Annoying emails

1. Listen. What are the three main ideas? Underline them.

- 1. The history of the internet
- 2. Problems created by spam
- 3. The effects of viruses
- 4. How to eliminate viruses
- 5. Why we receive spam
- 6. Paying internet bills

2. Listen again and answer the questions in your own words.

3. Choose the only one correct option.

1. What percentage of email is spam?

2. What are the signs that your computer has a virus?

3. How can we protect our computers from viruses?

4. How does spam cost the consumer money?

5. Why did it become popular to advertise using emails?

1. Some viruses...
   a. aren't very dangerous.
   b. are sent to everyone in your address book.
   c. are advertising.
   d. copy everything on your computer hard disk.

2. Spam costs the consumer...
   a. under five dollars a month.
   b. more than five dollars a month.
   c. more or less five dollars a month.
   d. five dollars a month.

3. When did spam become a big problem?
   a. when commercial emails were first sent.
   b. in the 1970s.
   c. when email became popular with everybody.
   d. in the 1980s.

How did SPAM get its name?

It is believed that the real origin of the term comes from a 1970 Monty Python's Flying Circus skit. In this skit, all the restaurant's menu items devolve into SPAM. When the waitress repeats the word SPAM, a group of Vikings in the corner sing "SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, lovely SPAM! Wonderful SPAM!", drowning out other conversation, until they are finally told to shut it.

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Meaty facts

• Spam was first developed in 1937 at Austin, Minnesota, a pigfarming centre. The name is a contraction of spiced and ham.

• Each year 141 million tins are sold.

• Residents of Guam eat the most, an average of 16 cans per person per year.

• In his memoirs, Nikita Kruschev praised the fortifying effects of Spam on Soviet troops.

• The address of the Spam Museum is Spam Boulevard, Austin.

The Monty Python menu
(From the 1970 Spam sketch)

Egg and bacon.

Egg, sausage and bacon.

Egg and Spam.

Egg, bacon and Spam.

Egg, bacon, sausage and Spam.

Spam, bacon, sausage and Spam.

Spam, egg, Spam, Spam, bacon and Spam.

Spam, sausage, Spam, Spam, Spam, bacon, Spam, tomato and Spam.

Spam, Spam, Spam, egg and Spam.

Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam, baked beans, Spam,

Spam, Spam and Spam.

Lobster thermidor aux crevettes with a Mornay sauce served in the Provencale manner with shallots and aubergines, garnished with truffle pate, brandy and with a fried egg on top and Spam.

Monty Python:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anwy2MPT5