LOOK

TEACHER

Here is some vocabulary which might help you in answering the questions and in your speaking:

a scam preposterous gullible BS to get back at somebody to get on someone's nerves a broken man

0:00 – 0:46 INTRO: CONTENTS OF FIRST SPAM EMAIL

Q1 The following 3 statements were in the email James received. a- What is unlikely about each of them?
b- Do you see any mistakes?

- I got your **contact** from a South African in Ghana. *I got your name and address from a South African contact (?) in Ghana.*
- I need to move 1,000 Carats of polished **Diamond**. *polished diamonds (Note: weight of 1,000 carats = about 200 grams)*
- Note, **this** transaction is 100% risk free and **dose** not **attracts** any danger. *does not attract*

0:46 – 1:02 ORIENTATION

Q2 Why is it a good idea to make a spam email preposterous (if you are the one creating the scam)?

Because you can filter out everybody except the most gullible and you will be appealing directly to them.

1:23 – 1:32 PHONE NUMBER

Q3 Kamanda Koroma asked James to contact him and leave a phone number. Which phone number did James give him?

Goldman Sachs, the bank

3:22 – 3:44 VALID ID

Q4 Kamanda Koroma then asked James to send a valid form of identification, such as his passport or driver's. What do you think James sent? (Predict before viewing.)

His Blockbusters membership card

3:44 – 4:05 GIFT FROM BANK FOR OPENING NEW ACCOUNT

Q5 James was asked to open an account in a bank which was in fact, a false one. James diverted the focus by insisting he was expecting a gift when he opened that new bank account. What gift do you think James felt it should be? (Predict before viewing.)

A free toaster

4:05 – 9:00 GETTING ON THE SPAMMER'S NERVES

Q6 Watch the next 5 minutes of the video & remember some of the ways that James started to get on the spammer's nerves.

His main technique of irritating the spammer is to interpret what he says literally or to focus on his errors in English and play with them. For example:

- (4'41) "When are you leaving Earth?"
- (5'25) "Where's Mass? Is that where the toaster is?"
- (5'49) "Are we counting Pluto then?"
- (6'42) "Dear Costumer care"
- (7'41) "Then how do you explain this?" (his Photoshop ad for a free toaster)
- (8'25) "What are my options? I could do with a new kettle."
- (8'41) "Just to be clear; are you saying that..."

9:00 – 9:32 SOME ADVICE

Q7 James encouraged the audience to do something at home but he gave some advice. What was it?

Get a false email and have some fun with these spammers. The more you tie up their time, the fewer real victims they'll be able to harass or take advantage of.

DISCUSS

- What do you think of the presenter? What did he do to make his presentation more humorous?
- It may seem incredible but every day many people are taken in by these scams. Why can't the police do anything about them?
- How could you get back at the email scammers?

If you liked this video check out: Telephone spam/scam problem? Bring in the robots. | Roger Anderson

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