GAP FILL

There is a new scam on the Internet for those looking for love. Criminals are (1) _____ to trick people by using old love letters and romantic language. Conmen can (2) _____ buy "scam packs" to help them trick would-be daters into their scam. The pack is (3) _____ online and only costs a few dollars. It includes love-letter templates, photos, videos and (4) _____ identities. This is all that is needed to (5) _____ to be someone looking for love. The criminals pose as potential partners and contact people seeking (6) _____ on dating sites. After a (7) _____ of correspondence, they start asking their victim for money. They use many different kinds of (8) _____ and reasons why they need money.

pretend
period
easily
excuses
false
trying
romance
available

The police force in London reported 3,900 people being scammed online in 2016. The (9) _____ amount of money they lost was $12,500. The average age of the (10) _____ was 59 years old. More women than men were scammed, with 61 per cent of the victims (11) _____ female. A senior police officer described the (12) _____ the scams do to victims. He said: "These crimes destroy lives and the emotional damage often (13) _____ outweighs the financial loss. He advised people against giving (14) _____ money. He said: "Never give money to people you meet online, no (15) _____ what emotional sob story the person uses." He added that to be safe, people should always be on their (16) _____ when communicating with a stranger online.

being
far
matter
victims
guard
damage
average
strangers

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2. SYNONYM MATCH

1. trick	a. possible
2. available	b. targets
3. false	c. exceeds
4. potential	d. fake
5. seeking	e. careful
6. amount	f. fool
7. victims	g. wreck
8. destroy	h. looking for
9. outweighs	i. on sale
10. on your guard	j. sum

Glossary:

scam - oszukać

conman - oszust

template – wzór, model

on one's guard – mieć się na baczności

LIVEWORKSHEETS