

Global View - E-mail Scam (C0359)

A: I got an urgent email from Tom! He says he is in London and got robbed and needs us to wire him some money for his hotel.

B: What? That sounds really dodgy tome.

A: No way, Tom is an honest person, he wouldn't lie tome.

B: No I mean, it seems like someone may have hacked his email account and sent that out. I mean think about it, why would he email you instead of calling you.

A: Do you really think someone is trying to scam people into sending money?

B: For sure! There are so many con artists out there, you never really know.

Key Vocabulary

urgent

A

important

get
robbed

A

to be victim of a robbery,
something stolen

wire	<i>V</i>	to send money electronically
dodgy	<i>A</i>	questionable, suspicious
hack	<i>V</i>	to gain access illegally or without authorization
scam	<i>V</i>	to swindle (someone) by means of a trick
con artist	<i>N</i>	a swindler who exploits the confidence of his victim

Supplementary Vocabulary

swindle	<i>V</i>	To cheat or defraud of money or property
Ponzi Scheme	<i>N</i>	is an investment fraud that involves the payment of purported returns to existing investors from funds contributed by new investors.

con	<i>V</i>	to persuade by deception
Fraud	<i>N</i>	a person who makes deceitful pretenses
Pirate	<i>N</i>	a person who uses or reproduces the work or invention of another without authorization.