

1 What does *scam* mean? What is *online scammer* in Polish?

2 Read the text *Modern Internet Scams Aimed at Teenagers* and decide if the following statements are true (T), false (F), or there is no information (NI) about them in the text.

- a Online scammers only sell tickets for concerts and sports events.
- b Before you pay for an online course, it is a good idea to check out the school or college on the Internet.
- c Fake online competitions are only organised to steal personal information.
- d Scammers who organise fake competitions want to use stolen identities to take out bank loans.
- e Mobile phone games are never free.
- f Bills for online games can be very big.

3 Who do you think gets scammed most often?

4 Match the kinds of online scams (1–4) with their descriptions (a–d).

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| 1 identity theft    | a Selling items at an auction that do not exist.   |
| 2 advance fee fraud | b Taking money for an online service, but never providing it.  |
| 3 auction fraud     | c Stealing information about someone's bank account by sending a fake email asking for the login, bank account number, or password.  |
| 4 phishing          | d Stealing someone's ID number, tax identification number or breaking into somebody's Facebook account to pretend to be this person. |

**The BIG DEBATE:** *Should the government spend more money on chasing online scammers?*

5 Read the BIG DEBATE and answer the questions.

- a How much do criminals steal from people through online scams?
- b How can the government fight against online scams?

## PREPARE

In pairs, you are going to discuss the issue of whether the government should spend more money on chasing online scammers or not. Student A agrees that they should and Student B disagrees with it. Write down four arguments to support your side of the debate.

### Student A

You think that the government should spend more money on chasing online scammers

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_

### Student B

You think that the government should not spend more money on chasing online scammers.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## SPEAK

Work in pairs and take turns to give your ideas. Discuss with your partner whether you really agree or disagree with the idea that the government should spend more money on chasing online scammers.