



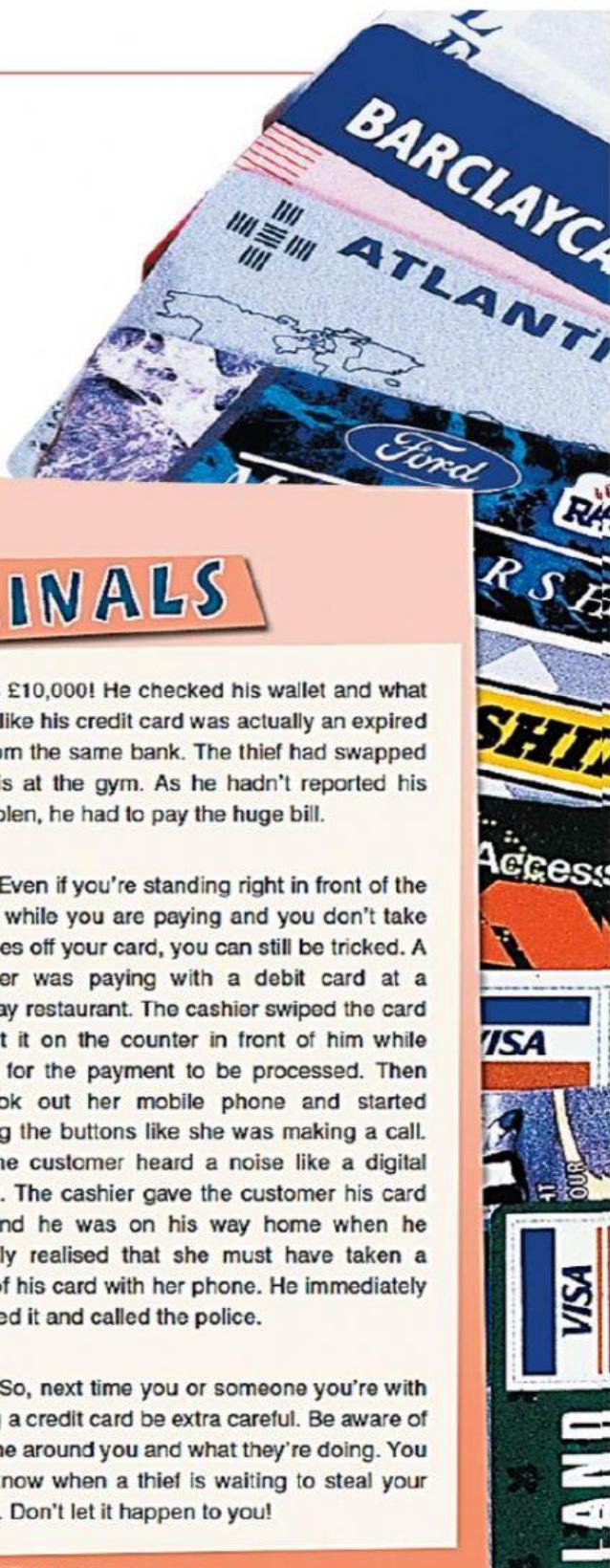
# Extra training

Reading  
Task 124

Read the text about how criminals can steal our identity.

Match the paragraphs A-E to the headings 1-6. One heading is extra.

1. Work on this.
2. Be alert.
3. Easy to win your life.
4. Always check your card.
5. Be careful with cameras.
6. Know your wallet.



## CRAFTY CRIMINALS

**A** Identity theft and credit card fraud can seriously wreck your life. Everyone thinks it will never happen to them. But criminals have got really good at it. In many cases, you don't know it has happened until it's too late and someone has run up a huge debt in your name. Here's some advice to avoid some of the sneaky ways that people can steal your identity without you even knowing!

**B** Do you just pop your credit or debit card back into your wallet after paying for something? You probably check the receipt, but chances are you hardly ever check the card. One man paid his restaurant bill and just happened to glance at his credit card. He was surprised to see it wasn't his and it had expired. What shocked him even more, though, was that when he told the waitress, she simply said "Sorry about that." She waved the card at the cashier who took out the real card and handed it over without saying a word.

**C** You may think you know what's in your wallet, but do you? One man went to the gym and put his wallet in his locker. When he returned it was unlocked. He checked his wallet and everything looked okay so he simply thought he must have forgotten to lock it. His next credit card

bill was £10,000! He checked his wallet and what looked like his credit card was actually an expired card from the same bank. The thief had swapped it for his at the gym. As he hadn't reported his card stolen, he had to pay the huge bill.

**D** Even if you're standing right in front of the cashier while you are paying and you don't take your eyes off your card, you can still be tricked. A customer was paying with a debit card at a takeaway restaurant. The cashier swiped the card and put it on the counter in front of him while waiting for the payment to be processed. Then she took out her mobile phone and started pressing the buttons like she was making a call. Then the customer heard a noise like a digital camera. The cashier gave the customer his card back and he was on his way home when he suddenly realised that she must have taken a photo of his card with her phone. He immediately cancelled it and called the police.

**E** So, next time you or someone you're with is using a credit card be extra careful. Be aware of everyone around you and what they're doing. You never know when a thief is waiting to steal your identity. Don't let it happen to you!

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