

Scam email

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I Discuss in groups of 3-4.

1. Do you often get junk mail, spam? What do they say?
2. Have you ever received suspicious emails about unclaimed insurance bonds, inheritance left by relatives in a foreign country or winning a lottery?
3. If you have, what did you do with such emails? Did you read them? Did you delete them? Did you try to reply?
4. Do you know anybody who replied or send money or personal data in response to such spam emails? What happened then?

II Match the words with translations. There is one extra definition you do not need to use.

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| 1. inbox | a) fundusz hedgingowy |
| 2. shipment | b) bezbronny, wrażliwy |
| 3. hedge fund | c) prowizja |
| 4. executive | d) absurdalny |
| 5. commission | e) transport, ładunek |
| 6. real estate | f) równoznaczny |
| 7. ridiculous | g) nieruchomości |
| 8. vulnerable | h) skrzynka odbiorcza |
| | i) dyrektor, kierownik |

III Watch the video and answer the questions.

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1. What did the scam email promise?
2. How much was the precious material worth according to the scammer?
3. Who did the speaker pretend to be?
4. What code words did the speaker use for a *lawyer* and *documents*?
5. How long has the speaker been answering spam mail and why?

IV Match the words with definitions

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| 1. the game was afoot | a) to elicit strong feelings of sympathy or fondness |
| 2. tug sb's heartstrings | b) to prevent something from happening |
| 2. knock sth on the head | c) to make yourself continue to do what you are doing |
| 3. hold tight | d) It's a metaphor from hunting, the literal meaning of which is that the prey ("game") is out of covert and running ("afoot"), and usually implying that it's time you were up and after it. |

V You can watch similar programme by a comedian Joe Lycett at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWIwlf09_OM

or by James Veitch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4Uc-cztsJo>

VI Translate the example of scam mail.

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VII Writing.

Work in pairs. One of you is a scammer, the other person pretends to be an interested client. Write an exchange of emails to the scam mail (50-100 words).

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