

Practice Activity- True, False and Not Given Strategy.

1. Read the passage. Then, answer the statements with True (T) , False (F), or Not Given (NG).

Passage: Spam Messaging

SPAM, as every user of mobile phones in China is aware to their intense annoyance, is a roaring trade in China. Its delivery-men drive through residential neighbourhoods in "text-messaging cars", with illegal but easy-to-buy gadgetry they use to hijack links between mobile-phone users and nearby communications masts. They then target the numbers they harvest, blasting them with spam text messages before driving away. Mobile-phone users usually see only the wearisome results: another sprinkling of spam messages offering deals on flats, investment advice and dodgy receipts for tax purposes.

Chinese mobile-users get more spam text messages than their counterparts anywhere else in the world. They received more than 300 billion of them in 2013, or close to one a day for each person using a mobile phone. Users in bigger markets like Beijing and Shanghai receive two a day, or more than 700 annually, accounting for perhaps one-fifth to one-third of all texts. Americans, by comparison, received an estimated 4.5 billion junk messages in 2011, or fewer than 20 per mobile-user for the year—out of a total of more than two trillion text messages sent.

New vocabulary:

- intense = strong / extreme
- roaring business = successful business / booming business
- residential = suburban
- gadget = device
- harvest information = collect / gather
- sprinkling = smattering
- counterparts = equals / colleagues
- spam messages = junk messages
- digits = numbers / numerals

Answer the statements with True (T) , False (F), or Not Given (NG).

1. In China, SPAM text messaging is a successful business.
2. People's phone numbers are collected through technology that is difficult to get.
3. In no other country people receive more SPAM text than in China.
4. In 2013, the number of SPAM texts increased considerably to reach 300 billion.
5. In 2011, Americans sent more texts than anywhere else in the world.