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## Four-Section Unit: Scams & Scammers — Is It a Scam?

### Consumer.gov Sections

- Managing Your Money: Sending Money Overseas (final section of What To Know)
- Scams and Identity Theft: Scams Against Immigrants
- Scams and Identity Theft: Job Scams
- Scams and Identity Theft: Imposter Scams

### Teacher's Notes

The Consumer.gov sections listed above share both concepts and vocabulary, and can be taught as four parts of an overarching unit on common scams. Some of the independent practice and extension/expansion activities in the lesson plans for these four sections take advantage of these connections by enabling learners to recognize the common elements in many scammers' practices and understand how to avoid them.

The attached *Scams and Scammers* worksheet is designed for use when these four sections are addressed as a unit. It gives learners the opportunity to bring together and compare the information about scams and scammers that is provided in different places on the Consumer.gov website. By eliciting specific information in categories, it helps learners move from the details of one type of scam to the broader characteristics that scams share. The worksheet can be used in two mutually reinforcing ways:

- As an initial activity, before learners read any of the material on the website, to activate their existing knowledge (and possible misconceptions) about different types of scams
- As a closing activity at the end of each lesson, to summarize the content learning that has taken place and augment or correct the information that learners provided in the initial activity phase

The worksheet can be distributed as a handout to enable learners to create individual learning summaries. For lower level learners in particular, you may want to create a poster-sized version for the class to maintain and refer to as a group.

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## Scams and Scammers

	Scams Against Immigrants	Job Scams	Imposter Scams
What do the scammers say about themselves?			
How do the scammers advertise?			
What do they promise to do?			
What do they want you to do?			
What do they say they will send you?			
What do you really get from them?			