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SHARP ALERT COMPUTING SYSTEMS

Security threats can cause serious damage to your computer. SharpAlert offers excellent **security software** to keep your computer safe.

Antivirus Software – Don't let unauthorized parties steal your personal information with **spyware**! And stop **viruses** before they destroy your computer. The SharpAlert Exviro package protects against all types of **malware**. It **quarantines** infected files. Then threat **removal** just takes one click.

Firewalls – Remember to update network security programs regularly. SharpAlert's Steelbar firewall **permits** access only to authorized users. It will **deny** access to anyone without proper credentials. Make sure your confidential information stays confidential!

INTERNET

firewall

PRIVATE NETWORK

permit

deny

security software

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Scan & Clean

Current Progress

HyperTerminal Icon Exit

removal

Stop Scan

Pause

Malware Found (Double-click for more information)

Name

malware

Status

Comments

Get ready!

- Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.
 - What are some threats to computer security?
 - How can users protect computers from security threats?

Reading

- Read the webpage. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- ___ The company's Exviro package includes protection against spyware.
- ___ The antivirus software destroys files that are infected by malware.
- ___ The webpage recommends using antivirus software instead of firewalls.

Vocabulary

- Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- The purpose of the software is to not allow access to unauthorized users.
_ e _ _
- The system allows access only after users enter their passwords.
_ _ r _ i _ s
- The engineer installed a program that protects a computer from various threats on the company's systems.
s _ _ _ r _ _ _ _ o f _ _ _ r _

- 4 Place the correct words and phrases from the word bank under the correct headings.

Word BANK

removal malware virus spyware
quarantine firewall antivirus software

Security threats	Security programs	Protective actions

- 5 Listen and read the webpage again. What is the difference between spyware and viruses?

Listening

- 6 Listen to a conversation between a company manager and a software engineer. Choose the correct answers.

- What is the main idea of the conversation?
 - how much damage was caused by a virus
 - which information was stolen by a spyware program
 - why the company should update its antivirus software
 - what caused a failure in the company's firewall
- What prediction does the woman make?
 - Unauthorized users will attempt to access the network again.
 - The company's systems will be damaged by a virus.
 - A new firewall will probably not be effective.
 - The company's files will need to be quarantined.

- 7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Engineer: Well, Mr. Clay. I 1 _____ from your company's system.

Manager: Oh, thank you! Our systems contain a lot of 2 _____.

Engineer: Yes, I can see that. If you don't update your 3 _____, you could really be in trouble.

Manager: Really? You think this will 4 _____?

Engineer: Whoever wanted your information is likely to 5 _____.

Manager: I guess we'd 6 _____ the company's antivirus software, then.

Speaking

- 8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

If you don't ... you could ...
You think this will ...
I guess we'd better ...

Student A: You are an engineer. Talk to Student B about:

- security threats to his or her system
- consequences of the threats
- ways to prevent security problems

Student B: You are a company manager. Talk to Student A about security threats to your system.

Writing

- 9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to complete the email from a software engineer.

Dear Mr. Greene,

I am concerned about your company's computer security. When I inspected your systems, I discovered _____.

This is dangerous because _____.

To keep your systems safe, I recommend _____.

This will help because _____.

Let's meet to discuss this further.

Danielle Corwin

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