



How to prevent cybercrimes in your daily life

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Pinky: Good morning Principal, teachers and fellow students. I'm Pinky.

Carmen: I'm Carmen. We are from Class 4B.

Pinky: Carmen, have you noticed that the number of cybercrime cases keeps rising recently?

Carmen: Yes! There has been a lot of news about it! Nowadays, all of us are spending more time online, and criminals are no exception.

Pinky: Cybercriminals use their skills in technology to do malicious acts and illegal activities, for example, phishing, identity theft and ransomware attack.

Carmen: The most common cybercrime is social media frauds. It means someone impersonates other users or sends intimidating or threatening messages to the target.

Pinky: I received some messages like these too. Luckily, I ignored them. It's because I learnt a lesson one month ago. One day, I received an email from "Apple", and it contained a link to a website. It wrote "enter your personal details to win an iPhone 14". I was so attracted by the prize, so I input my credit card number and other details without hesitation. Two days later, I received a message from the bank notifying me that my money had been withdrawn without my consent. How sad it was!



Carmen: Oh my god! That's phishing! But it's good that you've learnt a lesson. We should really be very cautious when it comes to cybersecurity. We should keep our passwords private and change them regularly. Don't share them with anyone. Apart from that, don't use our date of birth and other kinds of personal details as our password because it's too easy to guess.

Pinky: Also, it is important to install anti-virus software and firewall so that our computer can be protected.

Carmen: We hope the advice can help all of you to avoid cybercrimes.

Thank you for listening.

