

Directions: Marianna had to explain why fraud was a crime for her class. Help her fill in the missing words to complete her presentation.

One of the most _____ (*undermine, prevalent, viability*) crimes around, even though few pay attention to it is that of _____ (*fraud, aspirant, debited*). There are many _____ (*viability, unscrupulous, bogus*) people in the world that are willing to commit fraud in order to steal from others. Sometimes, fraud involves someone who will _____ (*claim, conspiracy, avail*) to be someone else in order to steal their identity. Once an identity is stolen, the criminal can take out credit cards and loans in someone else's name. This is illegal. Another form of fraud is when someone steals from another's account. This is often a form of _____ (*bogus, viability, conspiracy*) in a company. The company will charge a customer's credit card each month or in small amounts that go beyond a legitimate purchase. This is not always noticed _____ (*promptly, debited, avail*) noticed which means the credit card can be _____ (*prevalent, disrupting, debited*) hundreds of dollars before anyone even notices. It is important for people to look for and question _____ (*bogus, disrupting, viability*) charges that show up on a bank statement or online account. This vigilance is the only thing that may keep a company from _____ (*disrupting, gateway, promptly*) your accounts and money flow.

New _____ (*prevalent, fraud, aspirant*) criminals start trying to steal from people every day. It is important to stay on top of finances as often as possible to make sure you are not a victim.





Answer Key

Worksheet 3

prevalent

fraud

unscrupulous

claim

conspiracy

promptly

debited

bogus

disrupting

aspirant