



SOCIAL MEDIA

REAL LIFE

Text Type: Playscript
Suggested finishing time: 25 mins

Listen!

Keyboard Warriors



Let's think!

1. Have you ever witnessed 'a war of words' on the Internet?
2. Would you voice out your opinion online to other netizens?

More to Take Away

Keyboard warriors are people who post aggressive messages and constantly involve themselves in arguments on the Internet.

An Attack or a Defence?

Characters

Sam, Joe and Paul—Students Miss Fu—Teacher The principal

Scene 1: In a classroom, Sam, Joe and Paul keep staring down at something on their laps.

5 Miss Fu: (*orders loudly and firmly*) Sam, Joe and Paul, stand up!

Paul: (*panicky, Sam, Joe and Paul rise from their chairs*) We...

Miss Fu: Hand over your mobile phones right now.
(*The three of them obey, and give Miss Fu their phones.*)
Come and see me after school to get back your phones.

10 **Scene 2: In the staffroom, the message notifications on the phones' lock screens are drawing Miss Fu's attention.**

15 Miss Fu: (*upon hearing the sounds of message alerts*) Oh my goodness! How could they have written such insulting remarks online!
(*Sam, Joe and Paul knock on the door. Miss Fu opens it to let them in.*) There're messages constantly popping up on the screens. I think they have shown the ongoing gossip about what you have done. I noticed that the three of you had left terribly offensive comments on an online forum. I'm utterly disappointed!

20 Sam: I'm sorry, Miss Fu. We didn't mean to write anything aggressive. We were just irritated by those nasty people online. They demeaned our school as a 'refuse dump', and belittled us as 'worthless rubbish'! We just wanted to safeguard our school's reputation!

Joe: Miss Fu, do you want us to unlock our phones? (*points at his phone*) If you scroll up to read from the beginning of the thread, you'll know the whole story.

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Paul: Please trust us, Miss Fu. These people bad-mouthed our school first. We were only defending our school from them!

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Miss Fu: I understand it was not you, but somebody else, who started the conflict. Some people are keyboard warriors. They love to draw attention by stirring up conflicts on different threads on forums, possibly out of sheer boredom. But it doesn't mean that you should join in the slanging match. Instead, you should either report it to your teacher or simply ignore them. Arguing with people online, especially using foul language, is absolutely vile! If you spend time fighting online, you will only escalate the conflicts. Ultimately, you will become one of the keyboard warriors yourselves! Our society doesn't need keyboard warriors, who only know how to give anonymous, destructive comments behind their screens. Do you understand?

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The boys: Yes, Miss Fu!

Scene 3: In the principal's office, Miss Fu has just finished reporting to the principal about the online slanging match the three students were involved in.

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Principal: Miss Fu, this is worrying. We should first ask these boys to delete the malicious comments. Then, Miss Fu, please sift through the forum posts to identify any other students involved. Such disgraceful conduct must not be tolerated, whether at school or on the Internet! Whether these are our students or students from other schools, what they have done must be made known, both to the schools' authorities and to their parents.

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Miss Fu: Sure, you can count on me!

Looking into Grammar

Adjectives that end in *-ed* are used to describe how one feels, while adjectives that end in *-ing* are used to describe the source of a feeling.

✓ I felt **bored** (✗ boring) as the lesson was very **boring** (✗ bored).

✓ I am **interested** (✗ interesting) in reading stories with **interesting** (✗ interested) characters.

🔍 Circle an *-ing* adjective and an *-ed* adjective each of the above uses in the playscript.

Part A Multiple Choice Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the playscript. Choose the best answer by blackening the appropriate circle.

1. Miss Fu is _____ when she tells Sam, Joe and Paul to stand up.

- A. excited
- B. disappointed
- C. cheerful
- D. strict

1 The stage directions, i.e. the words in brackets, tell readers in what way Miss Fu acts and speaks.

2. To deal with hate speech spread by keyboard warriors, Miss Fu suggests that the students should _____.

- A. respond to them in a civilised way
- B. report to the police immediately
- C. inform a teacher about it
- D. negotiate with them in real life

3. Miss Fu thinks the three boys have done something wrong because they _____.

- A. initiated conflicts at school
- B. left rude comments online
- C. did not explain to her sincerely
- D. tried to deceive her

 4. According to lines 12-35, _____.


- A. Miss Fu unlocks the boys' phones to find out what they did
- B. Sam, Joe and Paul make excuses for what they did.
- C. Miss Fu settled the conflicts
- D. Miss Fu makes hasty judgment about the boys

5. In line 31, the word 'vile' means _____.

- A. not worthwhile
- B. ignorant
- C. unacceptably bad
- D. irresponsible

6. In the end, the principal asks Miss Fu to _____.

- A. check and delete all awful posts left about the school
- B. find out who have read the comments on the online forum
- C. inform teachers and parents of the students involved
- D. punish the three boys

 7. In the last line of the playscript, Miss Fu replies to the principal _____.

- A. unwillingly
- B. responsively
- C. hesitantly
- D. doubtfully

7 The exclamation mark reveals Miss Fu's tone and mood in speaking.



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Part B Pre-HKDSE Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the playscript. For question 2, answer in a complete sentence.

1. Look for words in the playscript to match the definitions below.

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| (i) _____ (lines 1-21) | (v.) to protect something from harm or damage |
| (ii) _____ (lines 1-21) | (v.) made someone seem unimportant |
| (iii) _____ (lines 26-35) | (adj.) complete |

2. In line 39, what does the word 'this' refer to?



3. It may be difficult for Miss Fu to identify all the students involved because most of them _____.

- A. stay behind their screens to keep an eye on Miss Fu
- B. are only teenagers who were bored and had nothing else to do
- C. conceal their real identities
- D. would arouse disputes which escalate the conflicts

3 Pay attention to the word 'anonymous' in line 34.



4. In scene 2, Paul sounds _____ when asking Miss Fu to trust them.

- A. guilty
- B. happy
- C. aloof
- D. sincere

5 Pay attention to the correct use of participial adjectives.

5. In each line, there MAY be a wrong word. Underline it and write a word that expresses the correct idea in the right-hand column. If not, put a tick (✓).

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| (i) Miss Fu is <u>sorry</u> to find that the boys have left | <u>surprised</u> |
| (ii) interesting comments online. The boys think that some | _____ |
| (iii) people tried to demolish their school so they have to | _____ |
| (iv) do something to defend it. Miss Fu is thrilled that this | _____ |
| (v) might turn them into keyboard warriors who join other | _____ |
| (vi) netizens whenever feeling excited. Therefore, she | _____ |
| (vii) decides to report the case to the principal. | _____ |

Part C Vocabulary Bank

Match the words for the technical concepts in the left column with the descriptions in the right column. Write the correct letters in the boxes.

A. Internet security

B. browser

C. firewall

D. anonymity

E. password

F. bookmark

G. privacy

H. malware

- computer software used to damage a computer's function
- the situation in which someone's identity is not known
- someone's right to keep his or her personal information secret
- the address of a web page that is kept on a computer for future revisits
- a program that prevents the information on a computer connected to the Internet from being accessed without permission
- a combination of numbers and letters used to log in to a system or a website
- a computer program used for reading information on the Internet
- the protection against all sorts of cyber threats, such as software viruses and attempted unauthorised access

Let's Discuss!



- Are you a member of any online community? What is special about it?
- Have you ever encountered 'doxing', where private information about someone is published as a form of revenge or punishment?

Word Craft



Browser (Refer to the same page.)

The suffix **-er** can be added to verbs to form nouns that refer to people or tools that do that particular action.

e.g. blender
cutter
eraser
mixer
stapler

Part D Cloze Passage

Complete the notice below with the appropriate words introduced on the previous page.

Reminder



Remember to capitalise the first letter of the word when necessary.

Dear Students,

As there have been recent reports of school computers getting infected with viruses, we have checked all the computers and had all the problems troubleshot. All computers are now functioning properly and accessible to the Internet. It is the time now for us to give you a few reminders on cyber safety.

First, you are strongly advised not to browse unfamiliar websites or download files from unknown sources, or your computer will be prone to infection. It is also a good habit to install (1) _____ software to regularly monitor the computer's performance. Don't forget to activate your computer's (2) _____ in order to protect your computer against any (3) _____ possibly lurking in your downloaded documents. Besides, use a safe (4) _____ which can filter out unsafe and inappropriate information. Always remember, safety is of greater importance than speed.

Everyone should be observant when using the Internet. Never disclose your (5) _____ or other personal information. (6) _____ would be a feasible measure to prevent privacy disclosure. You can hide your real name and set your search history private. If you want to keep a site as a (7) _____, make sure it is related to your studies. The school computers should be used solely for academic purposes, so use them wisely and keep your own login details in order to protect your own (8) _____.

Please strictly follow the aforementioned reminders to protect yourself as well as the school's property, or else your Internet surfing experience might be laid bare to everyone. Thank you very much for your consideration and cooperation!

School Technician Team