

## IDENTITY THEFT

### PART I. VOCABULARY

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

___ 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.