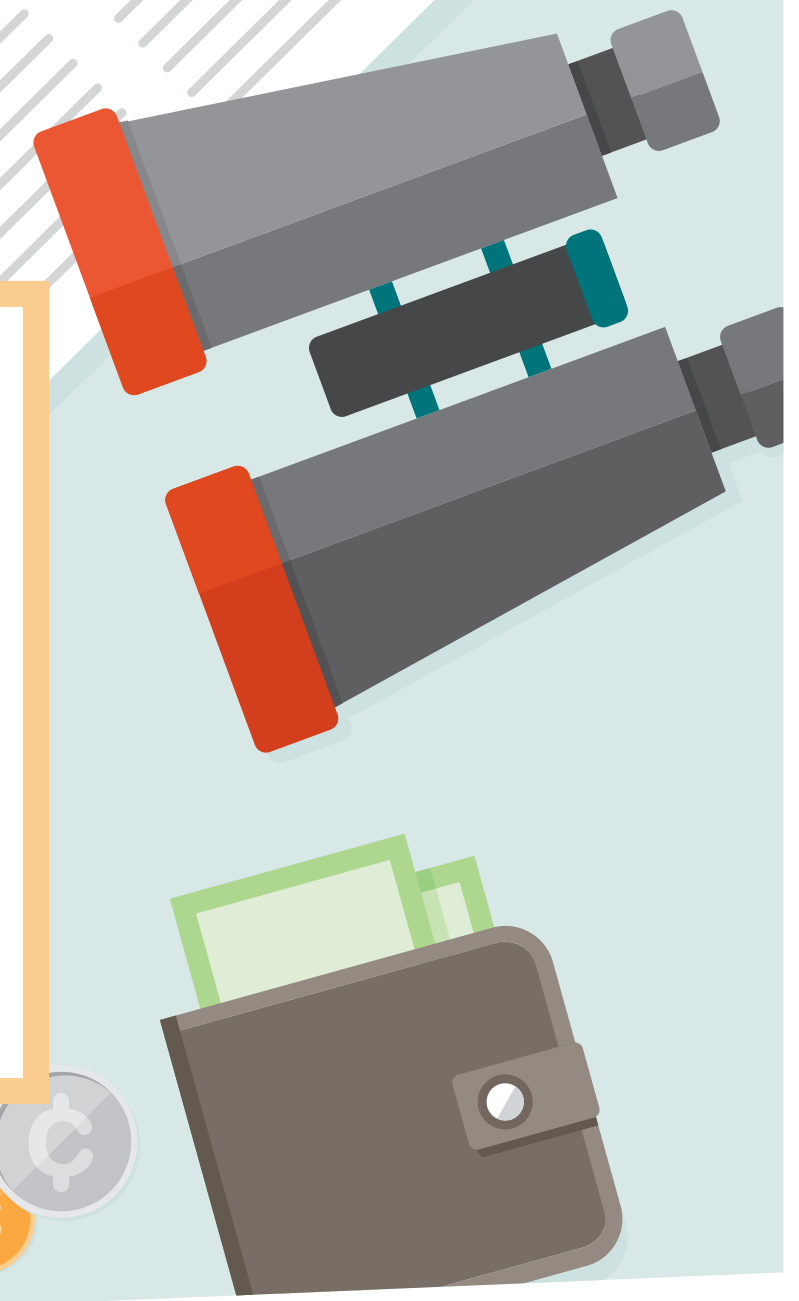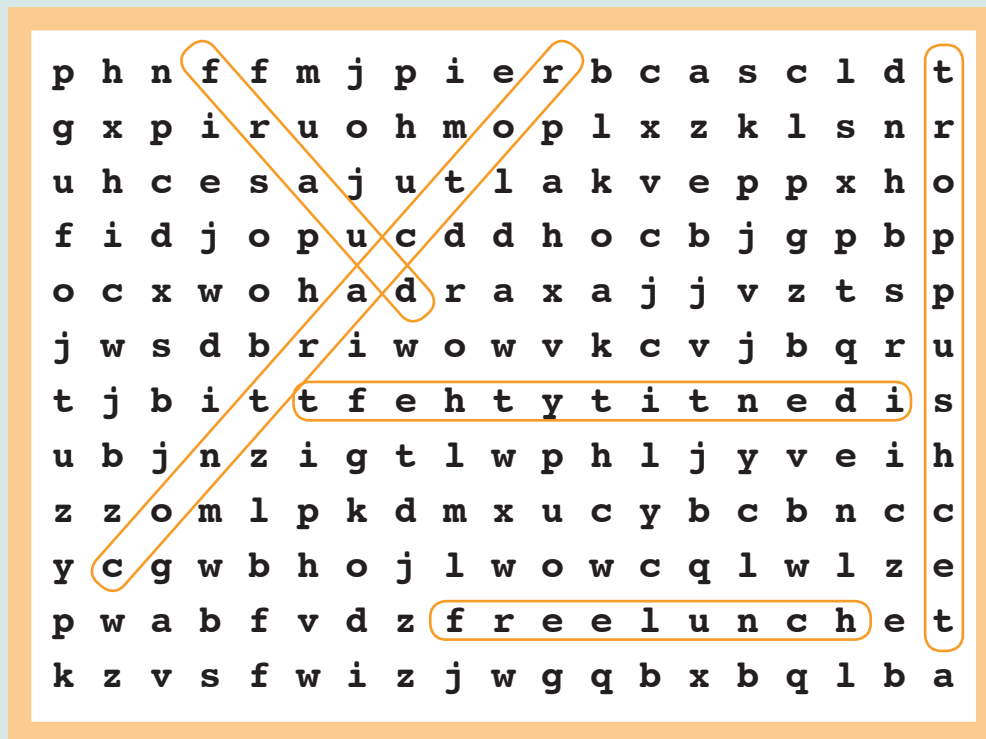# Spot scams from a mile away.

Search for the following words, then turn the placemat over to check your answers and learn more about types of scams.

- fraud
- contractor
- free lunch
- identity theft
- tech support

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y c g w b h o j l w o w c q l w l z e
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Scams can hide in plain sight, learn how to spot them.

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Fraud: When someone tricks you into giving up your money.

Contractor scam**:** If someone knocks on your door with an offer to work on your home at a discount, it could be a scam. Often these scam artists charge more than their quoted prices or their work doesn't live up to their promises.

Free lunch: You are invited to hear a pitch for an investment in exchange for a free meal. You will likely get pressured to participate. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Identity theft: When credit cards or bank accounts are opened in your name without your permission. Check bank and credit card statements, and your credit report on a regular basis.

Tech support scam**:** When scammers pretend to be techs who have detected viruses or other malware programs on your computer. They may convince you to buy fake security software over the phone, which gives them access to your credit card number. Don't give out financial information on an unsolicited call.