

IDENTITY THEFT

PART I. VOCABULARY

Match the word with the definitions. Write the correct letter in each blank.

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| ___ 1. confirm | a. believing that you cannot trust other people |
| ___ 2. charge | b. the amount on a bill that you have to pay for something |
| ___ 3. purchase | c. in danger of being harmed |
| ___ 4. authorize | d. to say or prove that something is true |
| ___ 5. file a complaint | e. something that has been bought |
| ___ 6. victim | f. documents, or papers, that show who you are |
| ___ 7. exposed | g. to do what is necessary to solve a problem |
| ___ 8. paranoid | h. to give permission for something |
| ___ 9. proof of identification | i. someone who has been hurt by someone or something |
| ___ 10. deal with | j. make a statement in writing that something bad or illegal happened |

PART II. MAIN IDEAS

Choose the correct answer.

1. How did Lily find out that her identity had been stolen?
 - a. A store called her.
 - b. She got a bill in the mail.
 - c. The police came to her house.
2. What happened after Lily found out about the identity theft?
 - a. She got bills for purchases that she didn't make.
 - b. She got phone calls from a lot of different stores.
 - c. She got a letter from the police.
3. How did Lily deal with the bills she received?
 - a. She went to the stores and complained to the manager.
 - b. She wrote letters to the stores and explained what happened.
 - c. She sent the bills back to the stores without paying them.
4. How did being a victim of identity theft affect Lily?
 - a. She had to borrow money to pay the bills.
 - b. She doesn't use credit cards anymore.
 - c. She worries that it will happen again.

PART III. DETAILS.

Choose the correct answer.

Lily got a phone call from a **(1) jewelry / department** store saying that someone with her name had purchased a **(2) computer / diamond ring**. They wanted her to authorize the purchase. Lily knew there was something wrong because she was at **(3) home / work** all day. The woman on the phone said that Lily was probably a victim of identity theft. She told Lily to **(4) file a complaint / go to the police station**.

In the next week, Lily received almost **(5) four / forty** bills from different stores, totaling about **(6) \$13,000 / \$30,000** in charges. She felt exposed because the thief knew her **(7) name and address / bank account number**. She didn't know what to do.

To deal with the problem, she sent **(8) the police report / her proof of identification** to all the stores and confirmed that she had not made the purchases. She stopped getting new bills after about **(9) four / eight** months.

Lily worries about becoming a victim again. She thinks that **(10) getting a credit card is too easy / paying off a credit card bill is difficult** at most department stores. She thinks everyone should be worried about identity theft.