

LISTENING TEST and ANSWERS (1 point)

IDENTITY THEFT

Introduction

In this radio interview on the topic of identity theft you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

fraud: fraude; fraude

identity theft: roubo de identidade; robo de identidad

password: contrasinal; contraseña

bank account: comta bancaria; cuenta bancaria

Here is the beginning of the interview.

Presenter: Good afternoon. You're listening to *Crime Catchers*, with Angela Wain. Today, we're going to be discussing one of the most quickly growing crimes in the UK. As you've probably already guessed, I'm talking about identity theft.

Here is an example of a question:

Which topic are they going to be discussing on *Crime Catchers*?

The correct answer is: 'They are going to be discussing identity theft.'

Ready? Now read the rest of the questions before listening to the interview.

Now write the correct answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Questions

1. Who is the presenter interviewing?

Suggested answers

She is interviewing two people, D.I. Phoebe Jarvis and Martin Clarkson.

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2. Complete the following sentence from the recording.

“Identity theft” refers to **any crime when someone** illegally pretends to be someone else, usually in order to steal money.

3. Why are social networking sites, such as Facebook, particularly interesting to identity thieves?

They are interesting to identity thieves because people reveal a lot of personal information about themselves.

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4. What did the presenter’s colleague write on her social media profile?

She wrote / had written absolutely everything about herself. She wrote / had written her date of birth and her address etc.

5. According to Phoebe Jarvis, what do people often use for passwords?

People often use the names of pets and favourite bands or their date of birth.

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6. When did Martin have his identity stolen?

He had his identity stolen after a house move.

After a house move. / After moving house.

7. Complete the following sentence from the recording.

Unfortunately, I forgot to tell my bank I’d moved, so **all my account details** were still sent to my old address.

8. What happened when Martin tried to buy a new pair of trainers?

The shop refused to take his card and he felt very embarrassed.

The shop refused to take his card. / The shop refused his card.

9. What did Martin’s bank manager do?

She called the police and loaned / gave / lent him some money to get the bus home.

10. Complete the following sentence from the recording.

Not yet, but the police have some leads, and they think they might **be able to arrest** the criminal soon.

Recording script

Pres: Presenter
PJ: Detective Inspector Phoebe Jarvis
MC: Martin Clarkson

Pres: Good afternoon. You're listening to *Crime Catchers*, with Angela Wain. Today, we're going to be discussing one of the most quickly growing crimes in the UK. As you've probably already guessed, I'm talking about identity theft. Here with me in the studio are Detective Inspector Phoebe Jarvis, who specialises in fraud, and Martin Clarkson, who had his identity stolen last year. D.I. Jarvis, I'd like to talk to you first, if I may. To start with, could you give us a definition of "identity theft"?

PJ: Hmm, actually, "identity theft" refers to any crime when someone illegally pretends to be someone else, usually in order to steal money. Nowadays, most identity thieves try to get hold of your debit or credit card details.

Pres: Yes, that's a real problem, isn't it? Especially now that so many of us are using cards to shop online. I've heard of people who were robbed after they'd visited particular websites.

PJ: Yes, this is a new criminal trend. Social networking sites, such as *Facebook*, are particularly interesting to identity thieves. It's amazing how much personal information people reveal.

Pres: Yes, I remember looking up a colleague's profile online once, and she seemed to have written absolutely everything about herself! Not just her hobbies and interests, but her date of birth, her address ...

PJ: It's incredible, isn't it? Of course, a profile like that is a dream come true for an identity thief. All that juicy info even gives him or her clues for security questions and passwords.

Pres: What do you mean?

PJ: Well, it seems that most of us aren't very imaginative when it comes to choosing passwords for websites or bank accounts. The names of pets and favourite bands are popular choices, and people often use their date of birth. If you list all that information on a website, then you're giving a would-be criminal lots of help!

Pres: Martin, you're someone who has had some painful personal experience of having your identity stolen. Are you a keen user of *Facebook*?

MC: Not at all, no! And now that I've heard more about it, I don't think I'll rush to join!

Pres: Would you mind telling us your experience?

MC: Sure ... Well, it all happened after a house move. I was in my second year at university, and I wanted to get a bigger place with all my friends. Unfortunately, I forgot to tell my bank I'd moved, so all my account details were still sent to my old address.

Pres: Yes, and it seems that somebody opened your post, didn't they?

MC: They must have done. At first, though, I didn't know anything was wrong. Then, one day, I tried to buy a new pair of trainers. They were quite expensive, but I'd been saving, so I

wasn't worried. To my surprise, the shop refused to take my card! I felt so embarrassed. Everyone was looking. They probably thought I was a shoplifter!

Pres: So, what happened?

MC: Well, I went to my bank straight away. My account was completely empty! It was devastating. Luckily, my bank manager was great. She called the police, and even loaned me some money to get the bus home. I'm very grateful.

Pres: Did you ever get your money back?

MC: Not yet, but the police have some leads, and they think they might be able to arrest the criminal soon.

Pres: Well, good luck with that. D.I. Phoebe Jarvis, Martin Clarkson, thank you very much. Next, we'll ... *[fade]*