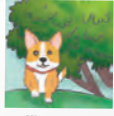




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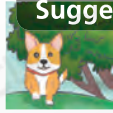
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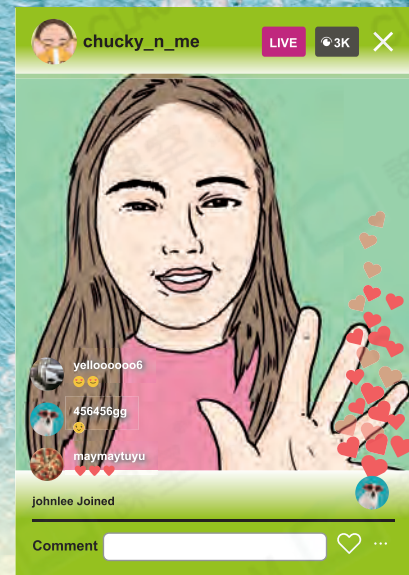
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The League of Anonymous Comrades



Let's think!

1. How often do you use social networking apps?
2. Have you ever sought help from the public using any of these apps?



Hi guys! This is Peg. You guys must have been missing Chucky a lot, haven't seen him for quite a while... Ta-da! Here's my beloved Chucky back here with us! You're perhaps thinking that I should not lose my composure in front of a webcam, but please bear with me for being emotional right now! I feel so relieved and chuffed to be reuniting with Chucky after he had gone missing for almost a month! I really need to thank all of you for your enormous help all the while.

What happened that night freaked me out. It was the most dreadful night of my life. It was 9 pm when I, as usual, took Chucky for an after-dinner stroll along the Hung Hom Promenade. Chucky was shaky and was growling while we were walking past a crowd of performers. Perhaps out of fear of the loud music and awful singing, he broke free from the leash and dashed into the bush nearby! I looked for him in every nook and cranny of the promenade, but failed to spot him anywhere. I had a sleepless night crying from midnight till the next morning, reproaching myself for not being able to protect him from potential fears.

The next morning, I tried very hard to collect myself and did everything that might help. I informed the Animal Management Centre and SPCA of my district about the case, and called the animal shelter where I adopted Chucky three years ago. The staff there suggested that I should start with giving out flyers around the promenade where I had lost Chucky. Thank God I love to take photos of Chucky from all angles and in all costumes, so I could, at once, retrieve a photo of him with the collar he was wearing when he went missing. I was quite hopeful, for his innocent face and chubby build should be easy to recognise. I kept searching for him in the neighbourhood around the promenade for the following weeks.

In despair, I posted a video on Instagram, pleading for help in my hunt for Chucky. The responses were unexpectedly overwhelming. Some online bullies trolled about what had happened, criticising me

More to Take Away

Pet owners are strongly advised to register their pets for a license by implanting a microchip into them, with the information of the pet owners stored, so that they will be informed when their missing pets are found.

for not being a thoughtful owner, and joking that my pet should have left me earlier. Such hate 25
comments have pierced my heart more sharply than swords would, especially when I was expecting
to lose Chucky forever. There's in fact no one else to blame but myself, as I should have been more
sensitive to possible triggers for his anxiety.

After two tough weeks, I was sent some painfully funny messages that gave me good laughs. 30
I received pictures of a cute flabby thing from a young girl, who insisted that the animal was found
meowing in shrubs or seen beneath cars in Hung Hom, and how it looked exactly like Chucky. It
was fine to me as long as she was really trying to help, which I kind of appreciate (well, at least her
humour got me through the pain which almost knocked me down). Yet, I was offended when she
accused me of intentionally abandoning my pet after I refused to pick up that poor little thing!

Another not-to-be-missed message came from a man who claimed to have found Chucky, kept 35
him in a cozy kennel together with his poodle and fed him with high-quality chicken steak. This
man asked for a huge sum of money in return for his maintaining Chucky's health and well-being,
which I could not afford. But, anyway, I was sure he didn't have Chucky with him. He didn't even
know Chucky is allergic to chicken and combative with other dogs. I should have thanked him for
not being a detail-minded fraud, or I would have believed his hoax. After all, he shouldn't have tried 40
to take advantage of someone who was suffering the loss of a pet!

Anyway, thank you guys for sharing my video widely, and thanks also to the pet owners in many 45
pet care community groups, who have watched the shared video and sent me consoling messages.
You guys have been of great help in this matter and your encouragement meant a lot to me,
especially when I was reminded not to lose faith during the search. Chucky has been with me for
three years and I love him so much! I promise you guys I'll take even better care of him from now 45
on, and you'll see him with me here more often! From this incident, I've learnt that Instagram is not
just a platform for seeking 'likes', but also lives a community which backs me up with love. Indeed,
I feel so grateful. Hats off to you all!

And, finally, should I give you an account of where Chucky was found? I can only say Chucky is 50
really one of a kind: the answer should be shocking to you. Send me a direct message to let me
know where you think he ended up in, and stay tuned to my Instagram stories for the answer!

~830 words

Looking into Grammar

Other than giving advice, voicing opinion as well as talking about obligations, the modal verb 'should' can be used for the following purposes:

'should be + adjective' > to talk about expectations

✓ This café **should be easy** (✗ should easy) to locate. It's next to the bank.

'should have + past participle' > to express regrets

✓ I **shouldn't have hiked** (✗ shouldn't hike) today. I nearly got heatstroke.

? Circle TWO verb phrases formed with 'should', one used to talk about expectations and the other to express regrets, in paragraphs 4 and 8.

Part A Multiple Choice Questions

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

1. Peg believes her audience might think that _____.

- A. emotional people are annoying
- B. it is improper to show extreme emotions in public
- C. losing a pet is not a big deal
- D. she is lucky to find Chucky

2. The Hung Hom Promenade _____.

- A. is noisy and crowded every night
- B. is still open after 9 pm
- C. does not permit pets without leashes
- D. is too spacious for puppies

3. In line 13, 'to collect myself' means _____.

- A. to help myself
- B. to forgive my own fault
- C. to regain control of my emotions
- D. to punish myself

4. In line 16, Peg exclaims 'Thank God...' because _____.

- A. SPCA had filed Chucky's case
- B. the animal shelter where Chucky was adopted offered some useful advice
- C. photos showing distinctive features of Chucky are more likely to help people identify him
- D. Chucky was returned to Peg once what he looked like was made known

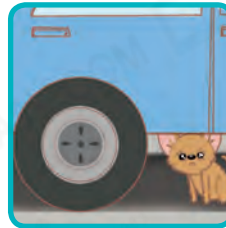
5. Which of the following is most likely the 'poor little thing' in line 34?



A.



B.



C.



D.

5 Locate where the 'poor little thing' was seen and compare what sets it different from Chucky.

6. How did Peg feel when the young girl claimed she had found Chucky?

- A. annoyed
- B. grateful
- C. joyful
- D. complicated

6 Identify all the adjectives related to her feelings.

7. Peg knew the man was lying because of _____ he claimed to have _____.

- A. the food...fed Chucky with
- B. the other animal...kept Chucky with
- C. Chucky's condition...noticed
- D. all of the above



Please scan the QR code on P.6 to access the checklist for evaluating your own reading progress.

Part B Pre-HKDSE Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the speech. For question 4, answer in a complete sentence.

1. Circle TWO literary devices used when Peg said ‘Such hate comments have pierced my heart more sharply than swords would’ in lines 25-26.

alliteration / exaggeration / metaphor / onomatopoeia / repetition / simile

1 Both ‘hate comments’ and ‘swords’ hurt.

2. Complete the summary of Peg’s livestream by filling in ONE word in each blank.

It took Peg almost a month to find Chucky, during which trolls, criticisms, and jokes have plunged her into (i) _____. Luckily, she also received (ii) _____ from people who helped her during this tough period. That is why she felt (iii) _____ for their love and kindness.

3. Determine whether each of the following statements is true (T) or false (F). Write the correct symbols ‘T’ or ‘F’ in the spaces provided.

Statement	T/F
(i) Chucky becomes anxious while he encounters things he is afraid of.	
(ii) Peg could not afford to buy chicken steak for Chucky.	
(iii) There are kind-hearted and humorous people on Instagram.	
(iv) Chucky was very likely to be found in an unusual place.	
(v) It was the first time Chucky had showed up on Peg’s livestream.	

4. Suggest ONE consoling warm message which Peg might have received.

5 Consoling words aim to make someone feel better by showing empathy or giving encouragement.

DSE Level Up

Q4 Infer what the message is about. To comfort a sad person, we would avoid sentences that reinforce negative emotions. Draw lines to match the sentences that fail to do so on the left to the more concrete versions on the right.

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|-----------------------------|---|--|
| (i) Don’t give up! | • | • A. Cheer up! I’m sure you’ll find Chucky very soon! |
| (ii) Don’t worry! | • | • B. We will stand by you. Let us know how we can help! |
| (iii) Don’t blame yourself! | • | • C. Keep trying! |
| (iv) You’re not alone. | • | • D. Give yourself a break! You’ve been looking for Chucky 24/7. |

Part C Vocabulary Bank

Label the items below with the names of the elements of a social networking app.

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emoji

hashtag

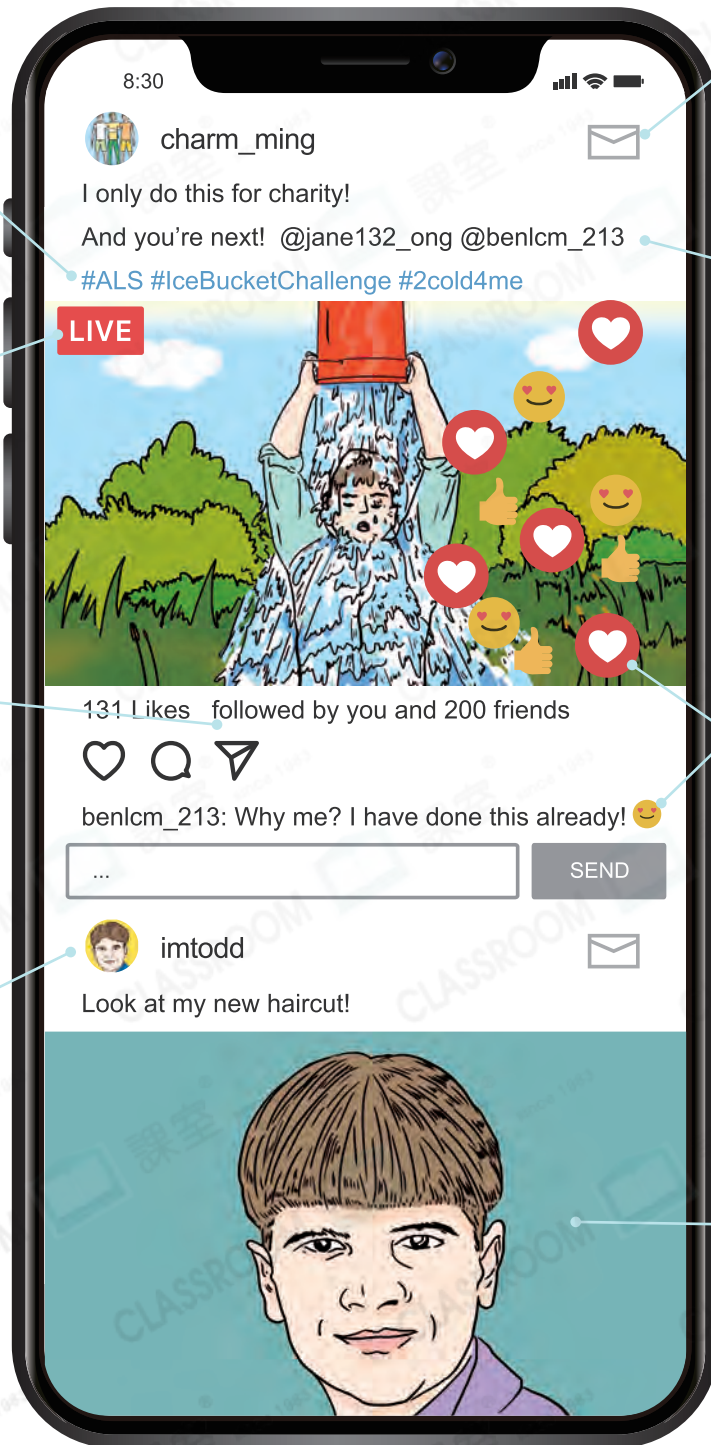
private message

livestream

selfie

tag

follower



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2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

Part D Cloze Passage

Complete the letter below with the appropriate nouns introduced on the previous page.

Reminder



Make sure your answers are in the correct parts of speech.

Dear Grandma,

How are you? I hope you're doing fine and enjoying yourself at this festive time! Winter is cruel here in Québec, which is why I stay indoors nearly every day. But I'm more than glad to have Matt with me!

I presume I have told you about Matt, right? Matt has grown a lot lately! Yesterday I taught him to sing my favourite song *The Star-crossed Lovers*. I filmed the whole 'tutorial' and uploaded it to YouChannel. Guess what? I got more than a thousand likes and

(1) _____ overnight! I was definitely stunned when I saw the numbers this morning! I didn't know how it could be possible until I checked the comment section.

People (2) _____ their friends and asked them to check out how talented Matt is, and placed (3) _____, like '#cute', '#parrot', '#geniusMatt' and '#songbirdMatt', below their comments. I believe my video would not have gone viral if there had not been them!

What thrilled me even more greatly was that some people had even sent me

(4) _____, saying how much they liked my video and how adorable and gifted Matt is. The comment section of my video is now flooded with all sorts of

(5) _____, like 😊, 😮 and 😄. I feel like Matt and I have become celebrities now! Just now, I changed my (6) _____ to a

(7) _____, which I took with Matt last night. With it, I hope, my channel will attract a wider audience. From now on, I will use (8) _____ to share Matt's life with everyone. Maybe Matt will become an international 'starbird' one day!

Would you like to meet Matt? Please write soon. 😊

Best wishes,

Jenny

Let's Discuss!



1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using social networking sites?
2. Some people say that social networking sites can be addictive. Do you agree?