

The lie detector

Not all websites tell you exactly what they mean and they will sometimes try to deceive. The websites might ask you to enter information for one thing and then use it for something else.

In this activity you will be given the chance to choose what the text on a web page really means from two options provided.



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The heading on the page is 'Zippy Studios'.



Then it says 'Enter your email address below for a free newsletter' and provides a box to put your email address in.

What does this page mean?

Option 1

We're a nice company that wants to keep you up to date with a free interesting newsletter.

Option 2

We want your email address so we can send you all sorts of spam.

Answer

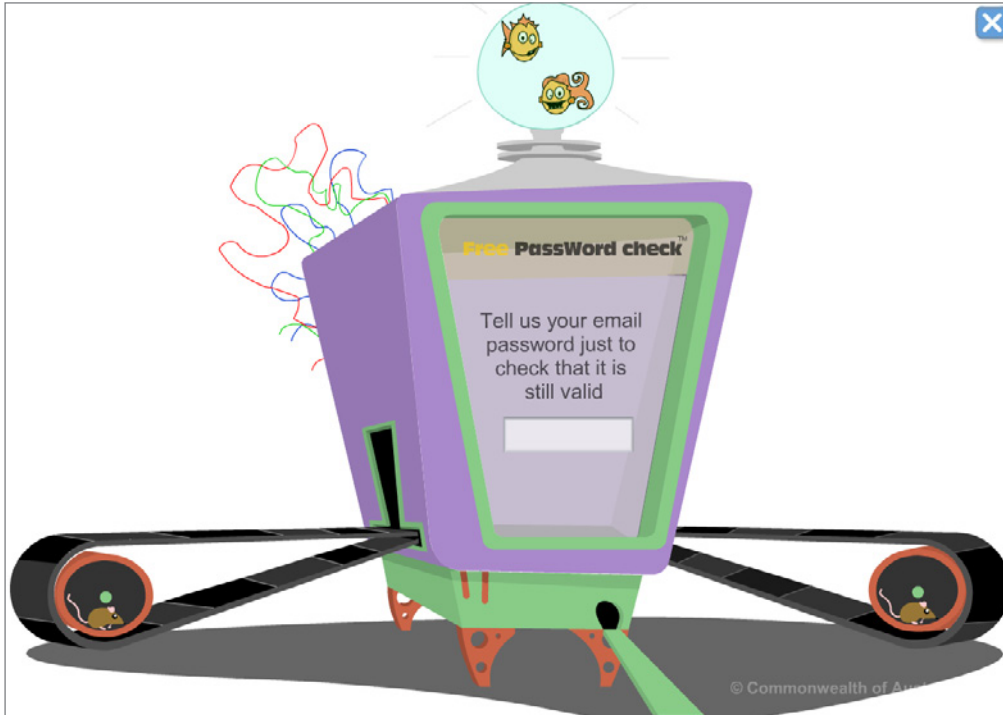
We want your email address so we can send you all sorts of spam.

Did you get it right? You shouldn't give your email address to anyone you don't know.



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The heading on the page is 'Free PassWord check'.



Then it says 'Tell us your email password just to check that it is still valid'.

There is a box for you to enter your password.

What does this page mean?

Option 1

We want your personal details for nasty reasons.

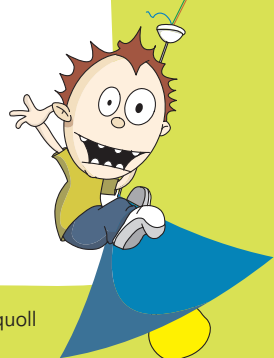
Option 2

This is a nice service. We have the best intentions.

Answer

We want your personal details for nasty reasons.

Did you get it right? You should never tell anyone your password.



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The heading is 'Make money'.



Then it says 'Want to make money? Contact us today!' and provides a box you could select.

What does this page mean?

Option 1

We want to scam you and take your money.

Option 2

We're an honest company that happens to pay great salaries.

Answer

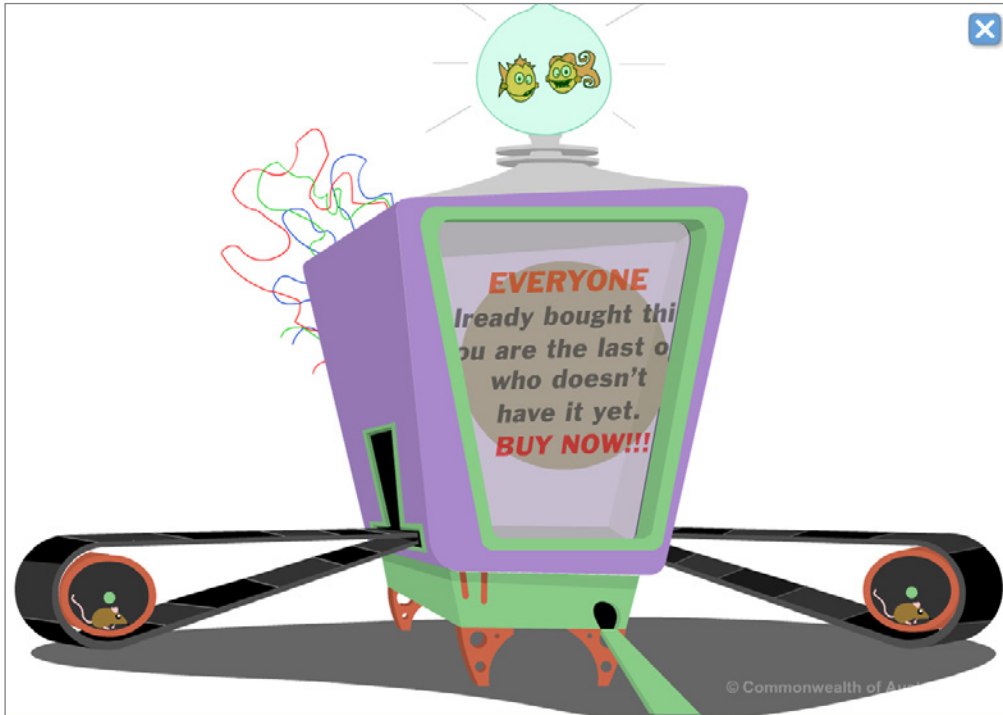
We want to scam you and take your money.

Did you get it right? When offers seem too good to be true they probably are and so you should not believe them.



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The website says 'EVERYONE already bought this. You are the last one who doesn't have it yet.' Then it says 'BUY NOW!!!'



What does this page mean?

Option 1

We're a well known and respected company that wants to inform you about the latest craze.

Option 2

We want to pressure you into buying something.

Answer

We want to pressure you into buying something.

Did you get it right? If whatever they are selling was really popular you would have heard about it already.



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The website says 'Download free Gamez'.



What does this page mean?

Option 1

We want to install these games because they contain spyware that collects your personal information.

Option 2

We want you to have fun and therefore give you these games for free.

Answer

We want to install these games because they contain spyware that collects your personal information.

Did you get it right? The free offer is too good to be true. Viruses and spyware can often come with downloads.



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The website says 'Make us your homepage. We're cool.'



What does this page mean?

Option 1

We want you to see our ads, pop-ups and banners every time you go online.

Option 2

We think our page will be helpful to you every time you go online.

Answer

We want you to see our ads, pop-ups and banners every time you go online.

Did you get it right? Use your own homepage—you don't want advertising to spoil it.

How many did you get right altogether?

Remember

Keep your password secret and don't accept any offers that seem too good to be true—they probably are.

