

Identify  
two issues  
within this  
spear phishing  
email.

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**From:** TikTok <tiktok@gmail.com>

**TikTok Verified Badge**

Hello TikTok User,

A verified badge means TikTok has confirmed that the account belongs to the user it represents. It appears as a blue checkmark next to the TikTok user's account name in search results and in the profile.

To get the verified badge in your account, contact the support team by clicking the button below.

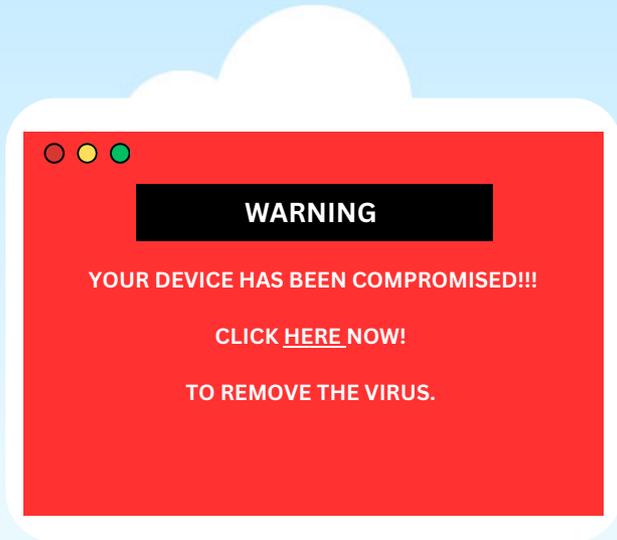


**VERIFY MY ACCOUNT**



**Helpful Clues:**

- Is the email from a public domain (like Gmail, Yahoo) or a private domain (like the domain of the company, such as TikTok's domain)?
- What is the tone of the email? Does it sound like someone from TikTok would write an email in that tone?
- Would a platform like TikTok use a big "VERIFY" button in their email?

**Helpful Clues:**

- Does the pop-up use words like “compromised” or “virus” to make it seem like there’s a big problem with your device?
- If the pop-up tells you to click on a link, does that link look strange or different from what you’d usually see from a trusted tech company?



What's  
suspicious about  
this phishing  
email?

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itdepartment@dadeschools.org

**WARNING! SUSPICIOUS LOG IN**

Dear Student,  
We noticed someone was trying to log in to your Student Account.

**At 4:00PM EST on Wednesday, November 6, 2023**

Some changes may have been made to your account. To verify if this action was done by you, please send a responding email stating the following:

- Username
- Password
- Birthdate
- Address

We will use this information to verify if the account belongs to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Miami Dade Schools IT Department**  
**itdepartment@dadeschools.net**



**Helpful Clues:**

- Does the email address match the official domain of Miami-Dade Schools, or is it from a different, potentially suspicious domain?
- Is it normal for a school's IT department to request sensitive information like a username, password, birthdate, and address through email?

Find at least two  
or three  
suspicious within  
this phishing  
email.

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itdepartment@dadeschools.org

**Urgent: Verify Your Student Email Account**

Dear Student,

We recently upgraded our email system to enhance security and performance. As part of this upgrade, we need to verify your student email account to maintain access to important information and resources.

To verify your account, please click on the link below:

[www.verify-student-email.com](http://www.verify-student-email.com)

Once you click the link, you will be directed to a page that looks like our official email login page. Enter your student email address and password to complete the verification process.

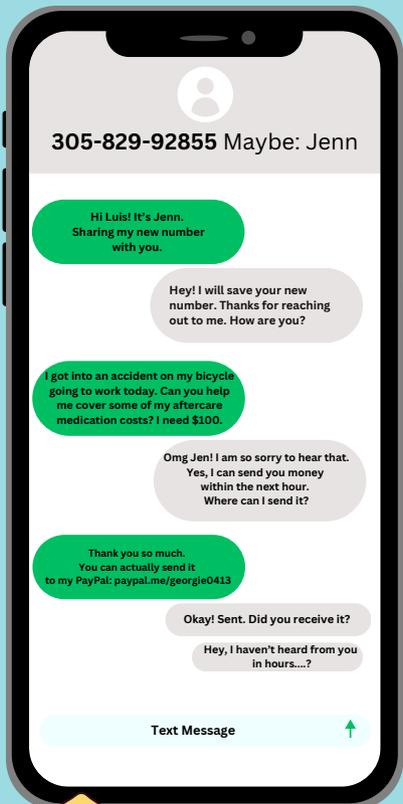
If you don't verify your account within the next 24 hours, your access to the email system may be temporary suspended. Don't let this happen --act now!

Sincerely,  
IT Department at Miami Dade Schools.  
itdepartment@dadeschools.net



**Helpful Clues:**

- Does the email address match the official domain of Miami-Dade Schools, or is it from a different, potentially suspicious domain?
- Does the link look suspicious?



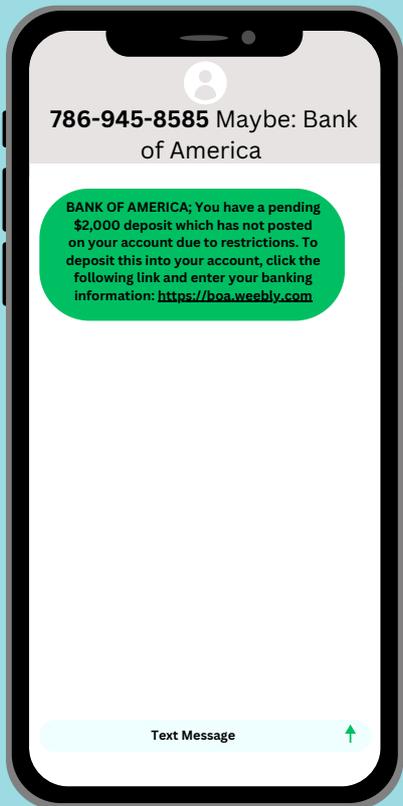
**Find at least two issues within this message thread.**



**Helpful Clues:**

- Is this message really from Jenn, or could someone be pretending to be her?
- Does the PayPal link's name match the name Jenn used in the messages?
- A phone number only consists of 10 digits





Can you figure out what is wrong with this text message?



**Helpful Clues:**

- Is the message from a known and trusted place like "Bank of America" or is it from a strange and unknown number?
- Does the link in the message seem like it's really from Bank of America, or does it look suspicious?
- Are the words spelled correctly, and do the sentences sound right, or are there mistakes in the message?