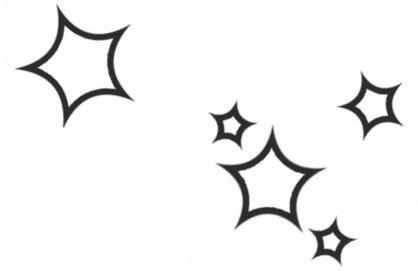# Topic worksheet

1 **Read about safety on the internet. Are the sentences 1–5 below good (✓) or bad (✗) advice?**

Computers are clever but humans are clever too! Some humans are very bad people. We call them *criminals*. They know how to steal your money – and even your name – from the computer.

Junk mail

People often try to find your email address because they want to sell you something. These emails are called *junk mail*. When you open junk mail, the senders know that your email address is correct. Then they send you more emails. Sometimes they sell your address to criminals, so don't open emails if you are not sure who sent them to you. It's important not to reply to emails like this.

Viruses

Viruses are like an illness – they make your computer ill! Sometimes criminals send you viruses inside junk mail. Be careful if you can see something with the email. Don't click on it! If a very bad virus gets inside your computer, it stops working. Some bad websites can give you viruses as well. If possible, buy an anti-virus program and use it every week. It can find viruses and kill them.

Chat rooms

Chat rooms are great fun. You can play games with other people. You can show people your photos and make new friends, but watch out! Criminals can see what you write. Never tell people these three things: your home phone number, your email address and your home address. If you want, use a false name. Also, when you join a chat room, tell your parents. Sometimes you don't know who you are talking to, so don't meet people from your chat room if you don't know them. If you plan to meet a new friend, ALWAYS ask your parents and NEVER go alone.

Enjoy using the computer, but don't take risks!

1   Never use a false name in a chat room.   ☒

2   Open and read your junk mail but don't answer it.   ☐

3   Ask your parents when you want to meet a new friend.   ☐

4   Clean your viruses once a year.   ☐

5   Click on something in a junk mail message.   ☐