

## Lesson 90: Internet Crimes

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### 1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Miyuki: I received an e-mail saying that I won ten thousand dollars.

John: You didn't believe it, did you? It's a scam.

Miyuki: Is it? I almost replied to the email. They're asking for my bank account so that the money can be wired to me.

John: Don't do it. They're just trying to get your bank information. **Before you know it**, someone will be wiping out your life savings.

Miyuki: Good thing you told me about it. I'm such a fool for believing everything on the internet.

John: I have been scammed once already. It was when I bought something from e-bay.

Miyuki: What happened?

John: I paid for the item using my credit card. I was promised that the merchandise would arrive in 3 days. Nothing came.

Miyuki: Did you complain to the website about it?

John: Of course, I did. But they couldn't give me my money back.

### 2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. If you keep spending money that way, you'll be as poor as a mouse **before you know it**.
2. **Before I knew it**, the thief had run away with my wallet.
3. I saw a deer wandering in my backyard. I wanted to take a picture but it was gone **before I knew it**.

\* Before you know it / あっという間に、驚くべき速さで

### 3. Your Task

You are a computer programmer. An overseas company has contacted you and they'd like you to create a computer program for them. You would like to accept this job but you are aware that you could get scammed when transacting business online. Talk to your client (=your tutor) and explain that you would like to receive some payment before you can start the project for them.

### 4. Let's Talk

Why are cyber crimes increasing?

Have you ever been a victim of an internet scam?

Tell your teacher about it. How can we combat cyber crimes?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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