GLOSSARY

Vocabulary

This glossary has 10 terms. Each one is an answer in the guided notes word bank.

How Phishing Tricks People

Term	What it means
Social engineering	Tricking a person into giving up information, access or money, or into doing something that helps the attacker.
Phishing	A fake message that pretends to come from someone you trust, so you'll click a link, open a file, sign in, pay or share information.
Smishing	Phishing by text message.
Vishing	Phishing by phone call or voice message.
Quishing	Phishing with a QR code. The code can lead to a fake sign-in or payment page, or start a download.
Spear phishing	A fake message made for one person or a small group, often using real details about them.
Pretexting	Making up a story or pretending to have a role, like a new student or a repair worker, to get someone to share information.
Baiting	Offering something, like a free download, a prize or a found USB drive, so someone opens or plugs in something harmful.
Persuasion tactic	A way a message gets you to act before you think, like authority, urgency, fear, curiosity, trust, scarcity or reward.
Generic greeting	A greeting like Dear Customer or Dear Student that could go to anyone.