Activity Guide 1 : Part 1

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Part 1: Can you catch a phish?

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The red flag on this example would be the lack of email address. Another would be that any government agency would have the .gov domain tag as it is a government agency. There would be no way imaginable that the National Security Department would send an email regarding Apple Facetime vulnerabilities, yet alone have a button with a link in it.

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The first red flag in this example would be the misspelling of Amazon in the domain. The second would be the Amazon fraud link. When you hover over the button, the real link is shown as a bit.ly site that has nothing to do with Amazon.

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In this final example the red flag is the fake PayPal email address. All communication from this company will be from PayPal.com whether it is an automated response or not. You could then assume that the link within is a bit.ly link with a spoofed PayPal login to get into your account. Another red flag would be faked logo image along with multiple spelling mistakes.

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