



Anson is reading a news article about phone deception.

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LOCAL NEWS

## PHONE DECEPTION ON THE RISE

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The police have received over  
5 2,300 reports of phone deception  
in the past six months. The  
criminals successfully stole money  
in 378 cases. **They** pretended to  
be deliverymen, government  
10 officials as well as staff members  
from postal services, banks and  
telecom companies.

The most common deception  
was that the criminals told the  
15 victims that they had a parcel  
involved in criminal activities.  
They were then asked to provide  
their personal details on a  
website and transfer money into  
20 a bank account. Later the victims  
found the call was fake and their  
money was stolen.

Here are some suggestions from  
the police:

- (1) Contact the official departments to prove the identity of the caller. 25
- (2) Do not transfer money to a stranger's bank account.
- (3) Do not **disclose** your bank account number or password to anyone. 30
- (4) Do not **disclose** your family details including the names of your children or relatives. 35
- (5) Remind the elderly to beware of calls from strangers.



**A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.**

1. Who is Karen Lau?
  - A. A government official
  - B. A victim of telephone deception
  - C. The writer of the news article
  - D. A police officer who investigates the cases
  
2. Read line 8. Who does '**They**' refer to?
  - A. The criminals
  - B. The police
  - C. The victims
  - D. The phone deception reports
  
3. Read lines 30 and 33. The word '**disclose**' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. show or tell
  - B. hide and seek
  - C. stick or paste
  - D. cover and hide
  
4. Which of the following may Anson do after reading the news article?
  - A. Call the police
  - B. Change his bank account number
  - C. Upload his personal details to a website
  - D. Tell his grandma to be careful of any strangers' calls
  
5. What is the purpose of this news article?
  - A. To suggest how the public can work with the police
  - B. To suggest sharing personal details with one's family
  - C. To invite the government to tackle phone deception
  - D. To tell the public about phone deception and suggest ways to avoid it

**Q5**

Pay attention to the title and the suggestions.

**B Fill in each blank with a word from the text.****Q7**

Check the suggestions in the article.

Deliveryman: Hello, this is Speedy Delivery. We have a 6. \_\_\_\_\_ for you but it is involved in some criminal activities. You need to give us your bank account number.

Anson : May I have your staff number, please? I have to prove your

7. \_\_\_\_\_ first.