ANSWER KEY

Activity Answer Keys

Here is the key for the activity.

Spot the Trick

How to grade: Give 1 point per question and 1 point for the last question, 7 points in all. An answer earns its point when it names the trick and the words or the reason that show it. A blank box earns no point.

#	Answer	Sample answer	Give the point if
1	Written answer	It's a generic greeting, which could go to anyone, so the sender may not know who I am.	Give the point for generic greeting and a reason it's a warning sign.
2	Written answer	It uses authority, because it says it's the Tech Office. It also uses urgency and fear: "it will be shut off at 3:00 PM today."	Give the point for two of authority, urgency and fear, with a quote for one.
3	Written answer	It uses reward and scarcity: "free earbuds" and "The first 50 students."	Give the point for reward or scarcity with a quote.
4	Written answer	So I won't check with anyone, like the real tech office or a teacher, who could tell me it's fake.	Give the point for a reason about stopping you from checking.
The new student	Written answer	It's pretexting. He uses a made-up story to get my login.	Give the point for pretexting and the made-up story or the login.
The free game	Written answer	It's baiting. The free game gets me to download something that could be harmful software.	Give the point for baiting and the risk of the download.

Last question. The email has no spelling mistakes, and it looks like the school's other emails. Does that make it real? Explain, and say what you'd do instead of tapping the button. Write 2 sentences.

Sample answer: No. Scammers can copy how a school's emails look, and AI can fix spelling, so clean writing proves nothing. I'd open the school portal myself or ask the tech office in person.

Give the point for saying clean writing proves nothing, plus a check the student starts.