READING

1 **Read the blog quickly. What is the author doing?**

a explaining that all types of hackers send spam emails
b explaining that all types of hackers want to make money
c explaining that different types of hackers have different reasons for hacking

Hacking

Hacking has been in the news a lot recently, and is a growing problem all over the world. But did you know that there are different types of hackers out there, with different **aims**? At first, I thought that these people were all just criminals trying to make money. I thought that they were the people who are responsible for those **nasty** emails I get in my inbox or for stealing money from people's bank accounts.

But then I did some research on the internet. I found out that there are different types of hackers, and each one has different reasons for hacking. Here is what I found out about some of the different types of hackers:

White Hat Hacker

This type of hacker is a professional hacker who works for companies and governments. These hackers are allowed to use their skills to hack computer systems so that the company or government can repair any **weaknesses** in its own system before another hacker tries to enter the system for criminal reasons.

Black Hat Hacker

This is the type of hacker that you usually read about in news stories. These hackers enter computer systems illegally to steal companies' or people's money and information. They also attack computer systems so that they stop working, and send **spam** emails.

Grey Hat Hacker

This type of hacker is between a White Hat Hacker and a Black Hat Hacker. Sometimes, these hackers find weaknesses in a computer system and repair it for the company for free. Other times they find the weaknesses and then tell the company about them and offer to repair them for **cash**.

Hacktivists

These people are different from the other types of hackers. They don't hack to make money or to find weaknesses in computer systems, but instead they have social or political reasons for hacking. They usually enter the computer systems of big companies and governments to steal their information.

So now you know that not all hackers are the same. Did any of this surprise you? Leave a comment, and tell me what you think!



2 **Read the blog again. Decide if each sentence is true (T) or false (F).**

1 At first the author didn't know that there were different types of hackers.
2 White Hat Hackers are criminals.
3 Black Hat Hackers help companies and governments to fix their computer systems.
4 Grey Hat Hackers always ask for money to fix weaknesses in computer systems.
5 Hacktivists don't have the same reasons for hacking as the other types of hackers.
6 Companies and governments pay hacktivists to steal information for them.

3 **Match the highlighted words in the text to their meanings.**

1 results that you want to achieve _____
2 money _____
3 very bad or not nice _____
4 part of something that is not strong or good _____
5 emails that you do not want, especially advertisements _____

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