Words and Phrases that Trigger Some Spam Filters

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I built this list of some 250 words and phrases from two spam filter lists. It is not complete. I have left out porn trigger words. Most spam filters work on a point system, so that the occurrence of just one "spam phrase" probably won't trigger rejection -- except some which the filter considers notorious. SpamAssassin 2.43, for example, assigns default points for these top offenders, as follows:

Reverses aging	3.37	
'Hidden' assets	3.28	
stop snoring	3.26	
Free investment	3.19	
Dig up dirt on friends	3.12	
Stock disclaimer statement	3.04	
Multi level marketing	3.01	
Compare rates	2.83	
Cable converter	2.75	
Claims you can be removed from the list	2.70	
Removes wrinkles	2.69	
Compete for your business	2.57	
free installation	2.51	
Free grant money	2.50	
Auto email removal	2.36	
Collect child support	2.33	
Free leads	2.29	
Amazing stuff	2.26	
Tells you it's an ad	2.21	
Cash bonus	2.20	
Promise you!	2.15	
Claims to be in accordance with some spam law		

Search engine listings	2.09
free preview	2.07
Credit bureaus	2.03
No investment	2.01
Serious cash	2.00

But even if you don't use these notorious phrases, other spam words can add up. Here are some to be aware of in your e-mail newsletters -- and ads contained in your newsletters.

4U	Free hosting	Online pharmacy
Accept credit cards	Free installation	Only \$
Act now! Don't hesitate!	Free investment	Opportunity
Additional income	Free leads	Opt in
Addresses on CD	Free membership	Order now
All natural	Free money	Order status
Amazing	Free offer	Orders shipped by priority
Apply Online	Free preview	mail
As seen on	Free priority mail	Outstanding values
Billing address	Free quote	Pennies a day
Auto email removal	Free sample	People just leave money laying
Avoid bankruptcy	Free trial	around
Be amazed	Free website	Please read
Be your own boss	Full refund	Potential earnings
Being a member	Get paid	Print form signature
Big bucks	Get started now	Print out and fax
Bill 1618	Gift certificate	Produced and sent out
Billion dollars	Great offer	Profits
Brand new pager	Guarantee	Promise you!
Bulk email	Have you been turned down?	Pure profit
Buy direct	Hidden assets	Real thing
Buying judgments	Home employment	Refinance home
Cable converter	Human growth hormone	Removal instructions
Call free	If only it were that easy	Remove in quotes
Call now	In accordance with laws	Remove subject
Calling creditors	Increase sales	Removes wrinkles
Cannot be combined with any	Increase traffic	Reply remove subject
other offer	Insurance	Requires initial investment
Cancel at any time	Investment decision	Reserves the right
Can't live without	It's effective	Reverses aging
Cash bonus	Join millions of Americans	Risk free
Cashcash	Laser printer	Round the world
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Limited time only

Casino

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Cell phone cancer scam Cents on the dollar Check or money order Claims not to be selling

anything

with some spam law Claims to be legal Claims you are a winner Claims you registered with

Claims to be in accordance

some kind of partner Click below Click here link

Click to remove mailto

Compare rates

Click to remove

Compete for your business Confidentially on all orders

Congratulations

Consolidate debt and credit

Stop snoring get it now

Special promotion Copy accurately

Copy DVDs Credit bureaus

Credit card offers Cures baldness Dear email

Dear friend Dear somebody Different reply to

Dig up dirt on friends Direct email

Direct marketing Discusses search engine

listings Do it today Don't delete

Drastically reduced Earn per week

Easy terms

Eliminate bad credit Email harvest Email marketing Expect to earn

Long distance phone offer Lose weight spam

Lower interest rates

Lower monthly payment Lowest price

Luxury car Mail in order form Marketing solutions

Mass email Meet singles Member stuff

Message contains disclaimer

Money back Money making Month trial offer More Internet traffic Mortgage rates

Multi level marketing

MLM

Name brand

New customers only New domain extensions

Nigerian

No age restrictions

No catch

No claim forms

No cost

No credit check No disappointment

No experience

No fees

No gimmick

No inventory No investment No medical exams

No middleman No obligation

No purchase necessary

No questions asked

No selling

No strings attached Not intended Off shore

Offer expires Offers coupon

Offers extra cash

Safeguard notice

Satisfaction guaranteed

Save \$

Save big money Save up to Score with babes Section 301 See for yourself

Sent in compliance Serious cash Serious only Shopping spree Sign up free today

Stainless steel Stock alert

Stock disclaimer statement

Social security number

Stock pick Strong buy Stuff on sale Subject to credit Supplies are limited Take action now

Talks about hidden charges

Talks about prizes Tells you it's an ad Terms and conditions

The best rates The following form

They keep your money -- no

refund!

They're just giving it away

This isn't junk This isn't spam University diplomas

Unlimited

Unsecured credit/debt

Urgent US dollars Vacation offers

Viagra and other drugs Wants credit card We hate spam We honor all Weekend getaway

What are you waiting for?

Fantastic deal
Fast Viagra delivery
Financial freedom
Find out anything
For free
For instant access
For just \$ (some amt)
Free access
Free cell phone
Free consultation
Free DVD
Free grant money

Offers free (often stolen)
passwords
Once in lifetime
One hundred percent free
One hundred percent
guaranteed
One time mailing
Online biz opportunity

While supplies last
While you sleep
Who really wins?
Why pay more?
Will not believe your eyes
Winner
Winning
Work at home
You have been selected
Your income