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Scam, Probably fine or Check first?

 Read each mock message. Highlight every red flag. Then write S (Scam), P (Probably fine) or C (Check first) and one reason why. Check first means the message might be real, but you will not use its link or trust it until you check another way, such as opening the app yourself or contacting the person by a route you already know.

CUT OUT THE CARDS, THEN GLUE OR PLACE EACH ONE IN A BOX.



Game chat, from a player named FreeGemz_Official_Admin: 'Congrats, you were picked for 10,000 free gems. Log in at gem-rewards-claim.example in the next 15 minutes or the prize expires.'



Text from 555-0187: 'ALERT: Your game account will be deleted today for a rules violation. Verify your account now: acct-verify-help.example/login'



DM from someone in a game server you joined last week: 'Hey sorry, I accidentally put your number for my code. Can you read me the 6-digit code you just got?'



Livestream chat during a gaming stream: 'GIVEAWAY: First 50 people to send 200 coins to TopPlayerGifts get 2,000 coins back. Hurry.'



Friend request and DM from a stranger: 'Download this free skin unlocker file. Works on every game, trust me. skin-unlocker-free.example/download'



DM from a player in your game clan: 'Trade me your rare sword now and I'll give you two of them tomorrow. Everyone in the clan does it.'



A news notice inside the game's own menu screen, not in chat: 'Season 4 starts Friday. New maps and challenges.' No link and no request.



Text in your team's group chat from your coach's number that is already saved in your phone: 'Practice moved to 4:30 in the gym because of rain.'



Text that arrives seconds after you tried to log in to your game on a new tablet: 'Your verification code is 482913. Do not share this code with anyone.'



DM from your cousin's account: 'omg is this you in this video??' followed by a short link. Your cousin never writes like that.



Email that looks like it is from the game company: 'New sign-in from a new device in another state. If this wasn't you, secure your account here.' It has a button.



A code text you did not ask for arrives at 11 p.m.: 'Your login code is 739204.' No other message comes with it.

Scam

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