

Grammar

1 Circle the correct option.

Hi Camilla **0I've just started / I've just been started** my new job – just two days after the interview! It's been a bit strange. First of all, on my first day it was raining really hard. There was a terrible traffic jam and the bus **1arrived / was arrived** thirty minutes late. We **2were giving / were being given** a presentation by our new boss, and everyone was waiting for me! Then we **3took / were taken** on a tour of the factory by one of the other employees. It's a fruit factory. The fruit **4delivered / is delivered** here from farms, and we sort it into good fruit and bad fruit. That's my job. It's really boring but **5it'll pay / it'll be paid** my bills from college, so it's OK for now. At the moment, we're working with oranges. We have to put them into boxes. It's hard work and we **6only allowed / are only allowed** two breaks a day, so we get really hungry too. One of the other new workers **7made / was made** a mistake today when she **8picked up / was picked up** an orange and ate it. But those oranges **9only used / are only used** to make marmalade. They're really horrible, and afterwards, her face was green! Oh, **I've just 10 told / have been told** that it's time to go back to work (I'm writing this on my tea break!), so speak soon! Alexis

I. Web Woe It all **0 began** (*begin*) quite normally. I **1** _____ (*work*) on the computer late at night. I **2** _____ (*try*) to design our new photo page for about six weeks, and I was just about to finish. Then, suddenly, this message **3** _____ (*appear*) on the screen. It said that my old virus protection **4** _____ (*just / end*) and my computer was no longer protected. I needed to install a new version of the software. Well, I **5** _____ (*receive*) lots of messages like this during the week, so I clicked on it. It was only the next day that I realised that I **6** _____ (*make*) a terrible mistake. The message was fake and I **7** _____ (*allow*) a virus onto my PC! The next morning, I turned my computer on and went into the kitchen to make a cup of tea. When I came back, the computer **8** _____ (*make*) a lot of noise – but I **9** _____ (*not / start*) any of the programs yet. I knew then that someone else **10** _____ (*control*) my machine. There was only solution – to delete everything on my hard drive and start again. I did that and my computer was soon back to normal, thankfully! So the reason for my post is to say 'Be careful! Don't trust every message on your computer!'

Reading

A mysterious robbery

Mr Fergus Dilger turned up at his toy shop in Fareham, England on Monday morning to find that he had been robbed! Someone had entered the shop at some point between the moment he closed at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, and the time he arrived on Monday morning. The mystery was that there had been money in the shop, and it was still there. The thieves also hadn't stolen his computer or any of the expensive computer games in the store. The only thing that was missing was about twenty packets of children's cards. These come from a game with

pictures of monsters, which has been incredibly popular since it went on sale last year. Mr Dilger spoke to me by phone this morning. "If they had stolen something valuable, I would have called the police" he said, "but this is crazy!" Later in the day, the crime was solved by video cameras in the street outside the shop. They had recorded a pair of people about 1½ metres tall climbing through a window at the back of the shop late on Saturday evening. "It seems clear that some children saw the open window and decided to steal the cards for their favourite game" said a police officer this afternoon, after we had contacted them about the events. "But because Mr Dilger said he wouldn't complain to us, we haven't begun an investigation. Nevertheless, we will visit all schools in the local area to remind children that a crime is a crime." Mr Dilger told us that his shop would be open throughout the week, as usual.

Read the text. Put the events in order 0–6.

A reporter spoke to Mr Dilger.

The thieves took the cards.

Mr Dilger left a window open.

Mr Dilger discovered the crime.

The thieves were filmed.

The children's card game went on sale.

The police learned about the crime.

Read the text again. Are the sentences True or False? If you don't have enough information, write 'Not stated'.

1. Mr Dilger saw how the crime was happening.
2. The thieves took a lot of cash.
3. The cards show hundreds of different monsters
4. Mr Dilger phoned the police.
5. The crime happened at the weekend.
6. There were two criminals.
7. The police have been visiting lots of schools.