

**Directions:** Sandy was writing a lecture on the experience she had involving cybercrime. Help her fill in the missing words to complete the lecture.

I never thought I was \_\_\_\_\_ (*cohort, susceptible, cynical*) to any form of \_\_\_\_\_ (*cybercrime, espionage, perpetrator*). I had always taken precautions like having a spyware detector and one that specifically looked for \_\_\_\_\_ (*bot, espionage, malware*) every 24 hours. I mean I always knew it was within the \_\_\_\_\_ (*attribution, realm, extortion*) of possibility because anyone who does anything online is at risk, but I thought I would be spared. I even remembered to use different passwords on all my accounts and never shared personal information with anyone I did not know. My friends list stayed small, only friends and family, and I never went to sites I was not completely sure were safe.

Then, I noticed a small charge on my credit card. It was not much, only a dollar or two and I did not think much of it, figuring it was a service fee of some sort. Before I knew it, I had emails that obviously originated from a \_\_\_\_\_ (*bot, cybercrime, refrain*). They were horribly misspelled and unrelated to anything I would have done online. At first, I took a \_\_\_\_\_ (*syndicate, refrain, laissez-faire*) attitude, not thinking much of it. Then as more charges were placed on my card I became \_\_\_\_\_ (*cynical, susceptible, realm*) about someone stealing my information. I was angry and wanted nothing more than to find the \_\_\_\_\_ (*extortion, perpetrator, syndicate*), but it took the police and credit card companies over a year to get things straightened out. I still do not know who was responsible, but I am more vigilant than ever when it comes to online security.





## Answer Key

### Worksheet 3

susceptible

cybercrime

malware

realm

bot

laissez-faire

cynical

perpetrator