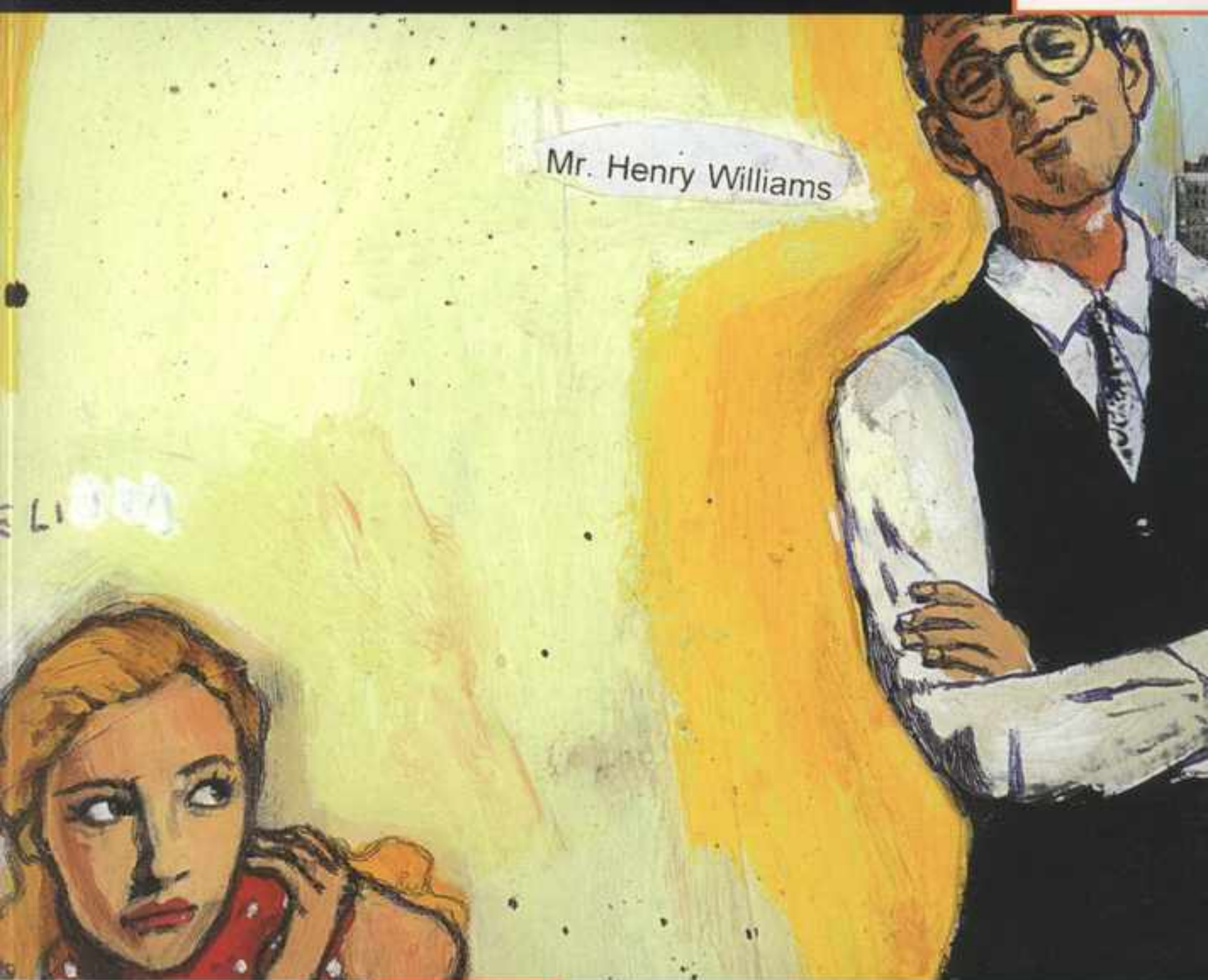


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- 1 Label the picture of the computer by writing the number of each word.

- 1 • printer
- 2 • CPU(Central Processing Unit)
- 3 • keyboard
- 4 • screen
- 5 • disk
- 6 • mouse pad



chapter one

The New Computer System

At exactly 8.20 Mr Henry Williams walked through the doors of the bank. He was the manager and had worked there for twenty years. He wasn't always calm and relaxed when he arrived at work but yesterday something had happened to make his life much easier. He looked around the bank. There were beautiful new computers on every desk.

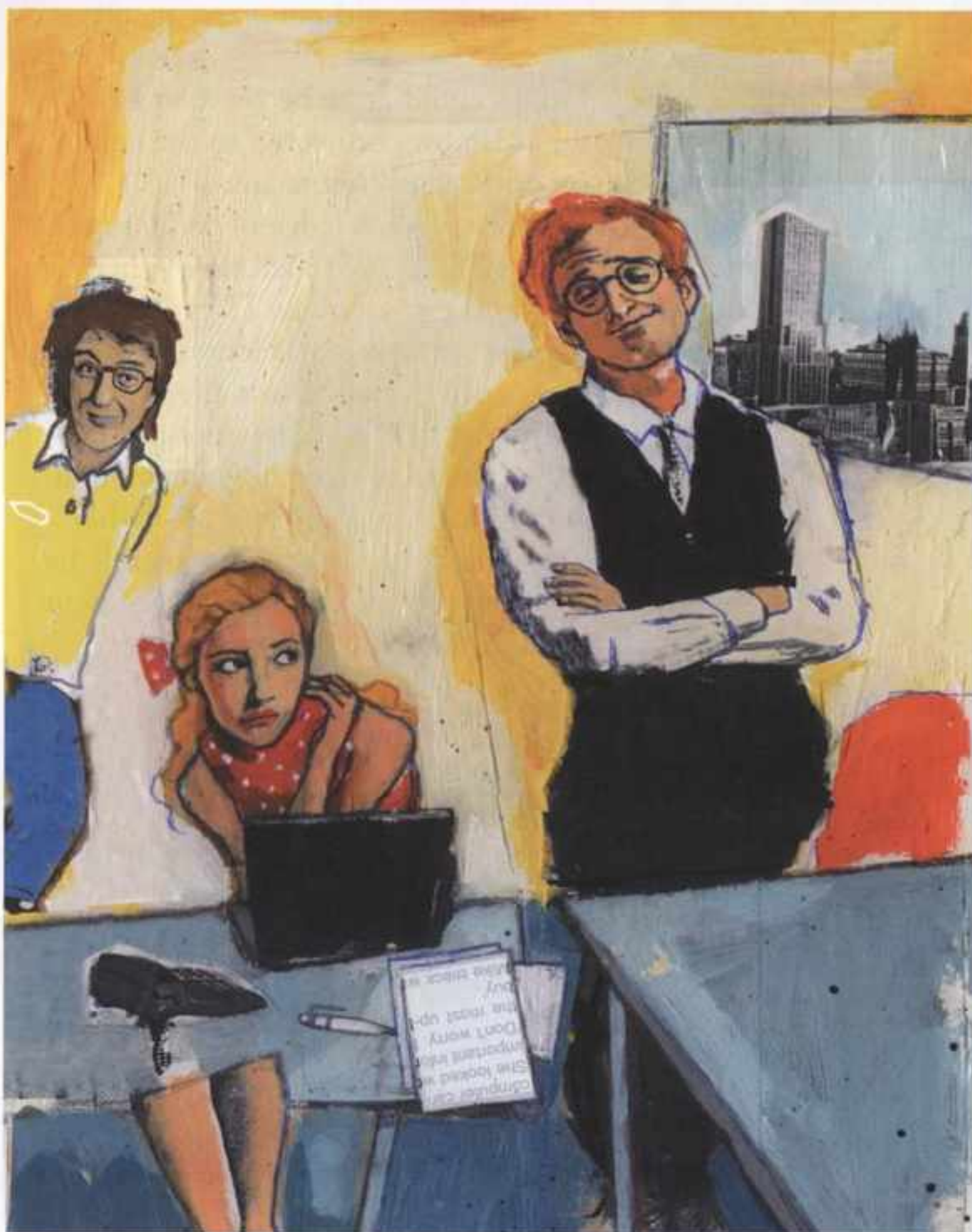
Some were connected to printers, others to scanners. The CPUs were hidden under the desks and the keyboards waited to be used. On each mouse pad was a mouse with a small red light, which lit up when the computer was switched on. The VDUs shone as the sun came through the window. Mr Williams smiled. When he entered his office, he saw that his secretary had already arrived.

"Morning, Mr Williams," she said happily. She was a very nice girl with long, blonde hair and a big smile but she wasn't the most efficient secretary in the world. "Good morning, Belinda. Are you looking forward to discovering the wonderful things that your new computer can do?"

She looked worried. "Yes, but I hope I don't make too many mistakes. Yesterday I nearly lost some important information because I pressed the wrong key."

2 Match the verbs to their definitions.

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1 • to click | a • to put in your password |
| 2 • to log on | b • to start the computer again |
| 3 • to download | c • to use the mouse |
| 4 • to crash | d • to suddenly stop functioning |
| 5 • to log off | e • to start your computer |
| 6 • to reboot | f • to exit from your computer program |
| 7 • to switch on | g • to transfer a file from another location onto your computer |



"Don't worry. I know you've only been here for six months. Mike has assured me that we now have the most up-to-date computer hardware and software *and* the most secure system money can buy."

Mike Black was the bank's network manager and head of technology. He had organized and set up the new system.

At that moment someone knocked on the door and Mike came in.

"Morning, Mr Williams. How are you?" he said.

"Very well, thank you, Mike. Now, are you sure the system is functioning properly? Can I go on holiday next week to the Caribbean without worrying about things back here?"

Mike smiled. "Things couldn't be better. Our LAN is working perfectly. It is now connected to the bank's WAN and the security access rights are..."

"Mike, you know that my knowledge of computers is very limited. I'm afraid I belong to another generation – which is why I pay *you* to solve our IT problems."

IT terms were a foreign language to Henry Williams. His son Robbie was only 15 but he was already a computer genius and sat in front of his monitor for hours every day. He had no problem logging on and off, surfing the net or downloading files. His father was an excellent bank manager but unfortunately he had no idea what these terms meant. He was grateful for experts like Mike who could decipher these mysteries for him.

"Don't worry. You can have a wonderful time in the Caribbean. Things couldn't be better here," replied Mike.

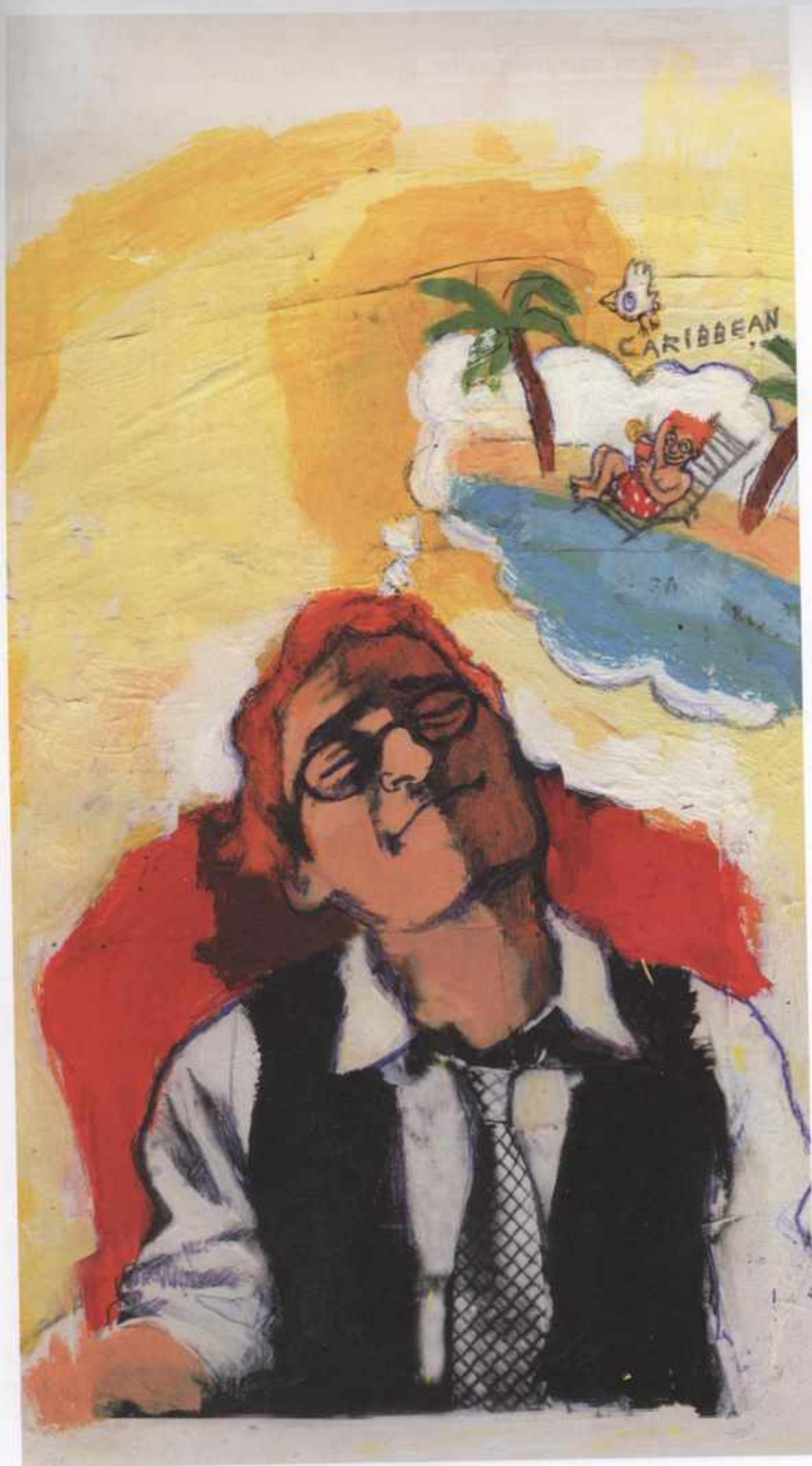
He left the office and Mr Williams sat down at his desk on which there was no computer at all, either new or old.

He was dreaming of blue seas and white beaches when a cry from Belinda's desk brought him back to reality.

"Mr Williams, my computer has crashed!"

As soon as she had said the words, they heard similar cries of alarm coming from the bank's main area downstairs.

One by one the computers were crashing...



chapter one

check your comprehension

3 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 • It's a sunny day.
- 2 • Belinda never makes mistakes.
- 3 • Belinda has worked at the bank for a long time.
- 4 • Mike Black set up the new computer system.
- 5 • Mr Williams is going on holiday soon.
- 6 • Robbie Williams knows how to use the Internet.
- 7 • All the new computers are working perfectly.

T	F
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Now rewrite the false sentences.

characters

4 Who said it? Write the name of the character next to the sentence.

- 1 • "I hope I don't make too many mistakes."
- 2 • "Don't worry."
- 3 • "Morning, Mr Williams. How are you?"
- 4 • "Can I go on holiday next week?"
- 5 • "Our LAN is working perfectly."
- 6 • "My computer has crashed."

words

5 What do these computer abbreviations mean? Match the acronyms to the words.

- | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1 • IT | a • visual display unit |
| 2 • LAN | b • internet service provider |
| 3 • WAN | c • computer-assisted design |
| 4 • URL | d • local area network |
| 5 • DVD | e • uniform resource locator |
| 6 • VDU | f • information technology |
| 7 • CAD | g • wide area network |
| 8 • HTML | h • frequently asked questions |
| 9 • ISP | i • digital video disk |
| 10 • FAQ | j • hypertext mark-up language |

6 Now write the abbreviations from exercise 5 next to their definitions.

WAN	a network which covers a very large area
	the most common information that visitors of a website require
	the study and use of computers
	your computer monitor
	a network which covers a small area
	a disk you can use to watch a film
	software used by professionals such as architects
	a website address
	simple language used to create a web page
	a company that gives you access to the Internet

language

7 Complete these sentences with the *Past simple* or the *Past perfect* of the verbs in parentheses.

PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?

When he *entered* his office, he *saw* that his secretary *had already arrived*.

- 1 • Mr Williams (*feel*) _____ very happy because yesterday Mike Black (*set up*) _____ a new computer system.
- 2 • When Belinda (*discover*) _____ that she (*not press*) _____ the right key, she was extremely worried.
- 3 • Just a few minutes before the problems (*begin*) _____, Mike (*assure*) _____ Mr Williams that everything was fine.
- 4 • Mike (*leave*) _____ already _____ the office when Belinda's computer (*crash*) _____.

story summary

8 Put these events from the story in the correct order.

- a • Belinda told Mr Williams about her mistake.
- b • Mr Williams arrived at the bank.
- c • Mr Williams was dreaming about his holiday.
- d • Mike came into the office.
- e • Mike Black set up the new computer system.
- f • Mr Williams and Belinda heard people shouting downstairs.
- g • Mr Williams admitted that he had limited IT skills.
- h • Mr Williams spoke to his secretary.

- 1 Henry Williams, Robbie Williams, Mike Black and Belinda are characters from Chapter 1. Answer the questions about them.

- 1 • Who is a secretary?
- 2 • Who is manager of the bank?
- 3 • Who is going on holiday soon?
- 4 • Who understands nothing about computers?
- 5 • Who is Head of Technology in the bank?
- 6 • Who has updated the bank's computer system?
- 7 • Who is still at school?

chapter two

A Problem

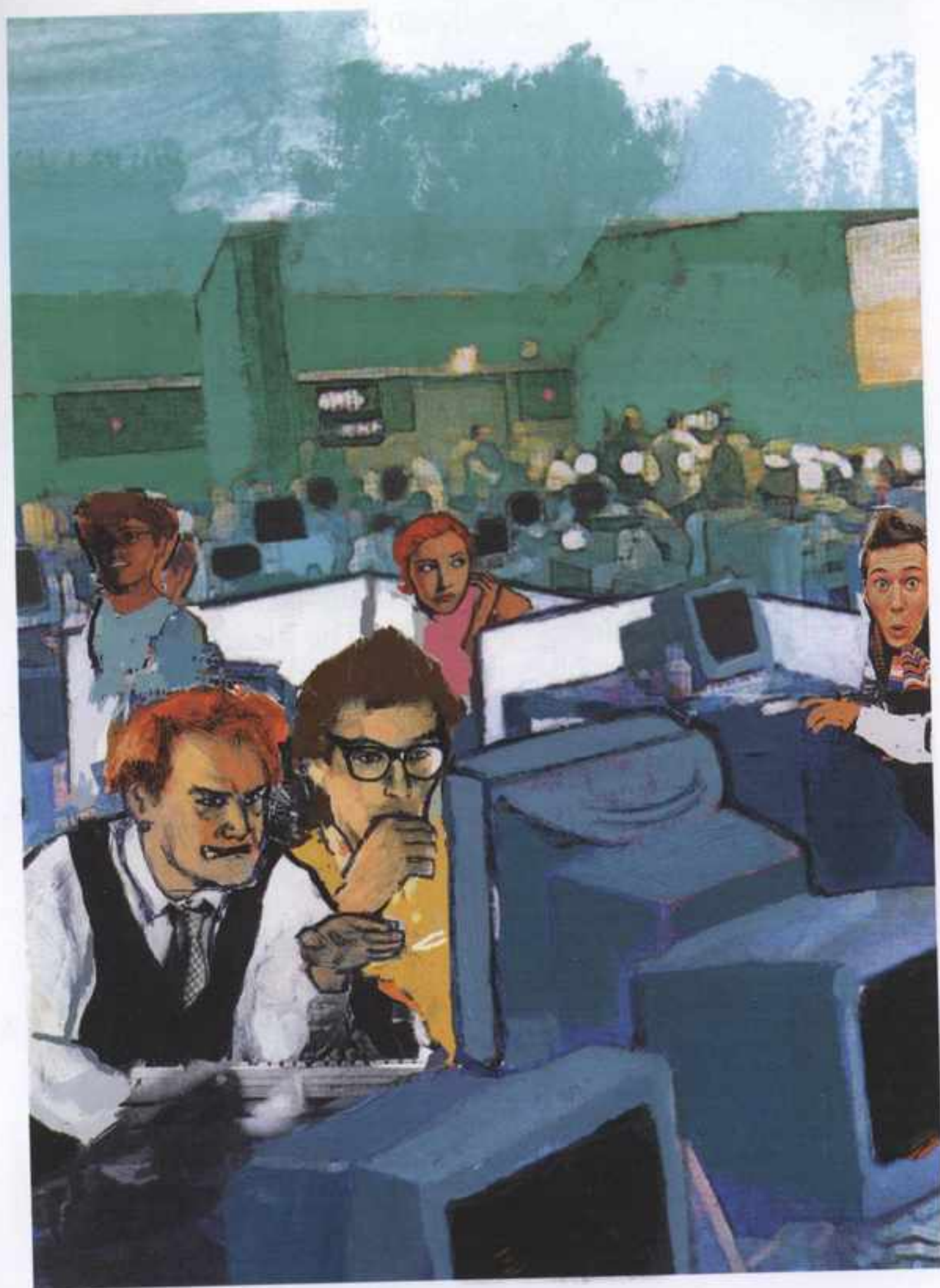
Mr Williams ran down the escalator and into the main office area. What was happening? All the computers were down. Everyone was trying to reboot but it was impossible. Henry Williams tried not to panic. He asked Belinda to call Mike and tell him to come immediately. Then he said to his staff, "Don't worry, everyone. I'm sure it's a minor problem that Mike will soon resolve." A young bank teller whispered to a colleague, "He said that last week when that virus destroyed most of our files. Remember?"

His friend smiled. Someone had sent an e-mail to all the staff which promised to show photos of Belinda's new boyfriend. Belinda was very popular with the staff in the bank so naturally everyone opened it. But there was no photo, just a virus which corrupted the entire system. Mike, who still didn't know about the problem, arrived in the lift just as strange things began to happen. First the lights went off, leaving the bank in darkness. Then a client came in to complain to a cashier that he couldn't access his account from the ATM outside the bank. Then the lights came on again but the doors closed automatically, locking everyone in the bank.

Mr Williams said sarcastically, "As you can see, Mike, our new system is working perfectly. Nobody can do any work, the clients are angry, and we are all prisoners in the bank!"

2 Look at the pictures in Chapters 1 and 2. Which of these adjectives describe Mr Williams? (✓)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> happy | <input type="checkbox"/> serious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> slim | <input type="checkbox"/> young |
| <input type="checkbox"/> red-haired | <input type="checkbox"/> well-dressed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> worried | <input type="checkbox"/> calm |



Mike smiled nervously. "I'm sure it's nothing. I'll take a look at the server and see what the problem is."

Mike was the only person with total security access rights for the system and he had the only copy of the password list. He was very good at his job so he wasn't too worried about these "hiccups." He went to the main computer and put in his password. A message appeared on the screen:

ACCESS DENIED PASSWORD INVALID

Everyone in the bank was watching him. Mike took his password list from his wallet. He typed in his password again, slowly and carefully. Every time he tried the same message appeared on the screen.

"That's impossible," he cried. His face was white with tension. Mr Williams was waiting for an explanation. "Is everything OK?" he asked.

- Mike prepared to give his boss the bad news.

"It seems that... someone has obtained the passwords for the new system and... has changed them."

"And what exactly does that mean?" asked his boss angrily. Mike took a deep breath. "It means that this person now has total control of the bank."

At that moment the doors of the bank miraculously opened again. No one spoke. The silence was broken only by the noise of the clock on the wall. All the staff were waiting for Mr Williams' reaction.

"And tell me, how did this person get the passwords?" asked Mr Williams quietly. "I have no idea," replied Mike. "I always keep the password list in my wallet. No one else has ever seen it. It's a complete mystery."

"No!" shouted Mr Williams. "The mystery is why I gave you a job. First the virus and now this. Well, you can start looking for a new job. You're sacked!" Mike left the bank without a word. He didn't look at anyone. He knew that it was his fault.

Belinda's voice broke the silence. "Oh, Mr Williams, what are we going to do?" Before he could answer, the computer displayed a new message:

E-MAIL ARRIVING FOR HENRY WILLIAMS



chapter two

check your comprehension

3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 • Mr Williams asked Belinda to call *his wife / Mike / Robbie*.
- 2 • The clients in the bank were *angry / worried / happy*.
- 3 • At first Mr Williams thought the problem was *serious / impossible / small*.
- 4 • *Belinda / Mike / Mr Williams* has a copy of all the passwords.
- 5 • Mike thinks he does his job *badly / quite well / very well*.
- 6 • Mr Williams told Mike to *go to his office / leave the bank / find help*.

words

4 Match these words to their definitions.

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1 • escalator | a • the main computer of a system |
| 2 • wallet | b • to close with a key |
| 3 • to lock | c • a person in the bank who gives you money |
| 4 • staff | d • something you can't understand |
| 5 • server | e • you keep your money in it |
| 6 • mystery | f • a person who works with you |
| 7 • cashier | g • all the people who work in a place |
| 8 • colleague | h • stairs that move |

language

5 Rewrite the following adjectives as adverbs.

ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
quiet	<i>quietly</i>
hopeful	
bad	
desperate	
quick	
immediate	
easy	

ADVERBS

Mike smiled *nervously*.
"What does that mean?"
asked his boss *angrily*.

6 Now choose the correct adverb from your list to complete these sentences.

- 1 • Mr Williams came _____ down the stairs.
- 2 • A bank teller spoke _____ to his colleague about the computer virus.
- 3 • Mr Williams thought that Mike could _____ solve the problem.

- 4 • "You can solve the problem, can't you?" he said _____.
- 5 • Mike tried _____ to log on to the computer.
- 6 • When Mike told him the bad news, Mr Williams sacked him _____.
- 7 • The day ended _____ for Mike.

story summary

7 What happened in Chapter 2? Put these pictures in the correct order.



8 Now complete these sentences with the correct verb and match them to a picture in exercise 7.

sacked ran down went off put in mean destroyed

- 1 • The lights _____, leaving the bank in darkness.
- 2 • "You're _____!"
- 3 • Mike went to the main computer and _____ his password.
- 4 • Mr Williams _____ the escalator and into the main area.
- 5 • "That virus _____ most of our files."
- 6 • "And what exactly does that _____?"

At the Bank



INTERNET BANKING
SAFELY



BANKING EASY



Match the words to the things or people in the picture.

- 1 • a clock
- 2 • a poster
- 3 • an elevator

- 4 • a cashier
- 5 • an ATM
- 6 • a customer

Look at the pictures in Chapter 3 and answer the questions.

- 1 • What is Belinda doing in the first picture?
- 2 • How do you think Mr Williams feels?
- 3 • What is the person in the second picture wearing?
- 4 • What is he doing?
- 5 • Why can't we see his face?
- 6 • Do you think we've already met him in the story?

chapter three

Are You Ready to Play, Henry?

Mr Williams turned to the bank staff and said, "Please, continue to work as normal. There is nothing to worry about."

Everyone looked surprised. How could they work without computers? It would be impossible.

No one moved and no one spoke. Mr Williams repeated his message: "Back to work now, please. Our clients will arrive soon and we must be ready."

As his staff slowly began to return to work, the bank manager sat down in front of the server. Belinda stood next to him. Mr Williams looked at the screen.

He was now extremely worried. He hesitated for a moment. Belinda thought he was in difficulty and she wanted to help. "You have to click on the e-mail icon in the corner of the screen," she said.

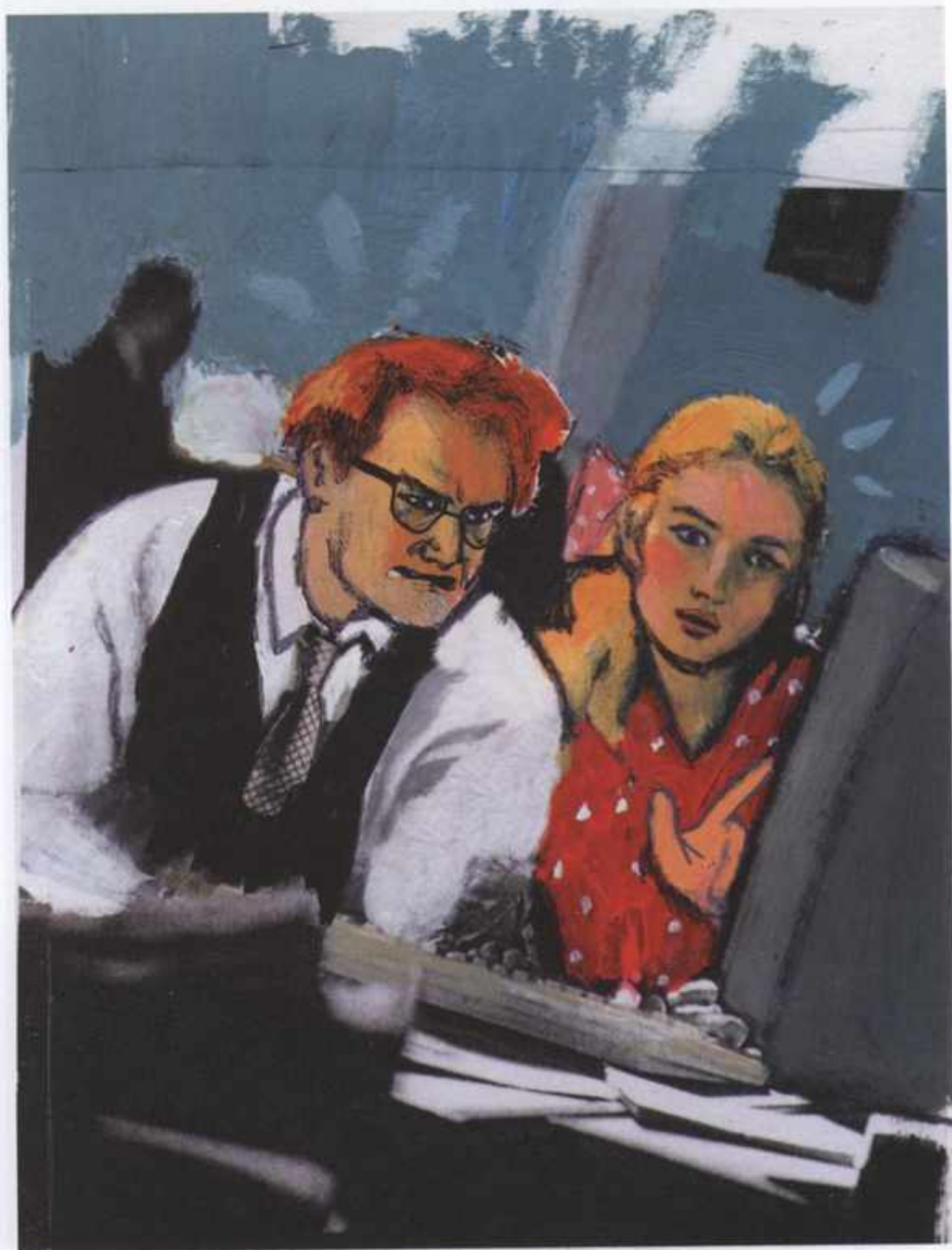
"I know, I know. I'm not completely stupid!" her boss shouted. Some members of staff looked at one another and smiled. Belinda knew Mr Williams well. She knew that when he was angry, as he was now, it was better to say nothing. She watched silently as he clicked on the icon. The mailbox appeared and revealed the subject of the new message:

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY,
HENRY WILLIAMS?

words

2 Match the underlined words to their definitions.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 • “You’ve passed your exams?
That’s <u>great</u> .” | a • rivals |
| 2 • “You don’t have to <u>shout</u> .
I can hear you.” | b • angry |
| 3 • “I’ll <u>definitely</u> call you later.” | c • speak in a loud voice |
| 4 • He has many <u>enemies</u> at work. | d • certainly |
| 5 • “Why did you do that?
I’m really <u>annoyed</u> with you!” | e • fantastic |



Yes, he was ready. He had no idea who had sent the e-mail but he wanted an explanation and an end to this situation. He opened the message and the screen filled with words.

HELLO HENRY!

HOW ARE YOU TODAY? HAPPY? OR MAYBE WORRIED?

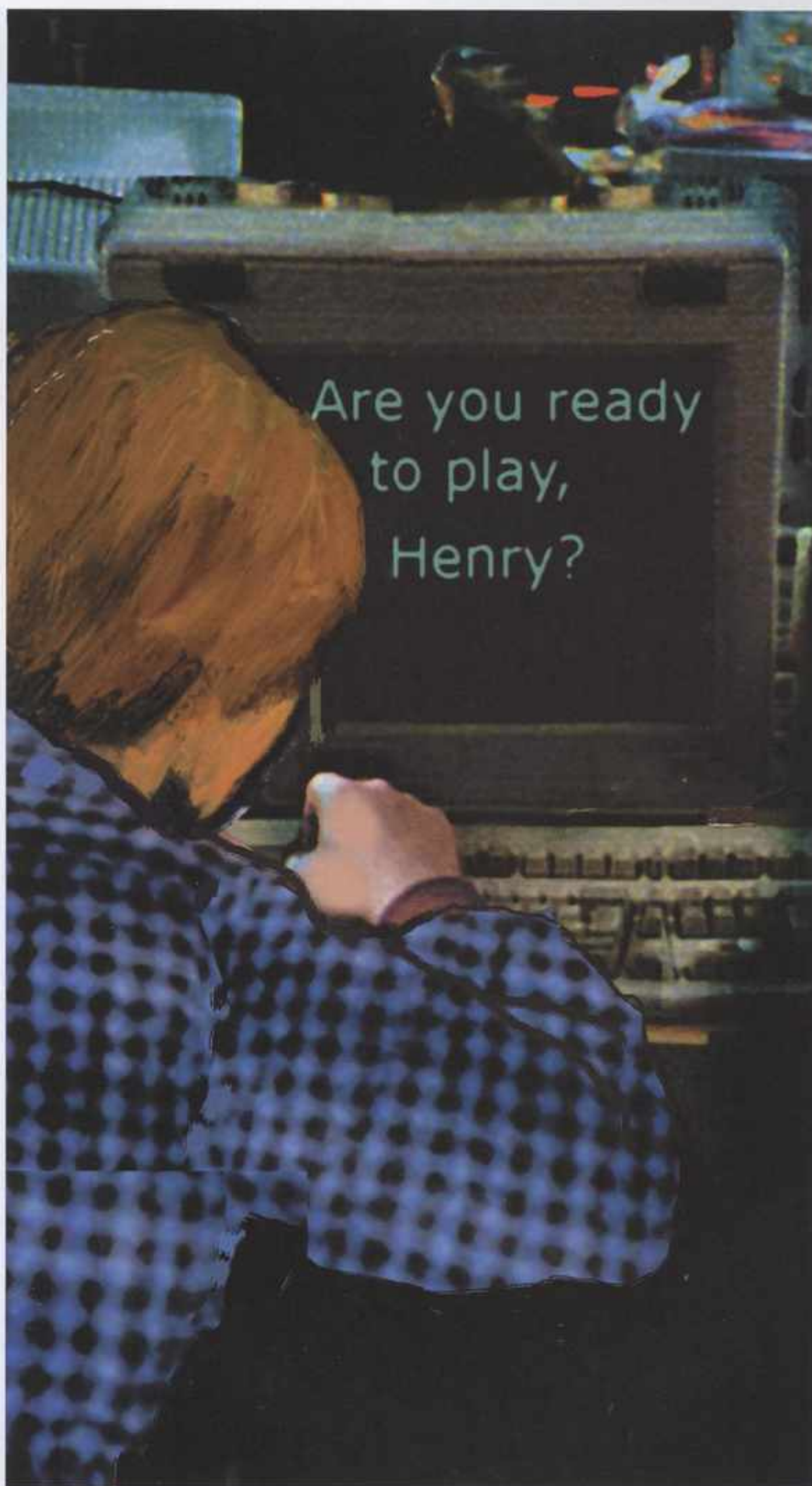
OR EVEN ANGRY! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A LONG TIME BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT I AM VERY, VERY ANNOYED WITH YOU.

YOU ARE NOT MY FAVORITE PERSON. HOW MANY ENEMIES DO YOU HAVE? AT LEAST ONE – ME! I AM GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO ME BEFORE. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE ENTERED YOUR NEW AND SECURE (HA! HA!)

COMPUTER SYSTEM AND GUESS WHAT? IT'S MY SYSTEM NOW. IT WAS SO EASY TO DISCOVER THE PASSWORDS. YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL, HENRY. YOU DON'T MIND IF I CALL YOU HENRY, DO YOU?

Mr Williams was definitely angry now, and confused. He asked Belinda, "Who is this person? What does he want? Or maybe it's a woman? Why is he (or she) angry? I'm an honest and respectable man and people like me – well, most people. Isn't that true, Belinda?" He turned to look at Belinda, hoping that she would give him the answer he wanted to hear, but she wasn't listening. She was reading the rest of the message as it appeared...

I HAVE CHANGED ALL THE PASSWORDS SO NOW I CONTROL EVERYTHING IN YOUR BANK. BE NICE TO ME OR I WILL LOCK THE DOOR AGAIN – OR PERHAPS I'LL DO SOMETHING MUCH WORSE! BUT DON'T BE AFRAID; I KNOW THAT YOU'RE AN INTELLIGENT (HA! HA!) MAN, HENRY, SO I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR PRECIOUS BANK. WE ARE GOING TO PLAY A GAME. IF YOU WIN, THE BANK WILL BE SAVED. IF YOU LOSE... THE BANK WILL BE DESTROYED! DO YOU LIKE MY IDEA? I THINK IT'S GREAT! IT MEANS THAT THE FATE OF THE BANK, YOUR BANK, IS IN YOUR OWN HANDS. SO, HENRY, MY FRIEND... ARE YOU READY TO PLAY?



chapter three

check your comprehension

3 Answer these questions.

- 1 • What is the subject of the first e-mail from the hacker?
- 2 • Why is it impossible for the bank tellers to work?
- 3 • Why did Belinda try to help her boss?
- 4 • Do you think the hacker knows Mr Williams? Why/why not?
- 5 • How did the hacker get control of the computer system?
- 6 • How can Mr Williams save the bank?

words

- 4 Find twelve key words from Chapter 3 in this computer virus worm.
(The last letter of a word is the first letter of the next word.
Example: STAFFATE = STAFF / FATE).



- 5 Now complete these sentences with the correct word from the virus worm.

- 1 • It wasn't difficult for the hacker to _____ the passwords.
- 2 • Henry Williams thinks he's a _____ man.
- 3 • The hacker wants to know how many _____ Mr Williams has.
- 4 • "I want an _____," said Mr Williams.
- 5 • The hacker is going to play a _____ with Henry.
- 6 • The _____ of the bank depends on Mr Williams.

FIRST CONDITIONAL

If you *win*, the bank *will be saved*.

language

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 • If the bank tellers (*start*) _____ work immediately, they (*be*) _____ ready for the clients.
- 2 • If Mr Williams (*click*) _____ on the icon, he (*see*) _____ the hacker's message.
- 3 • The hacker (*not lock*) _____ the door again if Mr Williams (*be*) _____ nice to him.
- 4 • The hacker (*destroy*) _____ the bank if Mr Williams (*lose*) _____ the game.
- 5 • If Henry (*not play*) _____ the hacker (*win*) _____.
- 6 • If the hacker (*change*) _____ the passwords again, the bank tellers (*not have*) _____ access to the computer system.

story summary

7 Complete the story summary with the words below.

icon fate continue hacker mailbox play
entered corner clicked annoyed control idea

Mr Williams asked his staff to _____ to work as normal.

Then he went to the server and looked at the e-mail _____ situated in the _____ of the screen. When he finally _____ on it, the _____ revealed the subject of the first message.

After reading the message Mr Williams understands that the _____ knows him and that he seems to be really _____ with the bank manager.

The hacker has _____ the computer system and he now has _____ of the bank.

Mr Williams, on the other hand, has no _____ who the hacker is. The two men are going to _____ a game to decide the _____ of the bank.

1 Put these events from the first three chapters in order.

- a • Mr Williams sacked Mike.
- b • A virus sent by e-mail corrupted the computer files.
- c • The door of the bank locked automatically.
- d • Mr Williams was dreaming of his holiday in the Caribbean.
- e • An e-mail from a mystery person arrived.
- f • The computers of the bank crashed.
- g • The mystery person tells Mr Williams he must win a game to save his bank.

chapter four

Don't Call the Police!

It was very noisy in the bank. Clients were arriving and the staff had to tell them that there was a problem with the computers. Some clients left immediately, some were angry and began to shout, others wanted to see the manager.

But Mr Williams had no time to speak to anyone. He had a problem too. A big problem. Two members of his staff had moved the server to his office. It was much quieter in there and he could think without anyone disturbing him.

Belinda was sitting next to him. She was beginning to panic and when she felt like that she couldn't stop talking.

"What a horrible man. I'm sure it's a man. He's so evil. What are you going to do, Mr Williams?"

What a terrible situation! I want to help you but I just don't know what to do. Shall we call the police? I'm sure..."

Mr Williams couldn't concentrate. His secretary was talking faster and faster.

"Belinda, why don't you go and make me a nice cup of tea?"

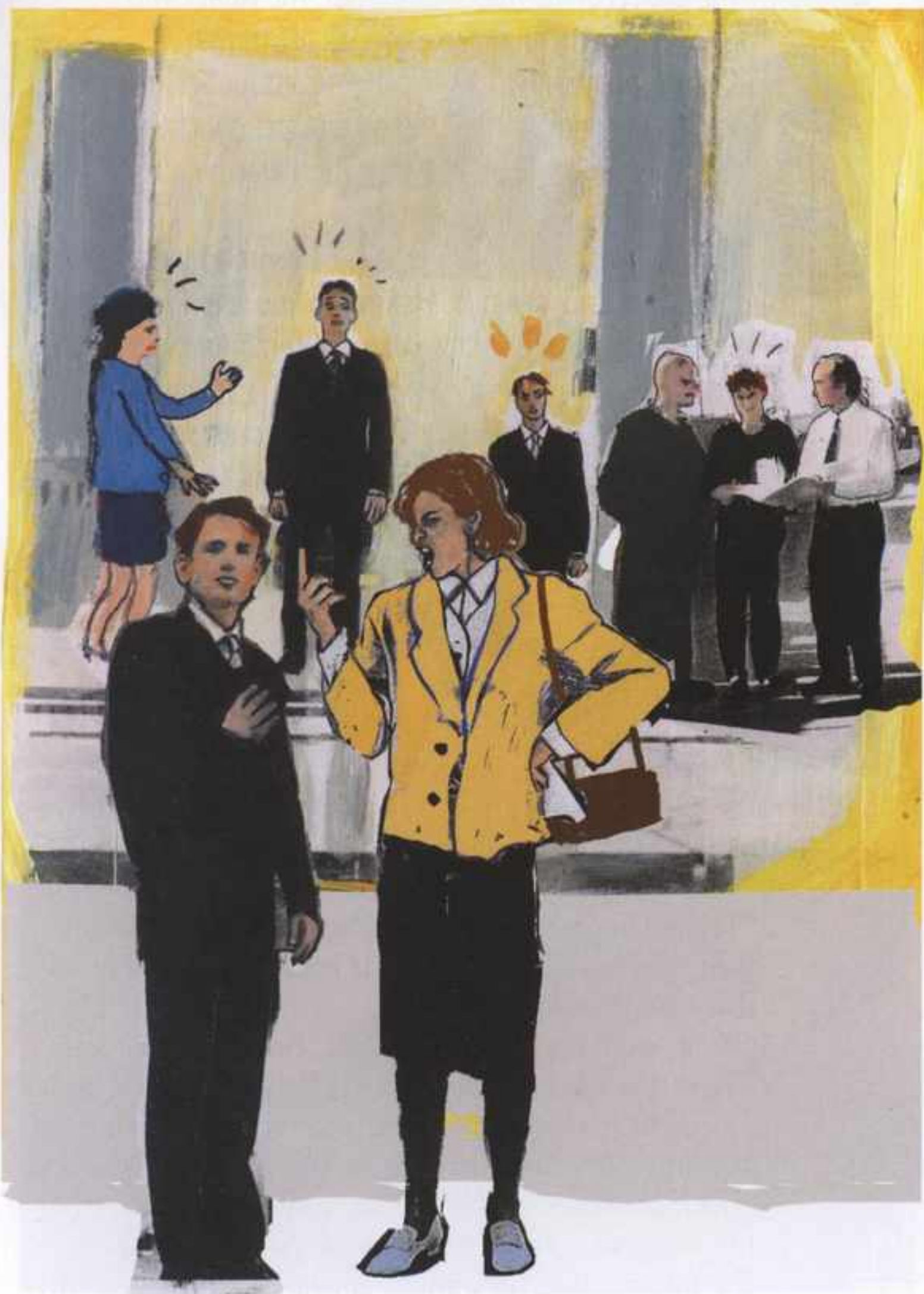
Belinda smiled brightly and went out of the office. A nice cup of tea was the solution to all problems in her opinion.

So, undisturbed, Mr Williams was able to read the final part of the mysterious e-mail.

words

2 Match these verbs to their definitions.

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1 • to move | a • to be no longer visible |
| 2 • to improve | b • to verify something |
| 3 • to disappear | c • to change the position of something |
| 4 • to fail | d • to get better |
| 5 • to empty | e • to remove all objects from a container |
| 6 • to check | f • to not be able to complete a task |



THIS IS THE GAME: I WILL SEND YOU THREE PUZZLES, ONE AT A TIME. YOU MUST SOLVE THESE PUZZLES IN JUST 24 HOURS. THAT'S PLENTY OF TIME FOR AN INTELLIGENT MAN LIKE YOU, HENRY. YOU'LL PROBABLY NEED TO BE A COMPUTER EXPERT TO SOLVE THEM, BUT YOU USE COMPUTERS EVERY DAY, DON'T YOU? (HA! HA!) IF YOU FAIL TO SOLVE ALL THREE PUZZLES, I WILL EMPTY EVERY BANK ACCOUNT IN YOUR BANK FROM THE SMALLEST TO THE LARGEST. ALL THE MONEY WILL DISAPPEAR AND YOUR BANK WILL BE DESTROYED.

ONE FINAL THING – DON'T CALL THE POLICE. THAT WOULD BE VERY STUPID. IF YOU CALL THE POLICE, I WILL KNOW. REMEMBER THAT I CAN DESTROY YOUR BANK IN A FEW SECONDS. DON'T RISK IT, HENRY.

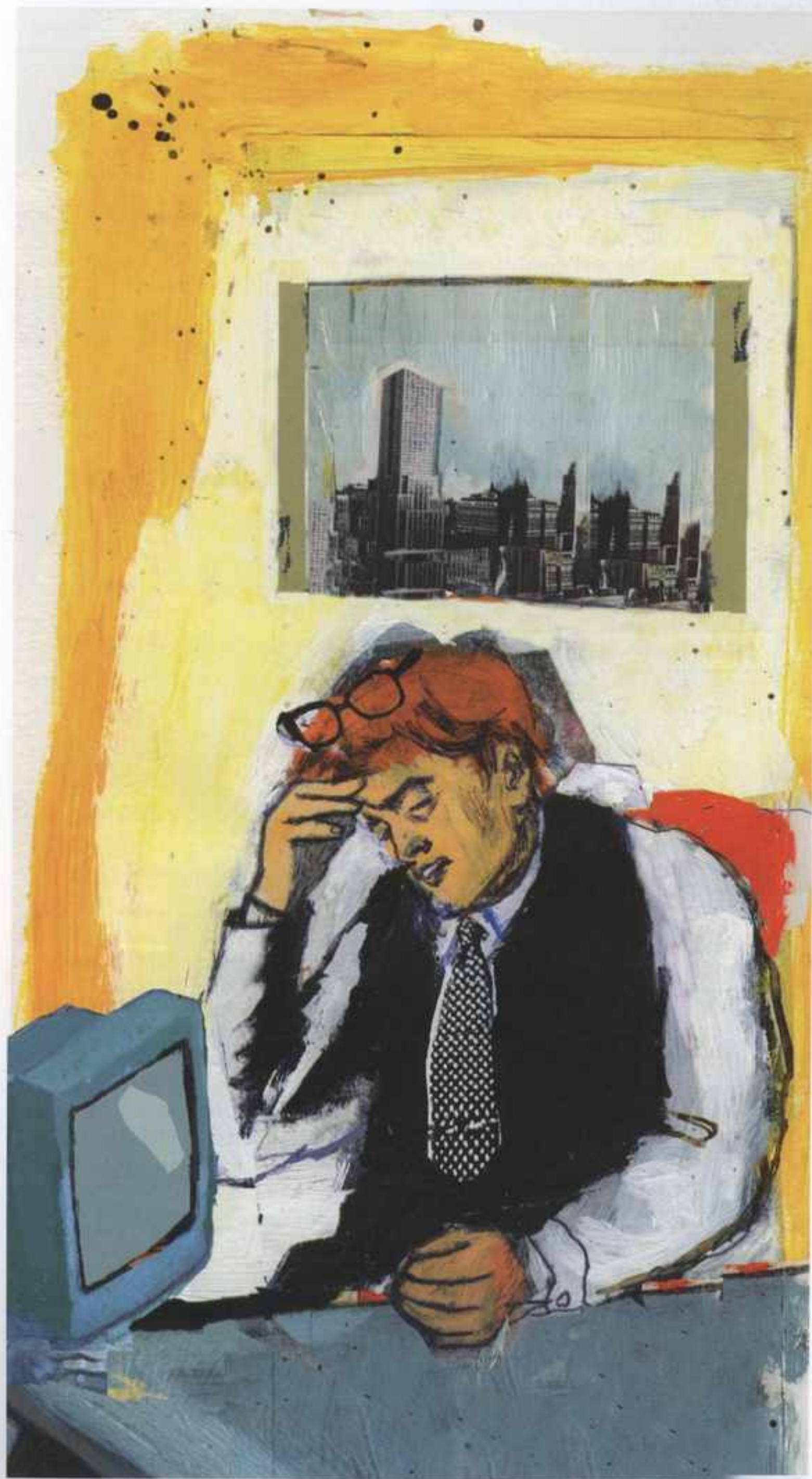
DO YOU THINK THIS IS ALL A JOKE? I WANT TO SHOW YOU THAT I AM VERY SERIOUS. HENRY, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE IN YOUR BANK ACCOUNT? ARE YOU SURE? WHY DON'T YOU CHECK? I THINK YOU'LL BE SURPRISED! NOW I AM GOING TO GIVE YOUR STAFF ACCESS TO THE COMPUTERS SO THE BANK CAN FUNCTION AS NORMAL. YOU SEE, I'M NOT SO EVIL. BUT REMEMBER THAT I CAN SWITCH OFF THE COMPUTERS OR CHANGE ANYTHING AT ANY TIME. BYE FOR NOW, BUT DON'T WORRY... I'LL BE BACK SOON.

Mr Williams sat back in his chair. He had a bad headache. Things were not improving.

He was thinking about what to do when he heard shouts of joy coming from the bank staff downstairs. The door opened and Belinda came in with the tea. "The computers are working again, Mr Williams. Isn't that wonderful? Everything is back to normal. Maybe the e-mail was just a joke."

"Well, we'll know in a moment, Belinda," he replied. There were two things that Mr Williams could do on a computer – use e-mail and access his own bank account. Why did the mystery hacker tell him to check his account? He put in his password and then his account number and waited. After a few seconds the information he wanted appeared on the screen...

Don't Call the Police!



chapter four

check your comprehension

3 Match the beginning of each sentence to the correct ending.

- 1 • Some clients were so angry that...
 - 2 • Mr Williams asked his secretary to...
 - 3 • Mr Williams has only 24 hours to...
 - 4 • The hacker will destroy the bank if...
 - 5 • The hacker says that Mr Williams should...
 - 6 • Belinda informs her boss that...
 - 7 • Mr Williams put in his account number...
- a • ... Mr Williams calls the police.
 - b • ... they wanted to speak to Mr Williams.
 - c • ... and waited for the information to appear.
 - d • ... solve the three puzzles.
 - e • ... make him a cup of tea.
 - f • ... the computers are functioning again.
 - g • ... check his bank account.

pictures

4 Answer the questions.

- 1 • Why isn't Mr Williams in the first picture?
- 2 • What is the mood of the clients?
- 3 • In the second picture, how is the bank manager's desk different from the picture in Chapter 1?
- 4 • How do you think Mr Williams feels in the second picture?

language

5 Complete these sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in parentheses.

PAST CONTINUOUS V. PAST SIMPLE

He *was thinking* about what to do when he *heard* shouts of joy.

- 1 • The bank tellers (*explain*) _____ the situation to the clients when Mr Williams (*go*) _____ to his office.
- 2 • Belinda (*talk*) _____ when Mr Williams (*ask*) _____ her to make a cup of tea.
- 3 • While she (*make*) _____ the tea, the computers (*start*) _____ to work again.
- 4 • Henry's headache (*start*) _____ while he (*read*) _____ the message.
- 5 • The bank tellers (*work*) _____ when Mr Williams (*check*) _____ his bank account.

words

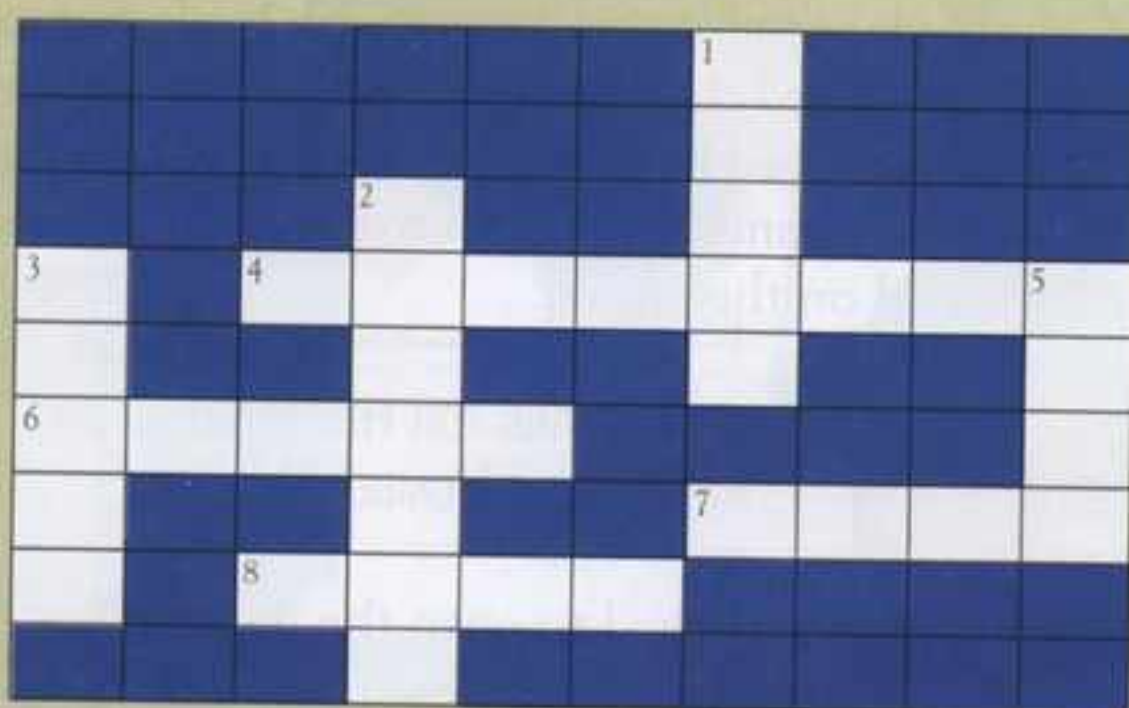
6 Complete the crossword with words from Chapter 4.

Across

- 4 • Mr Williams has a bad _____.
- 6 • The hacker says he will _____ all the bank accounts if Mr Williams loses the game.
- 7 • Mr Williams mustn't _____ to solve the puzzles.
- 8 • Is the hacker serious or is it all just a _____?

Down

- 1 • The _____ thing the hacker says to Mr Williams is "Don't call the police!"
- 2 • The hacker is planning to _____ the bank.
- 3 • The hacker thinks that Henry should _____ his bank account.
- 5 • Belinda thinks the hacker is an _____ man.



story summary

7 Rewrite this summary with the correct information.

Mr Williams spoke to the clients in the bank who were extremely happy. He went to his office where it was very noisy. Belinda was sitting next to Mr Williams when she told him that she thought the hacker was a good man. She also said that she knew what to do to resolve the problem. The hacker is going to send Mr Williams four puzzles and he has to solve them in 12 hours. If he wins, the hacker will destroy the bank. Mr Williams wanted to close his bank account so he put in his password and his address. The information he wanted appeared on the screen after a long time.

1 Match the adjectives to the pictures.

- 1 • angry
- 2 • sad
- 3 • happy
- 4 • surprised
- 5 • afraid

a

:- (

b

> - (

c

> :- C

d

< :- 0

e

:-)

chapter five

Puzzle Number One

Mr Williams stared at the computer screen, horrified. His bank account was empty! The bank manager quickly closed the page but Belinda had already seen it. She dropped her cup of tea and began to cry. Before Henry Williams could say a word, another message appeared on the screen.

E-MAIL ARRIVING FOR HENRY WILLIAMS PUZZLE NUMBER ONE

Mr Williams clicked to open the message and looked at the first puzzle. There were just a few words and lots of strange symbols and abbreviations.

It's 9.15 AND TIME TO PLAY!

WU HENRY? I C THAT UR :- (Y?

U CAN'T C ME UR :- (BUT I AM > - (

IMO U R > :- C OR PRHPS < :- 0

TAFN I'LL BBL

EOM HAND (LOL)

HENRY, DO YOU LIKE THE FIRST PUZZLE? ISN'T IT COOL?

COOL AND WICKED. THE CLOCK HAS STARTED TO TICK.

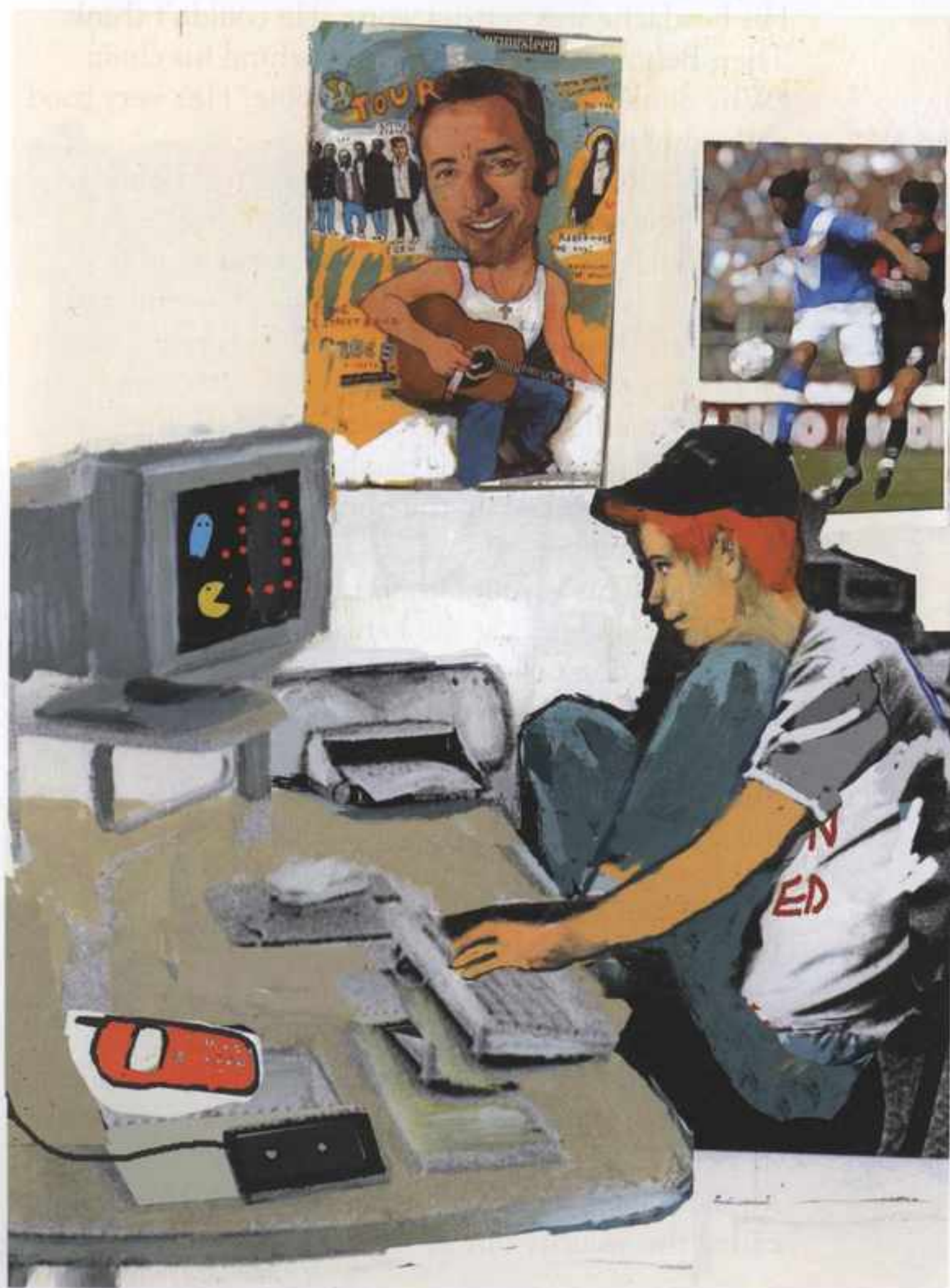
HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!

BFN :-)

2 The numbers and letters in the first column are often used as abbreviations of the words in the second column.
Can you match them?

1 • Y
2 • 4
3 • R
4 • C
5 • B
6 • U
7 • 2

a • see
b • you
c • for
d • why?
e • are
f • to
g • be



Mr Williams didn't understand anything. He looked at Belinda, who was still crying.

"Belinda, please, stop crying for just one minute and call Mike. Tell him to come here at once. We need his help."

She looked at him in amazement and replied, "But Mr Williams, you sacked Mike about an hour ago. Don't you remember?"

Yes, now he did remember. There was no one to help him.

His headache was getting worse. He couldn't think. Then Belinda's voice came from behind his chair.

"Why don't you call your son, Robbie? He's very good with computers, isn't he?"

Mr Williams got up and hugged her. "Yes! Belinda, you're fantastic. Why didn't I think of that?"

It was a school holiday so Robbie would be in his bedroom, playing on the computer and listening to music but definitely not studying. It was rare to see an open textbook in that bedroom. There were two things Mr Williams always associated with his son – his mobile phone and his baseball cap.

Mr Williams picked up the phone and dialled his home number.

"Robbie? This is your father. Listen, I have a problem with the computers at the bank. Can you come and help me? I don't care if you're fighting Lara Croft. This is really important. Come as soon as possible please. Thank you."

Mr Williams put down the phone and smiled. "That was a great idea of yours, Belinda. Robbie's a teenager so I'm sure he'll understand all the strange symbols and abbreviations in the puzzle."

Belinda blushed. "If I could make another suggestion, Mr Williams? I think you can see where the e-mail came from. Look at the top of the page."

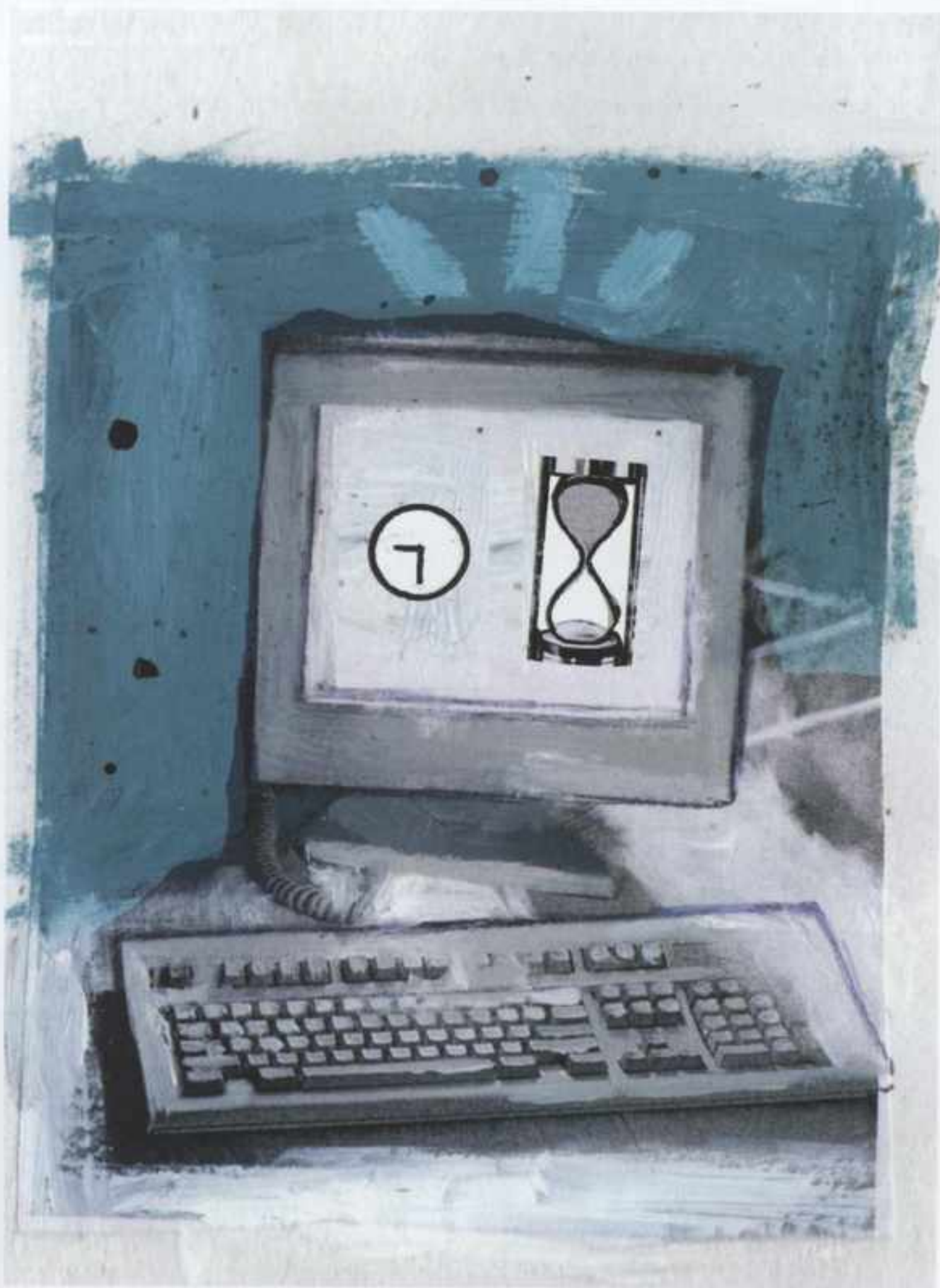
She was right. "Well done again, Belinda! It was sent from the local library. So, our mystery hacker thinks he's clever, does he?"

Mr Williams picked up the phone again. This time he called the security office.

He explained the situation and told the head of security to send two guards to the library to find and arrest the hacker.

He was feeling a little bit better and Belinda had stopped crying. Then he noticed something appear on the computer screen. It was a clock icon and an hourglass. Fifteen minutes had already passed and the sand was falling.

The countdown had begun...



check your comprehension

3 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 • There is a little money in Mr Williams' bank account. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 • Mr Williams understood the first line of the puzzle. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 • He forgot that he had sacked Mike Black. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 • Robbie wasn't at school that day. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 • Robbie spends a lot of his time studying. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 • Belinda made two good suggestions to Mr Williams. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 • The hacker's e-mail came from a school. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 • Now Mr Williams has only 23 hours to solve the puzzles. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Now rewrite the false sentences.

words

4 Can you write out this "abbreviated" message?

- 1 • Y R U > - (with me? _____
- 2 • R U free 4 lunch at 1? _____
- 3 • Yes? I'm so : -) _____
- 4 • C U 2morrow _____

5 Match these words to their definitions.

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1 • to blush | a • to give an answer |
| 2 • to tick | b • to be fantastic |
| 3 • to dial | c • to produce a sound similar to that of a clock |
| 4 • to reply | d • to let something fall from your hand |
| 5 • to drop | e • to become red in the face |
| 6 • to be cool | f • to select a telephone number |

language

6 Use these conjunctions to complete the sentences.

CONJUNCTIONS

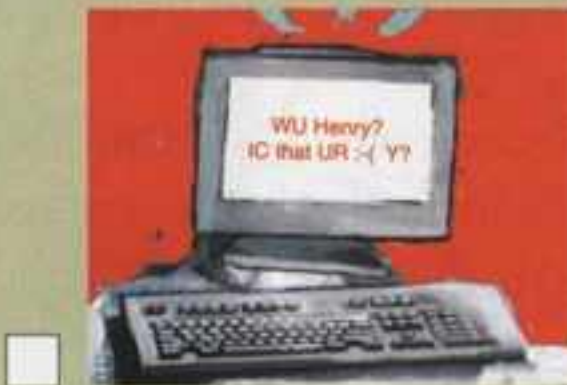
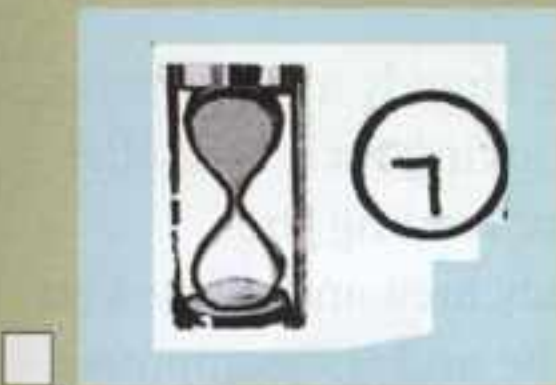
Mr Williams quickly closed the page *but* Belinda had already seen it.*but before while if after because so and*

- 1 • Mr Williams didn't understand the puzzle _____ there were only a few words in it.
- 2 • "Mike could help us _____ you sacked him this morning," said Belinda.

- 3 • Belinda was crying _____ Mr Williams was reading the message.
- 4 • The hourglass appeared on the screen _____ the first puzzle had arrived.
- 5 • Mr Williams phoned his son _____ asked him to come to the bank.
- 6 • It was a school holiday _____ Robbie was at home.
- 7 • Mr Williams was feeling better _____ he saw the hourglass and the clock.
- 8 • The security guards can arrest the hacker _____ they go to the library immediately.

story summary

7 Put these things from the story in Chapter 5 in the correct order.



8 Now complete these sentences with a suitable word from Chapter 5 and match them to a picture in exercise 7.

- 1 • The bank manager's account was _____.
- 2 • The _____ started 15 minutes ago.
- 3 • The puzzle contained _____ symbols and abbreviations.
- 4 • Mr Williams _____ up the phone and called his son.
- 5 • Mr Williams asked Belinda to _____ crying.

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1 Look at the pictures in Chapter 6. Then answer the questions.

- 1 • Who are the men dressed in blue uniforms in the first picture?
- 2 • Why are they in the library?
- 3 • Does the old lady like the men? How do you know?
- 4 • What is happening in the second picture?
- 5 • Do you think the hacker is still in the library?

chapter six

Trouble in the Library

It was only 9.30 but there were already a lot of people inside the library; some were looking for a bestseller on the bookshelves, others were reading the newspapers or books in the study area and a few were using the photocopying machine and the computers. A man was reading the messages on a big notice-board. A mother and her child were going upstairs to the children's section.

A librarian was pushing a trolley of books.

It was very quiet.

In the library anyone who had to speak, spoke quietly. The librarians were there to help anyone who had a problem.

This was the scene when Bill and Ben, the two security guards from the bank, arrived to investigate. They walked to the desk where a librarian was helping an old lady.

"We believe that a criminal has sent an e-mail message from a computer in this library and we want to see the list of people who have used the Internet this morning," said Bill.

The librarian calmly replied, "I'm sorry but I'm busy now. If you would like to wait, I'll be happy to help you as soon as I can."

Ben was not a patient man. "I don't think you understand, madam. We are here to arrest a criminal and we want to do it now!" he shouted.

words

2 Here is a part of the first puzzle. Can you solve it?

1 • I C that U R :- (Y?

2 • U can't C me

3 • U R :- (but I am > - (

4 • U R > :- C or prhps < :- O



The old lady, who was in front of Ben, was angry and she hit both guards with her handbag. "Hey, I was here first! You are very rude men!" she said.

The librarian tried to calm everyone down. She said to the men, "Please don't shout. This is a library. I'm afraid we can only give information about the people who use our library to the police. Are you policemen?"

Bill replied, "No, we're security guards from the bank on London Road and we..."

The librarian interrupted him, "Then I can't help you. Now, will you please leave the library?"

But the men didn't want to leave. Bill had an idea.

"Hey, Ben, maybe the hacker is still using the computer. Let's go and see."

They ran to the computer area and began to question the four people who were using the computers. Now everyone in the library, including the librarians, came to watch.

The guards were shouting and the people at the computers were frightened.

Mr Page, the head librarian, came out of his office to see why there was all this noise in his usually quiet library. The scene he saw shocked him. He walked to the computer area and demanded to know what was happening.

About twenty people answered him at the same time so it was impossible to understand. But he soon realized that the two men dressed in blue uniforms were causing the problem and were disturbing everyone.

He shouted, "You two, get out of my library now!"

And with the help of some people in the library, he pushed them to the door and then out of the library and into the street.

"And don't come back!" yelled the old lady, furiously. All the people in the library were talking about what had just happened.

Nobody noticed a man who was hiding behind the shelves. He was laughing...



check your comprehension

3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 • There were *a few / no / lots of* people in the library.
- 2 • The security guards wanted to see *a list of names / a librarian / a bestseller*.
- 3 • A librarian was helping *a child / a man / a woman*.
- 4 • The librarians can only give information to *relatives / the police / a boss*.
- 5 • Bill and Ben *were quiet / were happy / made a lot of noise*.
- 6 • Mr Page told Bill and Ben *to leave / to be quiet / to read a book*.

characters

4 Which of these adjectives describe Bill and Ben (✓)? Give reasons for your answer.

- ☐ patient
☐ rude
☐ annoyed
☐ frightened

- ☐ noisy
☐ embarrassed
☐ calm
☐ happy

words

5 Solve these anagrams to find key words from Chapter 5.

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 • esapwnpre | n _ _ _ p _ _ _ |
| 2 • larinbiar | _ _ b _ _ r _ _ |
| 3 • bahngad | _ _ _ _ b _ _ |
| 4 • cimilanr | _ r _ _ i _ _ |
| 5 • imronuf | _ n _ _ _ m |
| 6 • regtedhfin | f _ _ _ _ e _ _ |

6 Now choose the correct word from exercise 5 to complete these sentences.

- 1 • Everyone in the library except Mr Page was _____.
- 2 • A _____ put the books on the shelves.
- 3 • The hacker has broken the law; he is a _____.
- 4 • Some people in the library wanted to read a _____.
- 5 • A woman took her library card from her _____.
- 6 • All bank security guards have to wear a _____.

language

INFINITIVE OF PURPOSE

The head librarian came out of his office *to see* why there was a lot of noise.

7 Complete these sentences with a suitable verb.

choose push use find question send

- 1 • The guards went to the library to _____ the hacker.
- 2 • A man was there to _____ the photocopying machine.
- 3 • A mother took her child upstairs to _____ a book.
- 4 • The hacker had gone to the library to _____ an e-mail.
- 5 • Bill and Ben ran to the computers to _____ the people there.
- 6 • Mr Page went to the door to _____ the guards out of the library.

story summary

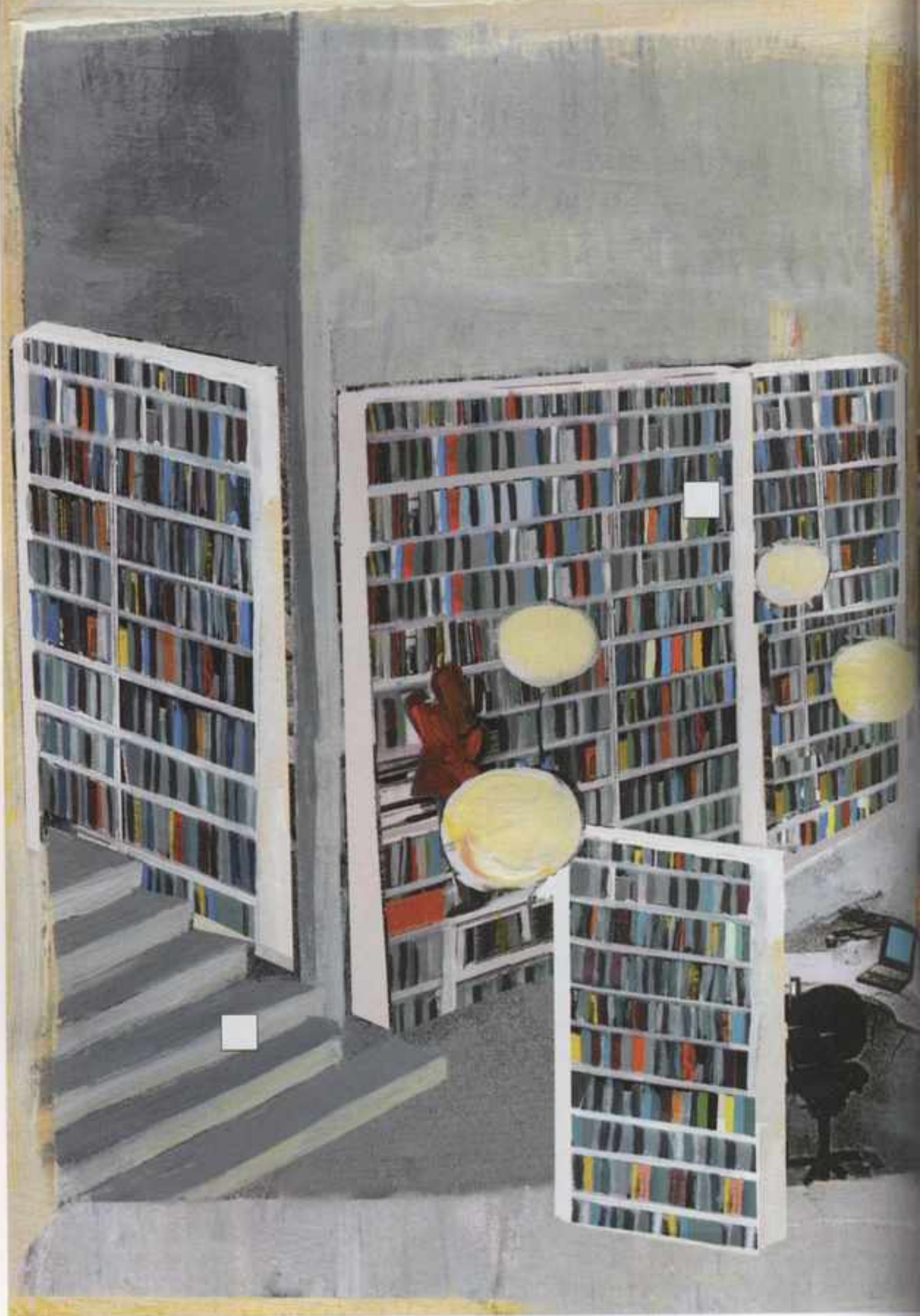
8 Choose the appropriate ending for these sentences from the list below.

- 1 • Mr Page heard the noise and...
 - 2 • The old lady was angry so she...
 - 3 • A strange man was...
 - 4 • The security guards asked...
 - 5 • Mr Page told the security guards, Bill and Ben, ...
 - 6 • A mother took...
 - 7 • The librarian asked Bill and Ben if...
 - 8 • Bill and Ben questioned the people...
-
- a • ... to leave the library immediately.
 - b • ... came out of his office.
 - c • ... who were sitting in the computer area.
 - d • ... her child upstairs.
 - e • ... hit Bill and Ben with her handbag.
 - f • ... they were policemen.
 - g • ... hiding behind the bookshelves.
 - h • ... the librarian for some information.

9 Now summarise the events of Chapter 6 by putting the completed sentences from exercise 8 in the correct order.

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At the Library



Match the words to the things in the picture.

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 • stairs | 4 • bookshelves |
| 2 • a newspaper | 5 • a notice-board |
| 3 • a photocopier | 6 • catalogs |



1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 • Mr Williams can solve the first puzzle.
- 2 • He has called the police.
- 3 • Belinda has a headache.
- 4 • There is a lot of money in Mr Williams' bank account.
- 5 • The hacker has been to the library.
- 6 • The security guards arrested the hacker.

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Now rewrite the false sentences.

chapter seven

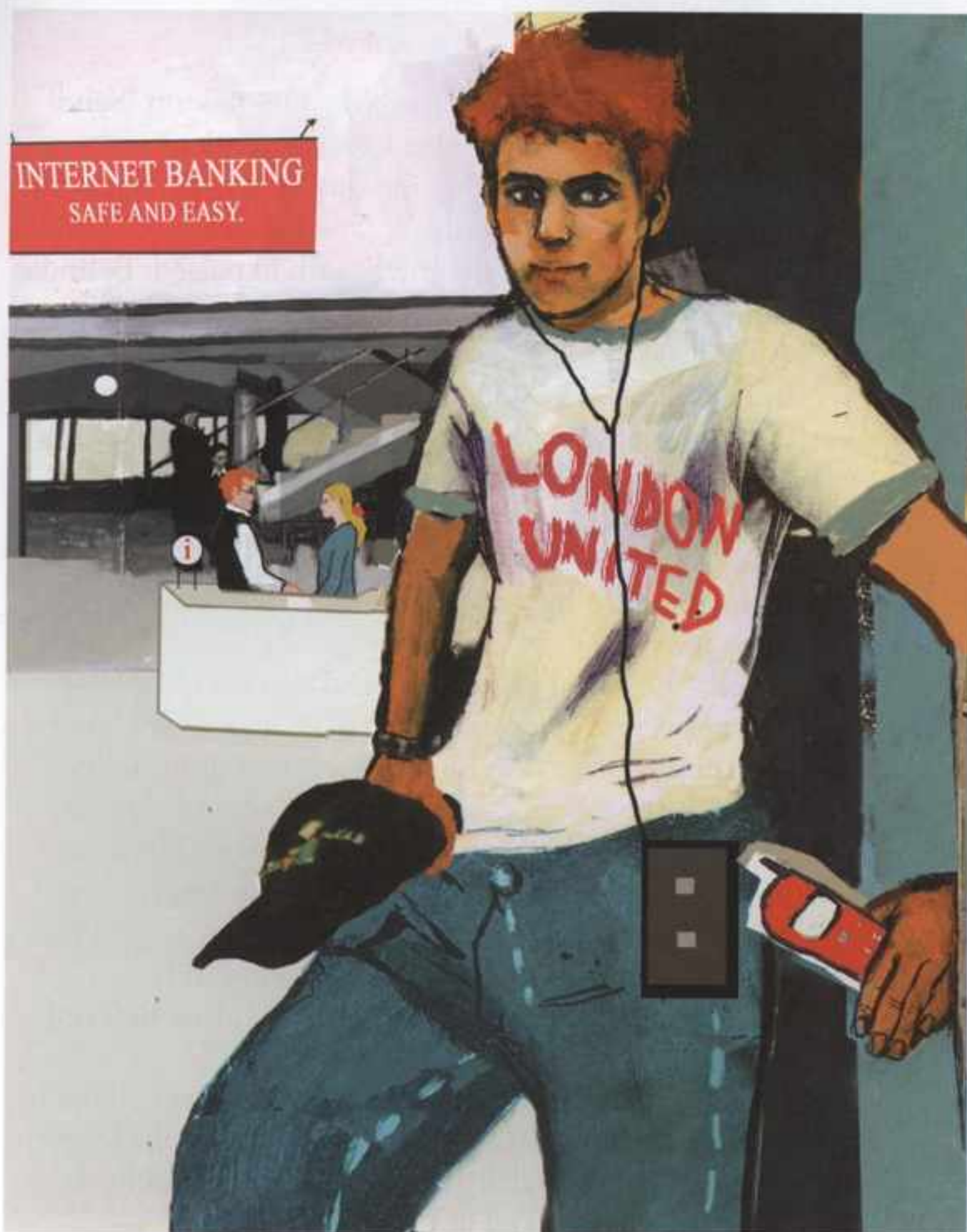
Robbie the Hero

- Robbie Williams arrived at the bank a few minutes after the phone conversation with his father. He wasn't very happy. It was the school holidays and he wanted to go out with his friends but his mother told him at least ten times a day to open a textbook and study. Today he had wanted to buy a new football scarf and a computer game but instead he had to help his father at the bank! He went inside and up the stairs to the office.
 "Hey, Dad, what's up? I have to meet my friends at the shopping centre at lunchtime. I'm going to buy a new computer game. It's wicked. It's called..."
 Mr Williams interrupted his son. "Robbie, please, take those headphones off and listen to me." He quickly explained the problem of the hacker. Robbie couldn't believe it.
 "Bad luck, Dad. How can I help?"
 Mr Williams showed him the first puzzle. Robbie gave his father a big smile.
 "Relax, Dad. This is so easy I can do it with my eyes shut! I use these abbreviations every day when I'm in a chat room or when I text my friends on my mobile phone. I'll show you. WU stands for 'What's up?' I C stands for 'I see.' And these symbols are called

pictures

2 Look at the pictures in Chapter 7 and answer the questions.

- 1 • What's Robbie wearing in the first picture?
- 2 • What does he have in his hand?
- 3 • Where is he? Why has he gone there?
- 4 • How does Mr Williams feel in the second picture?
- 5 • Why does he feel this way?
- 6 • Is Robbie happy, sad or angry? Why?



'emoicons.' They look like a face and they express the way you feel. I can easily decode this message for you." Robbie sat down, clicked on the reply icon and wrote out the message:

WHAT'S UP HENRY? I SEE YOU ARE SAD. WHY?
 YOU CAN'T SEE ME. YOU ARE SAD BUT I AM ANGRY.
 IN MY OPINION YOU ARE SURPRISED OR PERHAPS AFRAID.
 THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. I'LL BE BACK LATER.
 END OF MESSAGE HAVE A NICE DAY (LAUGHING OUT LOUD)
 BYE FOR NOW!

"See? I told you it was easy. Now I'll click on 'Send' and the message will go back to the sender."

Mr Williams thanked his son and slowly he began to relax... but for how long?

- It was now 10.15. Only one hour had passed. Belinda came into the office and said to her boss, "The ATM is working again..." Mr Williams smiled. "But," she added quickly, "it's giving the customers too much money..."

Mr Williams fell back into his chair. Why was life so difficult?

The security guards Bill and Ben knocked at the door and came into his office. Did they have some good news for him?

"Well?" he asked hopefully. "Did you find him?"

Bill answered, "Not exactly, Mr Williams. We tried but the people at the library were very unfriendly."

"Yes," added Ben. "They didn't want to help us and in the end they asked us to leave. There was an old lady who..." Mr Williams was angry. "I'm not interested in the old lady. You obviously didn't catch the hacker. You are both completely incompetent. Now go back to your office before I sack you."

His headache had returned, worse than ever. Then his son said, "Dad, look. There's another message from the hacker." He looked at Robbie and then at Belinda. Then they all looked at the screen...



check your comprehension

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 • Why didn't Robbie want to go to the bank?
- 2 • Why does he know all the symbols and abbreviations in the puzzle?
- 3 • What does WU stand for?
- 4 • What are "emoticons"?
- 5 • Why do you think they are called "emoticons"?
- 6 • How many of the 24 hours have passed?
- 7 • Why is the ATM still a problem?
- 8 • Why isn't Mr Williams happy to see Bill and Ben?

words

- 4 The abbreviation EOM appears in this chapter. It means "end of message." What do these chat room and mobile phone text messages mean?

- | | |
|----------|------------------------|
| 1 • OTOH | a • in other words |
| 2 • TBC | b • see you later |
| 3 • B4 | c • on the other hand |
| 4 • GR8 | d • no problem |
| 5 • IOW | e • no reply necessary |
| 6 • NRN | f • to be continued |
| 7 • ISTM | g • before |
| 8 • CUL | h • face to face |
| 9 • F2F | i • it seems to me |
| 10 • NP | j • great |

- 5 Now write the abbreviations from exercise 4 next to their definitions.

2. TBC	a. not finished
	b. you don't need to answer
	c. a way to end a conversation
	d. in person
	e. fantastic
	f. don't worry
	g. earlier
	h. in my opinion
	i. the same idea expressed in a different way
	j. in contrast

language

THE FUTURE – GOING TO V. WILL

*I'm going to buy a new computer game.
I will show you.*

- 6 Complete this conversation between Mr Williams, Robbie and Belinda.
Choose a suitable verb and use *going to* or *will*.

ask meet solve phone cook help

- ROBBIE: Dad, I can't stay long. I _____ my friends in the city centre.
- MR WILLIAMS: Robbie, a hacker has entered our computer system.
- ROBBIE: Really? Don't worry. I _____ you.
- MR WILLIAMS: Look at the message. It's impossible to understand.
- ROBBIE: No problem. I _____ it in a few minutes.
- MR WILLIAMS: Belinda, can you work late tonight?
- BELINDA: Sorry, I can't. I _____ dinner for my boyfriend.
- MR WILLIAMS: OK. Bill and Ben phoned to say they've come back from the library so I _____ them about the hacker.
- ROBBIE: Dad, Mum doesn't know I'm here with you.
- MR WILLIAMS: OK, I _____ her now.

story summary

- 7 Mr Williams has just phoned his wife and told her what has happened. Complete what he said to her using the words below.

*failed friends too showed relax send
abbreviations work text found chat phoned*

"... Yes, Matilda, I _____ Robbie and asked him to come to the bank. He had to cancel his appointment with his _____ because he's still here with me. Yes, he understood the _____ because he uses them to send _____ messages to his friends on his mobile phone or when he is in a _____ room on the Internet.

Anyway, he _____ the solution very quickly and then he _____ me how to _____ the message back to the hacker. However, I'm finding it difficult to _____ because there are other problems here. Well, the ATM still doesn't _____; now it gives _____ much money to everyone and the security guards _____ to catch the hacker this morning. So you see..."

- 1 Look at the pictures in Chapter 8. How many differences can you find between the first and the second pictures?

chapter eight

My Name is Trentine

HELLO HENRY,
 WELL, THAT WAS AN EASY PUZZLE. I IMAGINE SOMEONE
 HELPED YOU – YOUR SON ROBBIE PERHAPS? HE'S
 INTELLIGENT BUT YOUR SECURITY GUARDS ARE REALLY STUPID.
 THEY DIDN'T SEE ME AT THE LIBRARY BUT I SAW THEM!
 NEVER MIND! MAYBE THEY'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME...
 HERE'S YOUR SECOND PUZZLE – IMPOSSIBLE, I THINK.
 HAVE FUN!
 BFN

PUZZLE NUMBER TWO
 MY NAME IS TRENTINE – I AM POWER AND KNOWLEDGE
 THESE ARE MY FRIENDS:
 BERROWS LIMEA RODLW EDIW BEW THAC MORO FRUS

Henry Williams wasn't very worried. He had his secret weapon – Robbie!

"You can solve this puzzle too, can't you, Robbie?"
 he asked. Then he saw his son's face.

"Dad, I'm really sorry but I don't understand it. But,
 look – the hacker sent it from the Internet Café in
 the city centre." Belinda was crying again.

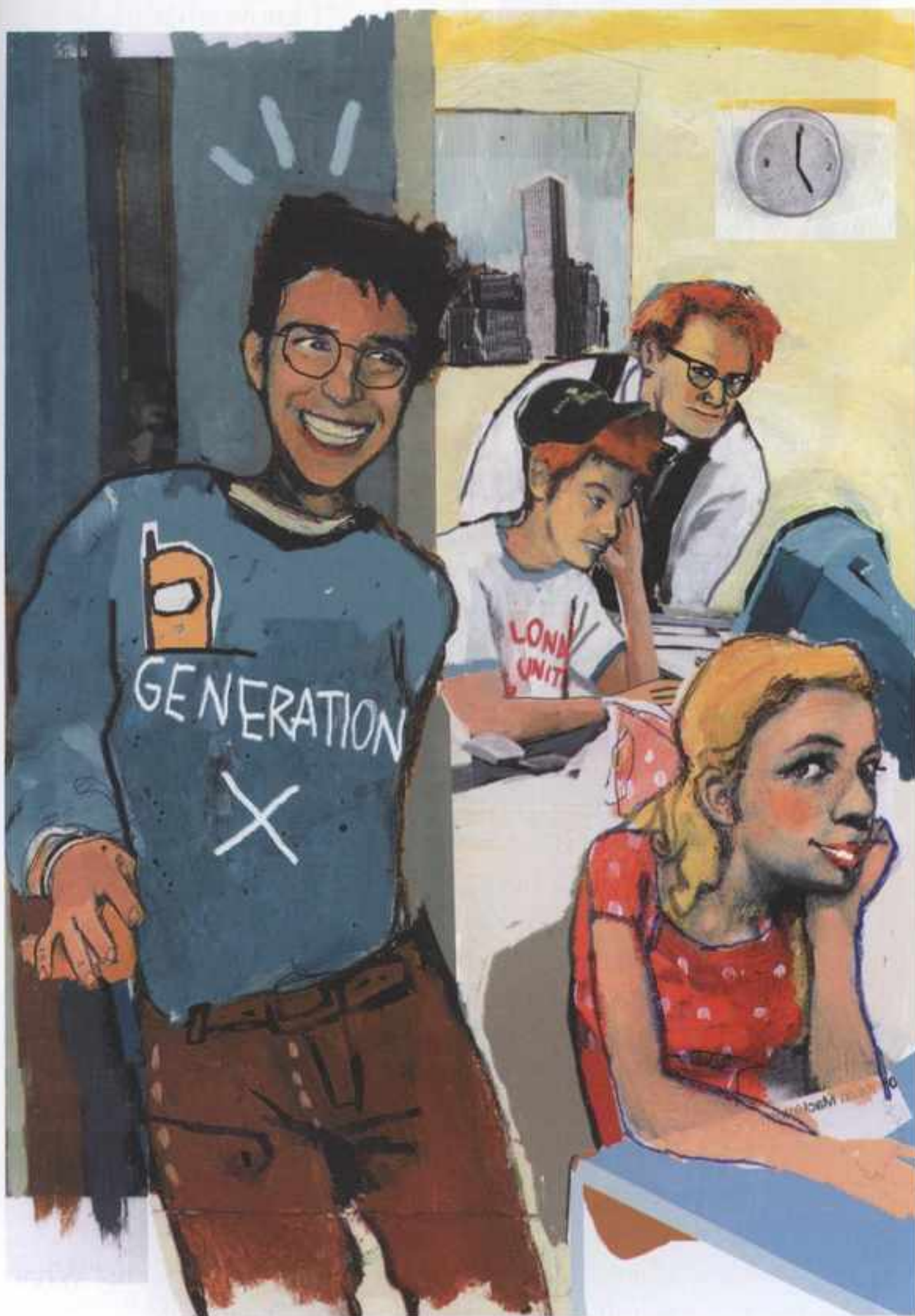
Mr Williams phoned the security office for the second
 time that day and told Bill and Ben to go to the
 Internet Café to find the hacker. As soon as he put
 down the phone, a bank teller came into his office
 with more bad news.

"A customer has just told me that the bank's website

words

- 2 Write a list of all the words you know that are associated with the Internet.

Examples: *surfing, log on...*



is advertising a special offer – a credit card with 0% interest. Is it true?” he asked.

“Of course it isn’t!” yelled Mr Williams. “Don’t give any new credit cards to any of our customers! Now go back to work!” The teller disappeared.

The minutes became hours and Mr Williams became more and more agitated. Robbie continued to look at the puzzle perplexed, and Belinda continued to cry. Suddenly Robbie had an idea. “I know what to do!” he shouted.

His father jumped up. “Have you solved the puzzle?” he asked.

“No, but I bet my friend Joe can help us. I’ll send him a text message on his mobile.”

Mr Williams sat down again while Robbie sent the message.

COME TO BANK NOW. ROB

When Joe arrived it was already 5 o’clock. “What’s up, Robbie?” he asked. Then he saw Belinda, who smiled at him. He smiled back. Wow! She was beautiful! He immediately fell in love with her.

“Joe, listen to me,” said Robbie. He explained about the hacker and showed Joe the second puzzle. Joe didn’t want to take his eyes off Belinda but he had to look at the computer screen. Mr Williams was beginning to panic. “Hurry, boys. There isn’t much time left.”

“Take it easy, Mr W. We can solve this. Come on, Robbie. Let’s do it.”

After four long hours they solved the puzzle. “So, who is Trentine?” asked Mr Williams.

“The Internet,” replied Joe.

“Of course,” said Robbie. “And the friends are all words connected with the Internet – browser, e-mail, world wide web, chat room and...”

“Surf,” said Belinda happily.

Joe looked at her. “Belinda, you are so cool. You’re the perfect girl for me,” he said as he clicked on the “Send” icon.

Mr Williams looked at them and said to himself: “What are they talking about? I think I’m getting old.”

It was nine o'clock. The hourglass was half-empty but they had solved the puzzle in time.

Mr Williams was very relieved. The situation was improving at last. At that moment the telephone rang. When Mr Williams answered he heard a voice say: "Good evening. This is the police..."



chapter eight

check your comprehension

3 Match the beginning of each sentence to the correct ending.

- 1 • Robbie is more intelligent...
 - 2 • The hacker was in the library but...
 - 3 • Mr Williams thought that Robbie...
 - 4 • The second puzzle came from...
 - 5 • Robbie is sure that his friend Joe...
 - 6 • As soon as Joe arrived he...
 - 7 • The words in the second puzzle are...
 - 8 • At 9 o'clock Mr Williams...
- a • ... can help them.
 - b • ... received an unexpected phone call.
 - c • ... than the security guards.
 - d • ... an Internet Café in the city.
 - e • ... associated with the Internet.
 - f • ... Bill and Ben didn't see him.
 - g • ... fell in love with Belinda.
 - h • ... could easily solve the second puzzle.

pictures

4 Answer the questions.

- 1 • Why does Mr Williams look so worried in the first picture?
- 2 • How many hours have passed since the countdown began?
- 3 • Who is the smiling boy?
- 4 • What did you learn about this person in Chapter 8?

words

5 Find ten words from Chapter 8 in the wordsearch.

P	O	W	E	R	S	H	F	P
O	S	S	E	C	O	N	D	A
L	Y	W	T	F	L	K	H	N
I	O	S	L	O	V	E	S	I
C	Z	C	A	M	E	C	J	C
E	B	R	O	W	S	E	R	C
P	D	E	I	O	L	J	N	H
B	I	E	L	M	T	K	Q	A
F	I	N	T	E	R	N	E	T

language

QUESTION TAGS

You can solve the puzzle, *can't you?*

6 Add the correct question tag to complete these questions.

- 1 • Robbie helped you, _____?
- 2 • The guards aren't very intelligent, _____?
- 3 • The second puzzle is really difficult, _____?
- 4 • Robbie can't solve the puzzle, _____?
- 5 • Belinda was crying again, _____?
- 6 • Mr Williams thinks he's old, _____?
- 7 • Joe will help them, _____?
- 8 • They haven't got much time, _____?

COMPARATIVES

Mr Williams became *more and more agitated*.

Belinda spoke *faster and faster*.

7 Complete these sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives and adverbs below.

happy hard fast difficult worried beautiful

- 1 • The puzzles are getting _____.
- 2 • Time is passing _____.
- 3 • In Joe's opinion, Belinda is becoming _____.
- 4 • They are all becoming _____.
- 5 • Joe and Robbie work _____ to solve the puzzle.
- 6 • As the day continued Belinda stopped crying and became _____.

beyond the story

8 Think about the role of the Internet in your life and answer these questions.

- 1 • How often do you use the Internet?
- 2 • In what ways is the Internet useful for you?
- 3 • What are the most interesting things you can find on the Internet?
- 4 • In your opinion, are there any negative aspects of the Internet?

1 Put these sentences in the correct order.

- a • Joe fell in love with Belinda.
- b • Robbie solved the first puzzle.
- c • The security guards went to the Internet Café.
- d • The police phoned Mr Williams.
- e • The second message arrived.
- f • Robbie called his friend Joe.

chapter nine

A Surprise for Henry

Mr Williams put down the phone. He said, "That was the police. It seems that Bill and Ben created a disturbance at the Internet Café and they have been arrested. They didn't catch the hacker, of course. Why doesn't that surprise me? Well, they can stay at the police station until we find the hacker."

There was no reply from the others. Robbie was sending a text message on his mobile phone to his friends to say why he hadn't met them that afternoon. Joe was talking to Belinda.

"Will you go out with me tonight, Belinda? There's a great hamburger place near here."

Belinda smiled at him.

"But you're only 15, Joe. I'm too old for you."

"I'm very mature for my age," he replied quickly.

"Come on! We'll have a fantastic time. I'll pay and..."

Their conversation was interrupted by the hacker.

CONGRATULATIONS, HENRY. YOU'VE SOLVED THE SECOND PUZZLE. I SUPPOSE ROBBIE HELPED YOU AGAIN. IT'S A PITY THOSE SECURITY GUARDS AREN'T AS INTELLIGENT AS YOUR SON. THEY FAILED AGAIN, DIDN'T THEY? HENRY, THERE'S STILL ANOTHER PUZZLE TO SOLVE. IF YOU SOLVE IT, YOU WILL DISCOVER MY IDENTITY. I'LL SEND THE MESSAGE LATER. FIRST, YOU NEED TO RELAX AND... COOL DOWN. ARE YOU READY FOR A SURPRISE?
BFN

pictures

2 Look at the pictures in Chapter 9 and answer the questions.

- 1 • What are the policemen doing in the first picture?
- 2 • Can you see any other people you recognise in the Café?
- 3 • Who do you think is responsible for what is happening in the second picture?

☐ Robbie ☐ Belinda ☐ Mr Williams ☐ the hacker



"A surprise. What does that mean, Mr Williams?" asked Belinda.

"I have no idea but I'm sure we'll soon find out," replied her boss.

All the staff had gone home at 5 o'clock as usual. The offices were silent. He was suddenly very tired. His eyes began to close...

He was on holiday in the Caribbean. He was on the beach. It was hot and sunny. There were no clouds in the sky. It was too hot so he went swimming in the sea to cool down. He was wet, very wet...

Mr Williams woke up. He was wet! Was it raining in his office? He heard Belinda's voice: "Mr Williams, what's happening? I'm all wet. Where is the water coming from? My hair and clothes are ruined!"

Mr Williams answered, "This is our surprise, Belinda. Our friend the hacker has started the sprinkler system. Very funny. Let's get out of here."

- They all ran out of the office and went downstairs. Joe tried to console Belinda, and Robbie wanted to know if he could go home.

"Please, Dad. It's late and I want to watch TV tonight."

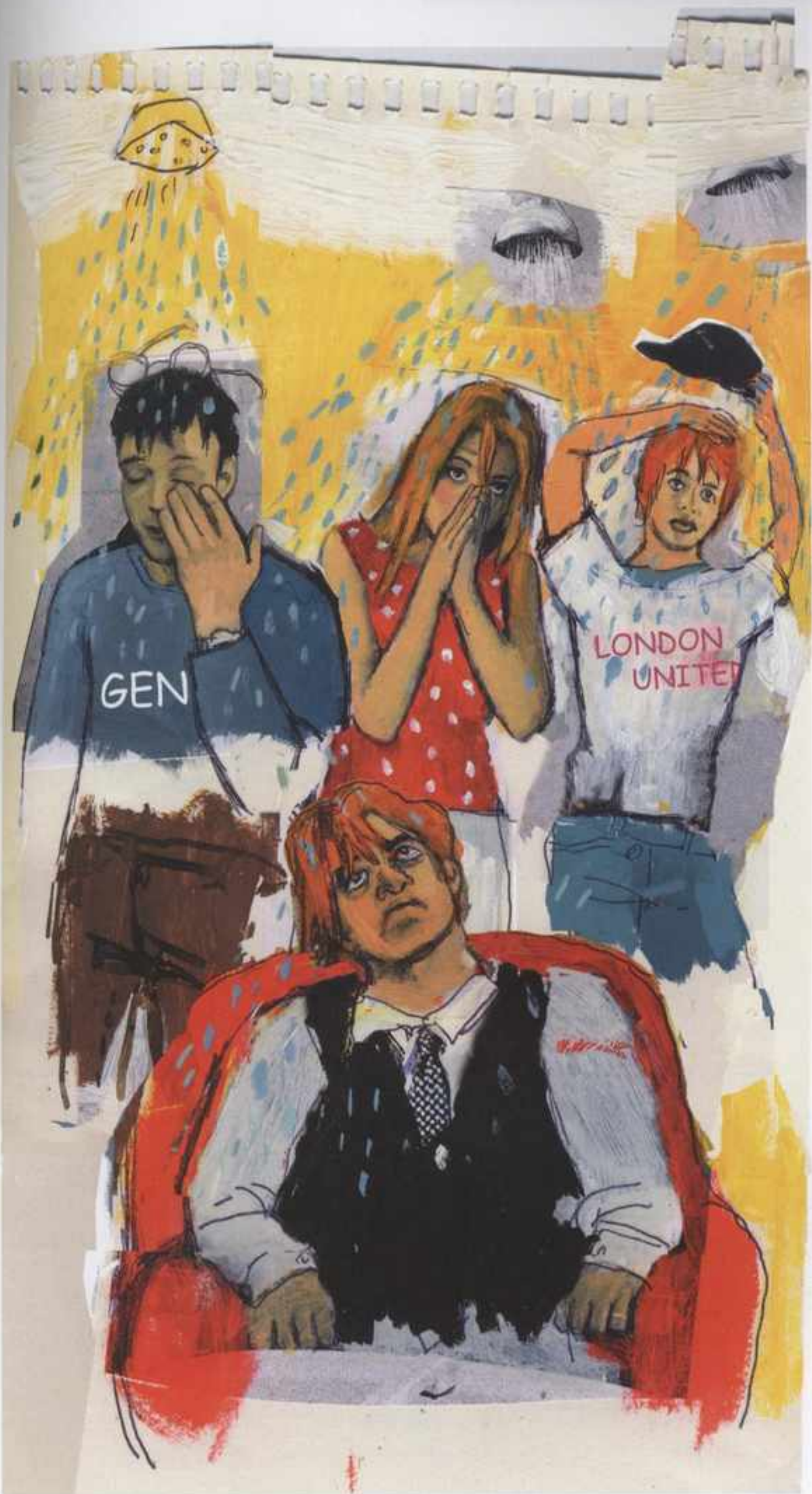
"Not yet," replied his father. "We still have another puzzle to solve."

"What do you mean 'we,' Dad? You haven't done anything yet," replied his son sarcastically.

Mr Williams looked at his son but he knew that Robbie was right. The boys had solved the first two puzzles.

In the distance they heard a siren.

Was it the police? Mr Williams and Robbie went to the doors of the bank. Slowly Mr Williams opened the door...



check your comprehension

3 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 • Bill and Ben are at the police station. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 • Belinda invites Joe to go out with her. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 • Mr Williams has already discovered the identity of the hacker. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 • The hacker doesn't want to send the third puzzle immediately. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 • Mr Williams dreams that he is in a swimming pool. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 • The hacker has activated the sprinkler system. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 • Robbie doesn't want to stay in the bank any longer. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 • A noise indicates the arrival of someone. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Now rewrite the false sentences.

characters

4 Write one important thing that each of these characters did in Chapter 9.

- 1 • Mr Williams _____
- 2 • Belinda _____
- 3 • Robbie _____
- 4 • Joe _____

5 Write adjectives to describe how each of them feels in Chapter 9.

words

6 Match these words to their opposites.

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1 • wet | a • enemy |
| 2 • to arrest | b • to succeed |
| 3 • to fail | c • to hide |
| 4 • to reveal | d • dry |
| 5 • friend | e • terrible |
| 6 • great | f • to free |

7 Use some of the words from exercise 6 to complete the following sentences.

- 1 • The police _____ Bill and Ben at the café but Mr Williams doesn't want the police to _____ them until they find the hacker.
- 2 • Mr Williams is having a _____ day at the bank.
- 3 • Belinda's hair and clothes are ruined because they are _____.
- 4 • The answer to the final puzzle will _____ the hacker's identity, so Mr Williams and Robbie mustn't _____ to solve it.
- 5 • The hacker isn't Mr Williams' _____.
- 6 • Joe thinks that Belinda is _____.

language

8 Rewrite these active sentences in the passive form.

- 1 • The police contacted Mr Williams.
- 2 • Robbie and Joe have solved the second puzzle.
- 3 • The hacker sent the message from an Internet Café.
- 4 • The third puzzle will reveal the hacker's identity.
- 5 • The water has ruined Belinda's clothes.
- 6 • Joe consoles Belinda.
- 7 • The hacker will send another message soon.
- 8 • Mr Williams opened the door.

THE PASSIVE VOICE

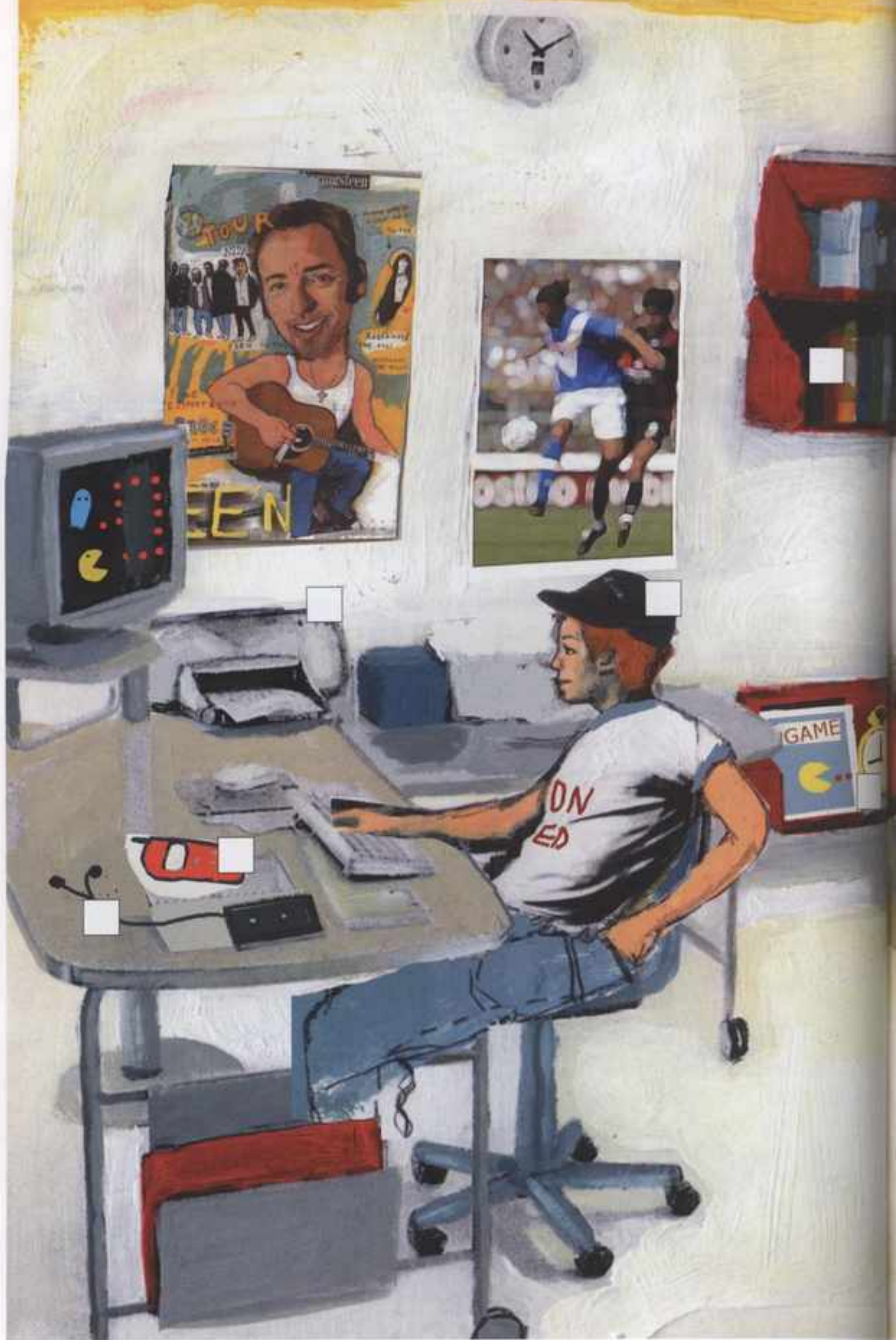
*They have been arrested.
Their conversation was interrupted by the hacker.*

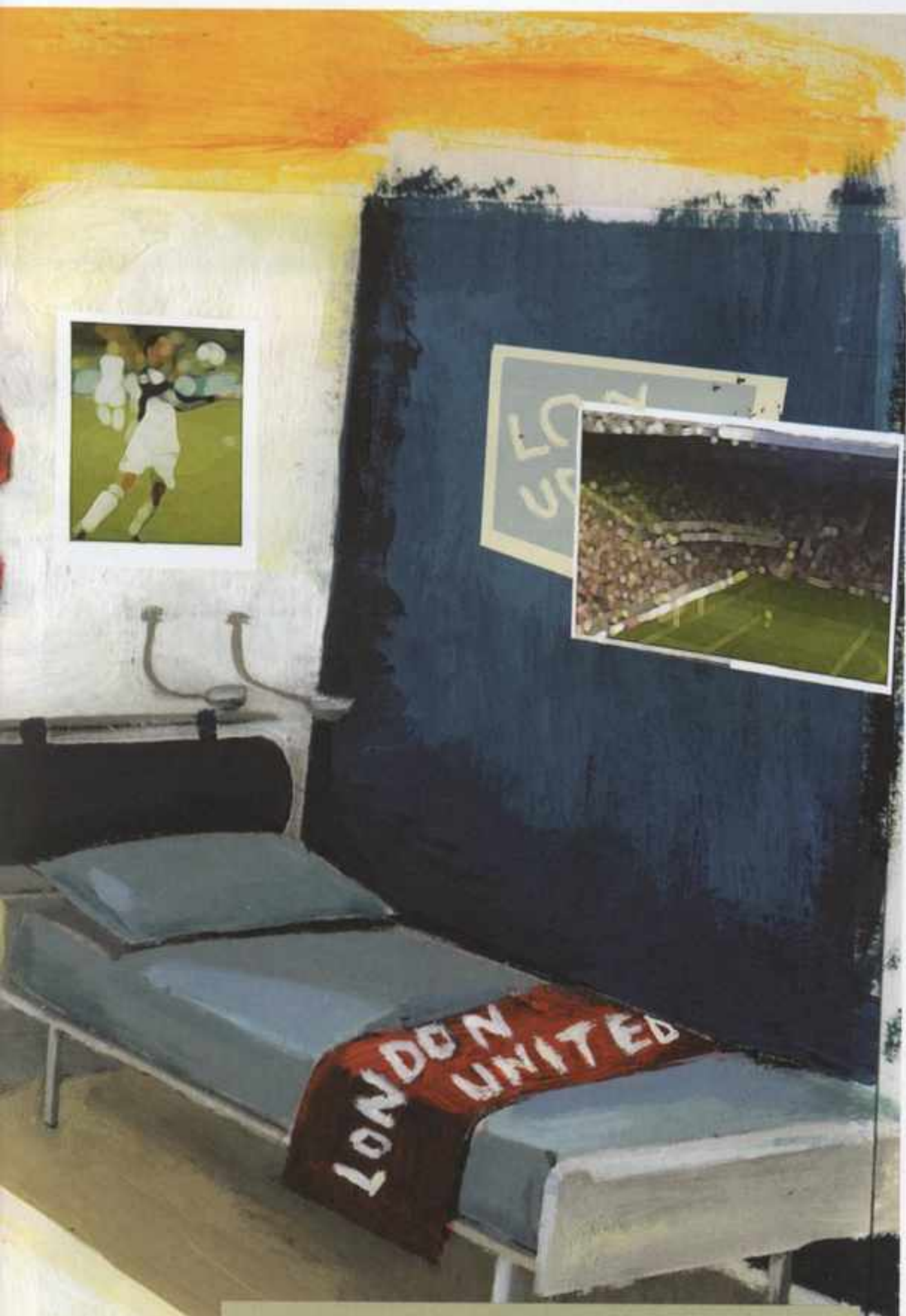
story summary

9 Rewrite this summary with the correct information.

The security guards Bill and Joe have been freed by the police.
Mr Williams is in his office and there is a lot of noise.
Joe has asked Belinda if she wants to go out for a pizza, but she has to pay. He tries to convince her that he isn't too old for her.
The bank is empty because all the staff went home at 6 o'clock.
Mr Williams has a lot of energy and is thinking of his family.
When the sprinkler system starts, everyone stays in the office.
Belinda's shoes and hair are ruined.
Robbie wants to stay and help his father.
His conversation with Mr Williams is interrupted by the sound of a car.

Robbie's Bedroom





Match the words to the things in the picture.

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 • a baseball cap | 4 • an alarm clock |
| 2 • textbooks | 5 • a mobile phone |
| 3 • headphones | 6 • a printer |

1 Look at the pictures in Chapter 10. How many of these things can you see?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a mobile phone | <input type="checkbox"/> a notice-board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a baseball cap | <input type="checkbox"/> an alarm clock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an escalator | <input type="checkbox"/> a handbag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a fireman | <input type="checkbox"/> an hourglass |

chapter ten

Where's the Fire?

Mr Williams opened the door and three firemen ran into the bank.

"OK, where's the fire?" they said. Mr Williams was very confused.

"What do you mean, 'fire'? There's no fire here. I think you've made a mistake."

The firemen were not convinced.

"Mr Williams, have you forgotten that the bank's sprinkler system is connected to the alarm at the fire station? The sprinklers started, the alarm sounded and we came here to put out the fire. Now, where is it?"

This time Robbie spoke. "There is no fire. The sprinklers started because there must be a problem with the system."

"Yes," added Mr Williams. "I'm so sorry that you've come here for nothing."

"Well, I must say I can't see any fire. We'll come back tomorrow morning to check if there's some kind of problem with the sprinklers," the fireman replied.

"You're working very late tonight, Mr Williams," he added.

"Yes, we have a lot to do," came the tired reply.

When they had gone, Mr Williams told Belinda that she could go home. He opened the door for her and Robbie tried to go out at the same time. His father pulled him back. "I need you here," he said. "Let's go back to the office."

"Oh, Dad," Robbie protested but he followed his father upstairs.

2 Look at the pictures again and answer the questions.

- 1 • Why do you think the firemen have come to the bank?
- 2 • Why do you think Belinda is not in the second picture?
- 3 • What are Robbie and Joe doing in the second picture?
- 4 • Why is Mr Williams still awake?



It was four o'clock in the morning when the final puzzle arrived. Robbie and Joe were sleeping on the floor. They had been too tired to stay awake. Henry Williams forced himself to look at the computer screen.

HI, HENRY. HERE'S THE FINAL PUZZLE.

YOU HAVE TO READ THESE SENTENCES ABOUT A FAMOUS PERSON AND FIND THE FOUR WORDS.

PUZZLE NUMBER THREE

THE FIRST WORD IS HIS FIRST BUT IT'S YOUR SECOND.

THE SECOND WORD IS A BARRIER BUT ALSO A WAY TO ENTER.

THE THIRD WORD IS THE BABY, OR IS IT A MONSTER?

THE FOURTH WORD IS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.

NOW TAKE THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH WORD, THEN ADD THE LETTERS I AND A. YOU NOW HAVE SIX LETTERS AND IN THESE LETTERS YOU WILL FIND MY NAME.

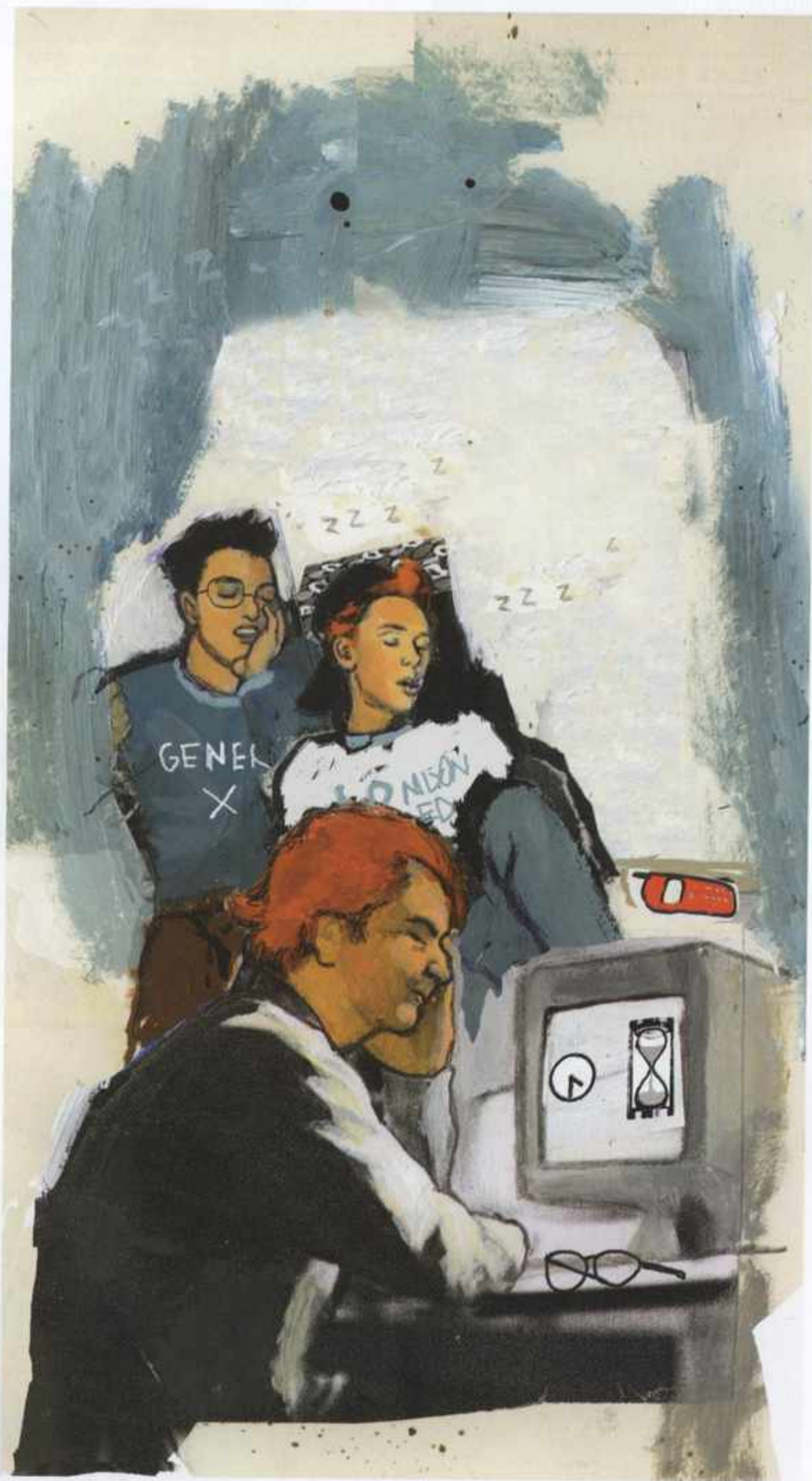
BFN

It was incredible. A few hours ago everything was fine. Now someone wanted to destroy his bank and his life. Why? He touched Robbie gently and said, "Robbie, wake up! The last puzzle has arrived. We've only got a few hours to solve it." There was no response from his son, who continued to sleep. Mr Williams tried to wake Joe, but Joe simply mumbled in his sleep, "Belinda, do you want a hamburger or a cheeseburger?" Mr Williams sat with his head in his hands. The boys were sleeping and he couldn't wake them. What was he going to do? He looked at the clock again – it was already four thirty! Then another e-mail arrived.

COME ON, HENRY. ADMIT IT. YOU'VE LOST.

SOON I WILL START TO EMPTY THE BANK ACCOUNTS. WHO SHALL I CHOOSE FIRST? PERHAPS THE POLICE STATION? OR MAYBE I'LL CHOOSE MRS MILLER, THE POOR OLD LADY FROM THE LIBRARY. NO, I THINK I'LL START WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL – IT'S THE END OF THE MONTH AND WAGES MUST BE PAID.

Was the hacker right? Was this the end...?



check your comprehension

3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 • The police / the security / firemen arrived at the bank.
- 2 • They will return to the bank at 8.00 / the next day / in a few days.
- 3 • They were surprised that Mr Williams was still at the bank / has a son / apologized to them.
- 4 • Belinda / Robbie / Joe went home.
- 5 • The third puzzle arrived at 4 / 5 / 6 o'clock.
- 6 • Mr Williams tried to help / find / wake Robbie and Joe.
- 7 • Joe was dreaming of his favorite TV program / Belinda / the hacker.
- 8 • The hacker thinks that Mr Williams has lost the game / solved the puzzle / paid the bank staff.

words

4 Find the words in this chapter which correspond to these definitions.

- 1 • to speak in an unclear way
- 2 • a place where firemen work
- 3 • unbelievable
- 4 • maybe
- 5 • an answer
- 6 • money paid to people who work
- 7 • finished / complete

language

5 Connect the two parts of these sentences with *must be* or *must have*.

- 1 • The sprinkler system went off, so there...
 - 2 • Mr Williams is still in his office, so he...
 - 3 • Robbie and Joe are sleeping on the floor, so they...
 - 4 • No one has solved the last puzzle yet, so it...
 - 5 • There are only a few hours left before the end of the game, so Mr Williams...
 - 6 • The hacker is going to empty the bank accounts, so he...
 - 7 • The Town Council has to pay all the staff, so it...
- a • ... very worried.
 - b • ... really tired.
 - c • ... a lot of work.
 - d • ... a lot of money.
 - e • ... all the passwords.
 - f • ... a fire.
 - g • ... very difficult.

MODAL VERBS, PROBABILITY –
PAST/PRESENT FORMS

There *must be* a problem
with the system.

story summary

6 What happened in Chapter 10? Put these pictures in the correct order.

☐☐☐☐☐

7 Now complete these sentences with the correct verb and match them to a picture in exercise 6.

arrived was followed went touched

1 • It was 4 o'clock in the morning when the third puzzle _____.

☐

2 • Robbie _____ his father upstairs.

☐

3 • Belinda _____ home after the firemen had gone.

☐

4 • _____ this the end for Mr Williams and the bank?

☐

5 • Mr Williams _____ Robbie's arm and tried to wake him.

☐

1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 • The police have arrested the security guards.
- 2 • Robbie asked Belinda to go out with him.
- 3 • Mr Williams goes on holiday.
- 4 • There wasn't a fire at the bank.
- 5 • Robbie wants to go home.
- 6 • The third puzzle arrived at 5 a.m.

T	F
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Now correct the false sentences.

chapter eleven

Is It the End?

At 8.30 Mr Williams opened his eyes. For a moment he didn't remember the events of the previous day. Then slowly his mind formed a picture of a computer hacker and some strange puzzles. He wondered if he had dreamt it all. Then he saw Robbie and Joe, who were still asleep on the floor and he saw the computer screen. The final puzzle was still there and the hourglass was almost empty. It wasn't a nightmare; it was real!

The door of the office opened and Belinda came in. "Oh, Mr Williams. Have you been here all night? And poor Robbie and Joe too. Did you find the solution to the last puzzle?"

She saw his expression and already knew the answer. "I'll make you a nice cup of tea and you'll soon feel better," she said.

There were only thirty minutes left. Mr Williams was angry with himself. He felt responsible for everything. His bank was in danger and he couldn't save it. He tried to wake Robbie again but it was difficult to wake his teenage son before midday!

Belinda returned with the tea. Mr Williams drank three cups.

He looked out of his window. The bank teller were

2 Match the underlined words to their definitions.

- 1 • "Open the gate and go into the garden."
 - 2 • "Why were you shouting in your sleep?" "Because I was having a nightmare."
 - 3 • "Was the concert good?" "Yes, it was brilliant."
 - 4 • He wondered why she was so late.
 - 5 • "Come here now, please. No, not in five minutes. Come right away!"
- a • fantastic
 - b • to ask yourself
 - c • a way to enter or exit a place outside
 - d • a very bad dream
 - e • immediately



arriving for another day's work – maybe the last day. What could he tell them? In desperation he sat down in front of the computer again.

"Belinda, if we win, I promise that I will learn about computers and become an expert. My son is only 15 and he knows much more than me. I'm living in the past and I have to change."

"That's a wonderful idea, Mr Williams. And of course, I'll help you as much as possible. I know a lot of things now and..."

She didn't finish her sentence because Mr Williams shouted so loudly that Robbie and Joe woke up.

"That's it! I've found the solution! I know the answer to the puzzle!"

Robbie and Joe got up right away. They looked at one another and then at Mr Williams. Robbie said hesitantly, "Are you sure Dad? It looks impossible to me."

"Yes, of course I'm sure. I've done it. Now, first I click on the reply icon, right? And then I write the answers. The first word is *Bill* – it's the man's first name and the abbreviation of my second name, Williams. The second word is gate. It's a barrier and a way to enter."

"So the man is Bill Gates," said Joe.

"Exactly," replied Mr Williams. "The third word is *Microsoft* – his baby, his creation, but also a monster in the opinion of some people. And the last word is *Seattle*. That's where Bill Gates lives and where he started Microsoft, the beginning."

"That's brilliant, Dad. Well done!" said Robbie.

"Now," continued Mr Williams, "if we take the first letter of each word we have B, G, M, and S. We have to add two more letters – I and A – and these six letters should spell the name of the hacker."

Everyone looked at the six letters:

B G M S I A

They tried to see a name but they could only see words like *big* and *bags* but no names. Then suddenly Mr Williams jumped up and yelled, "Yes! Yes! I know the name of the hacker..."



chapter eleven

check your comprehension

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 • How did Mr Williams know that he wasn't dreaming?
- 2 • What did Belinda suggest when she came in?
- 3 • Why does Mr Williams feel responsible for the whole situation?
- 4 • Why does he think that he has to change and in which way?
- 5 • Who woke Robbie and Joe? How?
- 6 • What is the connection between Mr Williams and Bill Gates?
- 7 • Why is Seattle mentioned?
- 8 • At the end of the chapter how many people know the name of the hacker?

words

4 Complete the crossword with words from the chapter.

Across

- 3 • The game had started the _____ day.
- 7 • Mr Williams would like to be a computer _____.
- 9 • Robbie woke up because his father had shouted very _____.
- 10 • Belinda knows more about computers _____.

Down

- 1 • ... he will feel _____ (see 5 down).
- 2 • Robbie can't help his father because he's _____.
- 4 • What _____ do people have of Microsoft?
- 5 • If Mr Williams drinks a _____ of tea... (see 1 down).
- 6 • It wasn't all a dream, it was _____.
- 8 • Mr Williams must _____ to wake his son.



5. Do you know how to write and send an e-mail? Match the sequencers to the instructions.

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1 • First | a • you click on "new message." |
| 2 • Next | b • you click on "send." |
| 3 • After that | c • you put in your password. |
| 4 • Then | d • you write the message. |
| 5 • Finally | e • you put in the address and subject of message. |

language

6 Complete these sentences with the words below.

no one someone nothing
everything nowhere anything

COMPOUNDS WITH *SOME, ANY, NO, EVERY*

No one moved and *no one* spoke.
Maybe he had dreamed *everything*.

- 1 • Mr Williams wanted an easy life but now _____ was difficult.
- 2 • _____ was trying to destroy the bank.
- 3 • There was _____ for Mr Williams to hide.
- 4 • What do the staff know about the hacker? _____
- 5 • Mr Williams was alone; _____ could help him.
- 6 • Mr Williams looked at the puzzle but he couldn't understand _____.

7 Put the events from Chapter 11 in the correct order.

- a • The bank tellers start to arrive for work.
- b • Mr Williams wakes up.
- c • Robbie congratulates his father.
- d • Mr Williams discovers the identity of the hacker.
- e • Robbie and Joe wake up.
- f • Belinda goes to make a cup of tea.
- g • Mr Williams promises to learn how to use a computer.
- h • Mr Williams solves puzzle number 3.

beyond the story

8 What information did this chapter give you about Bill Gates? Do you know anything else about this man and his work? Write some notes about what you know. Compare your information with a classmate's notes.

1 Look at the pictures in Chapter 12 and answer the questions.

- 1 • Do you recognize the person in the first picture? Who is he?
- 2 • Where have you seen him before?
- 3 • Why do you think he is in the office?
- 4 • How is everyone feeling in the second picture?
- 5 • What do you think they are trying to do?

chapter twelve

A Holiday for Someone

"Sam Gib," said Mr Williams. "I don't believe it. But why does he hate me?"

"Maybe because you sacked him two weeks ago," suggested Belinda.

Robbie asked, "Who's Sam Gib?"

Mr Williams explained, "He used to work here at the bank. In the beginning he was a good bank teller. Then he started to arrive late for work every day. Instead of working he used to surf the net and log on to chat rooms. He spent hours talking to people all over the world. So I sacked him. But wait a minute. If he left two weeks ago, how did he know the new computer passwords?"

Belinda had the answer to his question. "He came back to the bank a few days ago to empty his desk. I think you were in a meeting. I remember that he went to Mike's office and stayed there for a long time. I thought he was talking to Mike, but now I think about it Mike wasn't there all the time. Anyway, Mr Williams, you're a hero. You've saved the bank!"

"Yes, and there are only two minutes left. Look, it's 9.13," said Joe.

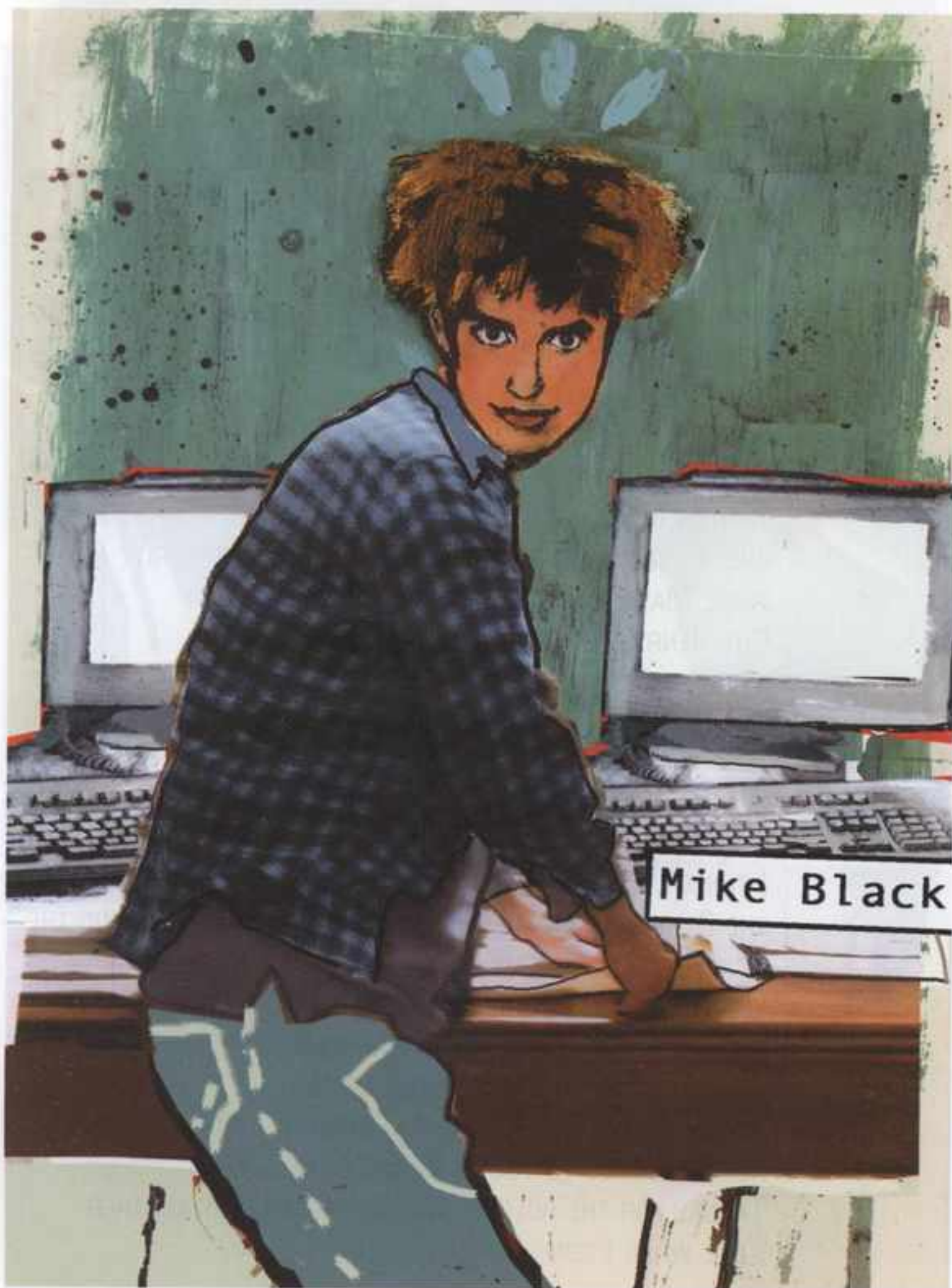
They all looked at the computer screen.

Suddenly Robbie said, "Dad, did you remember to click on the 'send' icon to return the message to the hacker, I mean, Sam Gib?"

beyond the story

2 How do you think the story ends? In your opinion which of these things happen? (✓)

- ☐ Mike Black returns to work for the bank.
- ☐ Mr Williams wins the game.
- ☐ The police arrest the hacker.
- ☐ Mr Williams goes on holiday to the Caribbean.
- ☐ It's a happy ending for the hacker.
- ☐ Mr Williams' money is returned to his bank account.



"Oh, no! Quickly, click, CLICK before it's too late!" shouted Mr Williams. Four hands tried to operate the mouse but in the confusion it fell on the floor. Finally Robbie picked up the mouse, clicked and the message disappeared. For a moment nobody spoke. Then they all began laughing and hugging each another.

"We've won! We've won, YOU've won, Dad," said Robbie while Joe hugged Belinda again. Mr Williams went downstairs to give the good news to the staff, who also laughed and applauded their boss.

When Mr Williams returned to his office he picked up the phone. "Now I can call the police and tell them everything and they can go to Sam's house and arrest him." But before he could do it, another e-mail arrived.

HELLO HENRY

NOW YOU KNOW WHO I AM. CONGRATULATIONS.

DID YOU ENJOY PLAYING MY GAME?

WHEN YOU SACKED ME I WANTED MY REVENGE SO I SENT THE VIRUS THAT INFECTED THE BANK'S COMPUTERS. BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH. YOU INSTALLED A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM SO I CAME TO VISIT MIKE AND SAW THE NEW PASSWORDS ON HIS DESK. IT WAS SO EASY. YOU REALLY NEED TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT THE BANK. MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU?

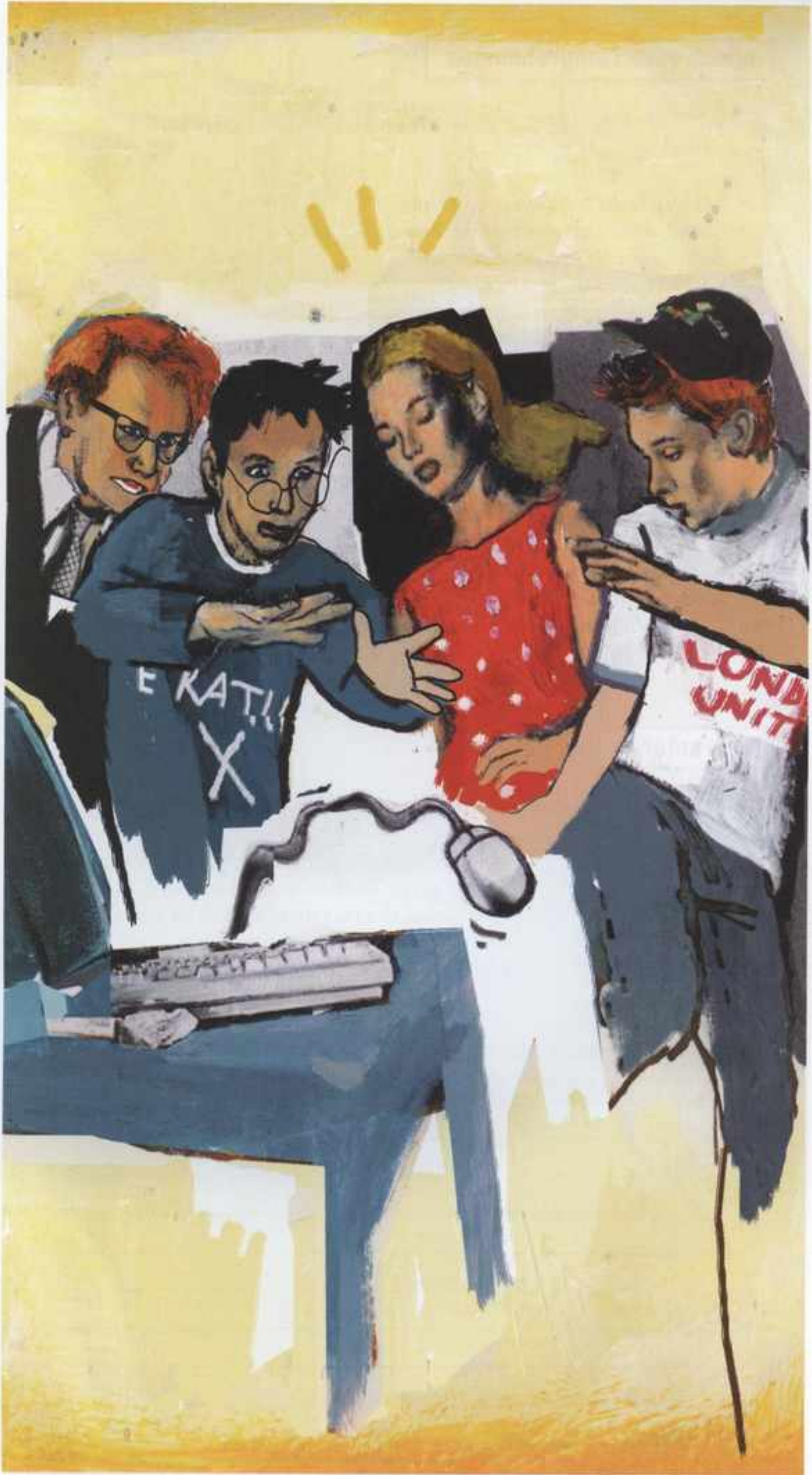
BUT HENRY, I STILL HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU...

This time Mr Williams went white. "Oh, please, no! Not another puzzle," he cried.

I THINK I NEED A HOLIDAY. AS YOU BOOKED YOUR HOLIDAY TO THE CARIBBEAN ON THE NET, I CHANGED THE ADDRESS AND THE TICKETS ARRIVED AT MY HOUSE INSTEAD OF YOUR HOUSE YESTERDAY. I ALSO CHANGED THE DATE OF THE HOLIDAY AND I'M LEAVING AT 10.00 TODAY. I'M SENDING THIS MESSAGE FROM THE AIRPORT ON MY NEW LAPTOP.

TO SHOW YOU THAT I AM A KIND PERSON, I HAVE RETURNED ALL THE MONEY TO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT.

THANKS FOR THE HOLIDAY. MAYBE WE CAN PLAY ANOTHER GAME WHEN I COME BACK...



check your comprehension

3 Match the beginning of each sentence with the correct ending.

- 1 • Mr Williams tells everyone that...
 - 2 • Sam Gib wants revenge because...
 - 3 • Sam spent too much time...
 - 4 • It's 9.13 and there are only...
 - 5 • Everyone wants to send the message back but...
 - 6 • The staff are happy when...
 - 7 • The hacker has returned Mr Williams' money but...
 - 8 • Mr Williams doesn't call the police because...
- a • ... the mouse falls on the floor.
 - b • ... surfing the net instead of working.
 - c • ... another e-mail arrives.
 - d • ... the hacker's name is Sam Gib.
 - e • ... he has stolen Mr Williams' tickets to the Caribbean.
 - f • ... they hear the good news.
 - g • ... two minutes left before the end of the game.
 - h • ... Mr Williams sacked him two weeks ago.

characters

4 Match the characters to the relevant events from Chapter 12.

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 • Mr Williams | a • are told the good news by Mr Williams. |
| 2 • Robbie | b • is going to the Caribbean. |
| 3 • Belinda | c • sends the last puzzle back to the hacker. |
| 4 • The staff | d • wants to phone the police. |
| 5 • Sam Gib | e • saw Sam in the bank a few days ago. |

5 Who is your most / least favorite character from the story?
Give reasons for your answers.

6 Solve these anagrams. They are all words from Chapter 12 about computers and the Internet.

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 • rodsapsw | ___ s ___ r ___ |
| 2 • lkcci | ___ c ___ |
| 3 • tumpocre | ___ u ___ |
| 4 • patolp | ___ a ___ |
| 5 • yicetsur | s ___ r ___ |
| 6 • lastlin | ___ n ___ a ___ |
| 7 • somue | ___ u ___ |

7 Now write one sentence about Chapter 12 with each word from exercise 6.

language

PAST TENSE - USED TO

He *used to* work here at the bank.

He *didn't use to* surf the net at work.

8 Complete these sentences with *used to* and the verbs below.

work study be spend think surf

- Belinda _____ Mr Williams' secretary.
- Mr Williams (not) _____ Sam was a good bank teller.
- Mike _____ at the bank.
- When Sam started work he (not) _____ the net.
Then he _____ hours in chat rooms.
- _____ Robbie _____ hard?

beyond the story

9 Choose one of the themes from the story and answer the questions about it.

- THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPUTERS IN OUR LIVES
Does the story give a positive or negative image of computers?
- THE INTERNET
How was the Internet used and abused in the story?
In your opinion are there more advantages than disadvantages to surfing the net?
- YOUNG PEOPLE
Are Robbie and Joe typical teenagers of today?
Do you have anything in common with them?

THE INTERNET



What is the Internet?

It is simply the most important and exciting development in computing today. The Internet is the world's biggest network of computers. It can connect any place in any country at any time. You connect your own computer to it by using an ordinary telephone line. On the Internet you will find a vast range of information that can quickly be transferred between computers. This is what we call the "Information Superhighway" – a fast road to where you want to go.

The Internet is also a way of communicating with others. It connects people all over the world by using forms of communication such as e-mail, newsgroups and chat rooms. The Internet brings people together. We can talk to friends, to our family, to those who have similar interests, and we can also make new friends.

People often think that the Internet and the World Wide Web are the same thing, but this is not true. The Web is only one of the Internet's services. It is the most used and the most well-known information resource on the Internet. It is a network which distributes multimedia information such as words, pictures, and sounds.

The information is presented in a form called "hypertext" which permits you to move between web pages and helps you find what you want quickly and easily.

The Beginning

People in the 1960s saw the possibility of permitting computers to share information on research and developments in scientific and military areas. An early version of the Internet was used by computer experts, engineers and scientists. It was a very complex system and, as it was funded by the US government, it was limited to research, education and government uses. ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network) was set up in 1969 by a group of universities and research groups.

In the 1970s people realized that this system could also be used for non-military communication and the idea of an international network – an Internet – was developed. In the 1990s it began to be widely used for commercial purposes.

The growth in the sales of PCs made the Internet accessible to millions of people.

Windows 98 had an Internet browser integrated into the system. This shows Bill Gates' desire to encourage the enormous growth of the Internet. Gates believes it is an educational necessity for the new generation – who will one day be able to access any information, at any time and in any place.

The Internet will change the way "Generation I" communicates, learns, and works.

However, the Internet has grown very quickly in recent years and this has created some problems, including some of an extremely serious nature...

1 Answer the questions.

- 1 • How do you connect your computer to the Internet?
- 2 • Why is the Internet called the "Information Superhighway"?
- 3 • Which services of the Internet can you use to contact other people?
- 4 • What is the difference between the Internet and the World Wide Web?
- 5 • What does "hypertext" allow you to do?
- 6 • Who were the first people to use the Internet?
- 7 • When did businesses start to use it?
- 8 • How did Bill Gates contribute to the growth of the Internet?

2 Give your opinions about the following subjects.

- 1 • What does the I stand for in "Generation I"?
- 2 • The end of the article mentions problems created by the Internet. What do you think these problems could be?
- 3 • How is the Internet better/worse than more traditional ways of communicating, like the telephone or a letter?

SECURITY ON THE NET

Hacker or Cracker?

Recent events have shown how easy it is for someone to illegally enter other people's computer systems. A person who does this is called a *hacker*.

The hacker can find private information on the Internet and then use it or publicize it on the Net.

The aim of most hackers is to improve networks by finding weaknesses in computer programmes.

Some ex-hackers now work for companies to try to improve security on their websites.

Unfortunately, some hackers want to damage or even destroy networks. These hackers have a different name – they are called *crackers*. They are cyber-terrorists and they use destructive tactics to publicize their actions, which often have a political or ideological aim.



The Hacktivist

An ever-increasing number of political activists (called *hacktivists*) are using the Internet to protest against big corporations and governments. They are angry that commercial enterprises are beginning to dominate cyberspace. Hacktivists try to cause damage to websites owned by the people they are "fighting" against. They have a variety of tactics. Sometimes they run a new program that makes thousands of requests for a site simultaneously and this causes the server to slow down or even crash. They also change information which is shown on another person's website. This means they access the website by hacking into the computer system, and therefore it is an illegal operation. Another tactic is the "e-mail bomb" – thousands of e-mail messages of protest are sent to the target company to slow down the service and make it impossible for the target company to find genuine messages.

Illegal Access

People hack into computer systems for many different reasons. Here are just a few examples.

- Hackers **gained** access to personal e-mail accounts in Microsoft's Hotmail service. A group called "Hackers Unite" said it was responsible. The group's motive? To attract attention to Microsoft's poor security and to embarrass the company.
- Hackers entered the telephone system of a hospital in the south of England. They made many phone calls, which cost the hospital thousands of pounds.
- Pakistani rebels attacked and changed Indian websites. They wrote anti-Indian propaganda messages to **highlight** the problems in the Kashmir region of the country.
- A British teenager entered the computer systems of many people, including Bill Gates! He then stole credit card details and put them on a website. He was found by the FBI and arrested. He wanted to prove that it is very easy to gain access to these websites and to show that companies who say their websites are safe are not telling the truth.

Banks

E-commerce is becoming more and more popular and, therefore, also more and more competitive. Investigations show that the priority of companies and banks is to find new

customers. This means that perhaps the problem of security is not given as much attention. Online banks have become ideal territory for hackers and episodes of this type of hacking have been discovered in countries around the world.

"Egg" was the first online bank. It was set up in 1998 and has more than one million clients. It operates only via the Internet and the telephone. It seems that it has become the first victim of Internet bank theft. Apparently organized criminals entered the bank's network and stole a large amount of money.

The police are worried about the possibility of criminals using the Internet to commit serious crimes and infiltrating Internet banks. There is a danger that episodes like these could become common. Governments are now organizing special teams to stop the problem and also to make new laws to protect people from this type of crime.



1 Choose the correct answer.

- a • A hacker usually wants to *improve / destroy / take control of* networks.
- b • A cracker generally causes *no / a lot of / a little* damage to networks.
- c • The hacktivist is against *political activists / commercial enterprises / new programs* on the net.
- d • An e-mail bomb is used by *hackers / crackers / hacktivists*.
- e • "Hackers Unite" gained access to *a political / an e-mail / a hospital* network.
- f • The FBI arrested *a Pakistani rebel / a British young man / Bill Gates*.
- g • The most important thing for companies who use the net is *to increase the number of customers / security / to employ hackers*.
- h • In 1998 *hackers entered the Egg network / Egg began operating as an online bank / the government set up teams to protect e-customers*.

WILLIAM H. GATES III

The Man

Who is Bill Gates? He's the man who has changed the way the world thinks and works. Why is he so rich and famous? He's the co-founder and principal software architect of the Microsoft Corporation, the biggest provider in the world of software for personal computers.



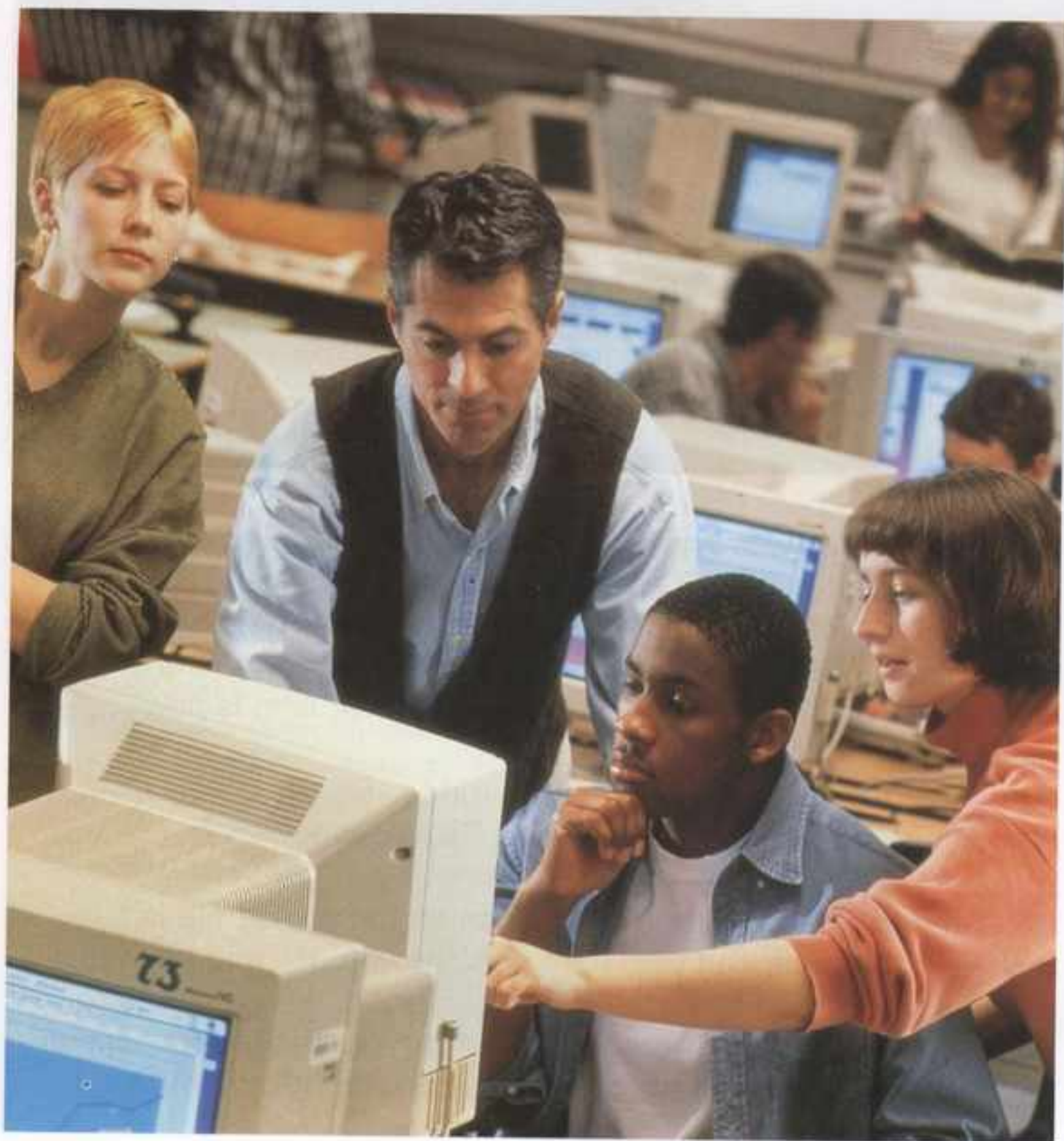
William H. Gates was born on October 28th 1955 in Seattle, USA. He began writing PC software when he was just 13. In 1973 he became a student at the prestigious Harvard University. It was here that he developed the programming language BASIC and he also met Steve Ballmer, who is now the President of Microsoft.

Gates didn't complete his university studies. He left in 1975 to found Microsoft with a man called Paul Allen.

Bill Gates has become the richest man on the planet. He is married to Melinda and they have two children. He and his wife founded the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, whose aim is to improve people's lives through learning and health. The foundation has given millions of dollars to organizations to help them do research in these areas.

The Company

Bill Gates believed that every desk at work and at home should have a computer and he began to develop software. 1983 saw the introduction of the mouse and of Windows. Several versions of Windows have been introduced since then and today it is the operating system of 90% of the world's PCs. Gates has transformed Microsoft into the world's largest and most successful software company. It employs more than 32,000 people in 60 different countries and at the end of 1999 it had revenues of \$19.75 billion. The aims of Microsoft are to make new technology easier to understand, more enjoyable to use and cheaper to buy. Gates quickly saw the potential of the Internet for children today. He calls them "Generation I" and has said: "It's our job to provide them with the tools they need to understand the new technology and take it into the future."



The Problems

In June 2000 a United States judge decided that Microsoft had a monopoly of computer operating systems and therefore had an unfair advantage over competitors.

His decision was that Microsoft must be divided into two companies – the first, a Windows company which controls the operating system and the second, an applications company for software products such as Internet Explorer.

The future is uncertain and Bill Gates must fight to save what he has built since 1975.

1 Scan the text and find the dates or numbers that refer to this information.

- 1 • The year of Bill Gates' birth.
- 2 • He wrote his first piece of software.
- 3 • He founded the Microsoft Corporation.
- 4 • How many children Bill and Melinda have.
- 5 • The first mouse appears.
- 6 • The number of PCs that use Windows.
- 7 • The number of people who work for Microsoft.
- 8 • The decision to transform Microsoft into two different companies.

2 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 • Bill Gates finished his course at Harvard University. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 • His friend Steve Ballmer invented the computer language BASIC. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 • Gates started Microsoft with Paul Allen. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 • Gates uses his money to help others. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 • He wants computers to be less expensive. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 • "Generation I" is Bill Gates' generation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 • In the future Microsoft may become two companies. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Now correct the false sentences.

THE COMMUNICATION REVOLUTION

Talk to everyone

The Internet is the most important and exciting development in computing today. It is the world's biggest network of computers; it links all continents and makes the world a smaller place. It **allows** you to find information on a vast range of topics. But another of its functions is to bring people together; you can contact people all over the world using forms of communication such as e-mail, newsgroups and chat rooms. These Internet services are easy, convenient, and are becoming cheaper and faster every day. They are part of the communication revolution that is **taking place** today. Many people now spend hours and hours in chat rooms, "speaking" to friends, family, or others who have similar interests. Chat rooms allow people to communicate via the Internet in real time. How? You simply type your message on to the screen and the receiver of the message sees it a moment later and can reply immediately. In this way you can have a conversation with someone who may be on the other side of the world. It has never been easier to keep in touch.

Time is money

Unfortunately time is money, so a way has been found to limit the amount of time spent writing messages. Abbreviations have been introduced. Letters now substitute entire words and a new way of communicating is evolving. This is especially popular with young people. Let's take as an example the words "thanks very much." In a chat room message they become TVM, just three letters instead of fourteen. And what about FYI (for your information) or IMO (in my opinion)? If you have to leave your discussion before the end, you can end your message with the letters TBC (to be continued). It's obvious that by using abbreviations you can say more in less time. Numbers have also become part of this mysterious language of abbreviations:

L8= late, B4=before, F2F= face to face,
GR8= great!



I'm so :-)

Abbreviations which express emotion are usually put between right angle brackets: <BS> means <big smile> and shows you are happy. OTOH (on the other hand) you could always use an emoticon to express your emotions. The word "emoticon" is made up of two words, "emotion" and "icon" and it is a symbol made of punctuation characters which is used to show how the writer of the message is feeling. Perhaps the most well known is :-) [happy].

Text me

Amobile phone has, in recent years, become a necessity for most people. Young people, in particular those between the ages of 14 and 24, use their mobile phones constantly to keep in touch with others. However, they not only call someone but also send a short written message known as a "text message." Both abbreviations and emoticons can appear in mobile phones to use in text messages. By pushing only a few buttons you can create a message that says you are :-) or :- ([sad] or even > - ([angry]. Millions of text messages are sent every day and it has become big business for the mobile phone companies. These days, phones already have a list of symbols and pictures that are ready to send with your message.

1 Answer the questions.

- 1 • Which Internet services can you use to contact other people?
- 2 • Why do you think these services are used by so many people?
- 3 • How does "speaking" in a chat room make the world a smaller place?
- 4 • In your opinion, what are the advantages of communicating in a chat room?
- 5 • Why have abbreviations become so popular in chat rooms?
- 6 • Why would you end your message with the letters TBC?
- 7 • What is the origin of the word "emoticon"?
- 8 • Which people use text messaging the most?
- 9 • What can you add to your text message?

2 Can you decode the following message?

- 1 • How R U?
- 2 • Can I C U F2F, B4 it's 2 L8?
- 3 • GR8!
- 4 • C U @ 7

1 Read these definitions and find the verbs in the glossary.

- 1 • to make a reservation
- 2 • to tell someone that you are not satisfied
- 3 • to select numbers when you make a telephone call
- 4 • to put your arms around someone to show affection
- 5 • to get better
- 6 • to give someone a job
- 7 • to stop work to reduce stress and tension
- 8 • to find the answer to a problem
- 9 • to send a message on a mobile phone

A

to add - _____
 to advertise - _____
 aim - _____
 to allow - _____
 amazement - _____
 annoyed - _____
 any - _____
 asleep - _____
 to assure - _____
 at least - _____

B

bank teller - _____
 barrier - _____
 baseball cap - _____
 to be down - _____
 to be over - _____
 to bet - _____
 to blush - _____
 to book - _____
 bookshelf - _____
 breath - _____
 brightly - _____
 brilliant - _____

C

to care - _____
 careful - _____
 cashier - _____
 ATM[Automatic Teller Machine] - _____
 chance - _____
 to check - _____
 to come on - _____
 competitor - _____

to complain - _____
 cool - _____
 to cool down - _____
 corner - _____
 cry - _____
 to cry - _____

D

darkness - _____
 deep - _____
 to demand - _____
 to destroy - _____
 to dial - _____
 to disappear - _____
 to discover - _____
 disturbance - _____
 to drop - _____

E

to employ - _____
 to empty - _____
 enemy - _____
 escalator - _____
 evil - _____

F

to fail - _____
 to fall in love with - _____
 to fall back into - _____
 fate - _____
 fault - _____
 to fight - _____
 to fill - _____
 fire - _____
 fire station - _____

2 Complete these phrasal verbs.

- 1 • to _____ down – to calm yourself
- 2 • to _____ up – to get up very quickly
- 3 • to _____ up – to take something in your hand
- 4 • to _____ in – to enter your password
- 5 • to _____ up – to install a new system
- 6 • to _____ for – to represent, signify
- 7 • to _____ to – to move your head or body to look at someone

fireman – _____
 to follow – _____
 to force oneself – _____
 founder – _____
 frightened – _____

G

to gain – _____
 gate – _____
 to get out of – _____
 to go off – _____
 grateful – _____
 great – _____
 growth – _____
 to guess – _____

H

handbag – _____
 headphones – _____
 health – _____
 hiccup – _____
 hidden – _____
 to highlight – _____
 to hit – _____
 hourglass – _____
 to hug – _____

I

to improve – _____
 incident – _____
 instead of – _____

J

joke – _____
 judge – _____
 to jump up – _____

L

laptop – _____
 to laugh out – _____
 law – _____
 left – _____
 librarian – _____
 to light up – _____
 lock – _____
 to look – _____
 to look forward to – _____

M

mailbox – _____
 maybe – _____
 mind – _____
 to mind – _____
 to move – _____
 to mumble – _____

N

Never mind! – _____
 nightmare – _____
 noise – _____
 notice-board – _____

O

over – _____

P

to pick up – _____
 pity – _____
 plenty – _____
 to press – _____
 previous – _____
 properly – _____
 provider – _____

3 Solve the anagrams in column A, then match the words to their definitions in column C.

A	B	C
1. meeny		a. you keep your money in this object
2. kidwec		b. stairs that move
3. sendraks		c. this person is not your friend
4. telwal		d. an opportunity
5. telcasroa		e. young people use this word. It means "great, fantastic"
6. cahneec		f. there is no light, you can't see anything

to pull back - _____
 purpose - _____
 to push - _____
 to put in - _____
 to put out - _____
 puzzle - _____

R

range - _____
 to realize - _____
 to relax - _____
 relieved - _____
 revenge - _____
 revenue - _____
 right away - _____
 rights - _____
 rude - _____

S

to sack - _____
 sand - _____
 scarf - _____
 to set up - _____
 to share - _____
 to shout - _____
 to solve - _____
 sprinkler system - _____
 to stand for - _____
 to stare - _____
 to suppose - _____

T

Take it easy! - _____
 to take place - _____
 to text - _____
 textbook - _____
 theft - _____
 tick - _____
 tool - _____
 to touch - _____
 Town Council - _____
 trolley - _____
 to turn to - _____

U

unfair - _____
 unfriendly - _____

W

wage - _____
 wallet - _____
 weakness - _____
 weapon - _____
 Well done! - _____
 wet - _____
 What's up? - _____
 to whisper - _____
 wicked - _____
 to wink - _____
 to wonder - _____
 to work - _____

Y

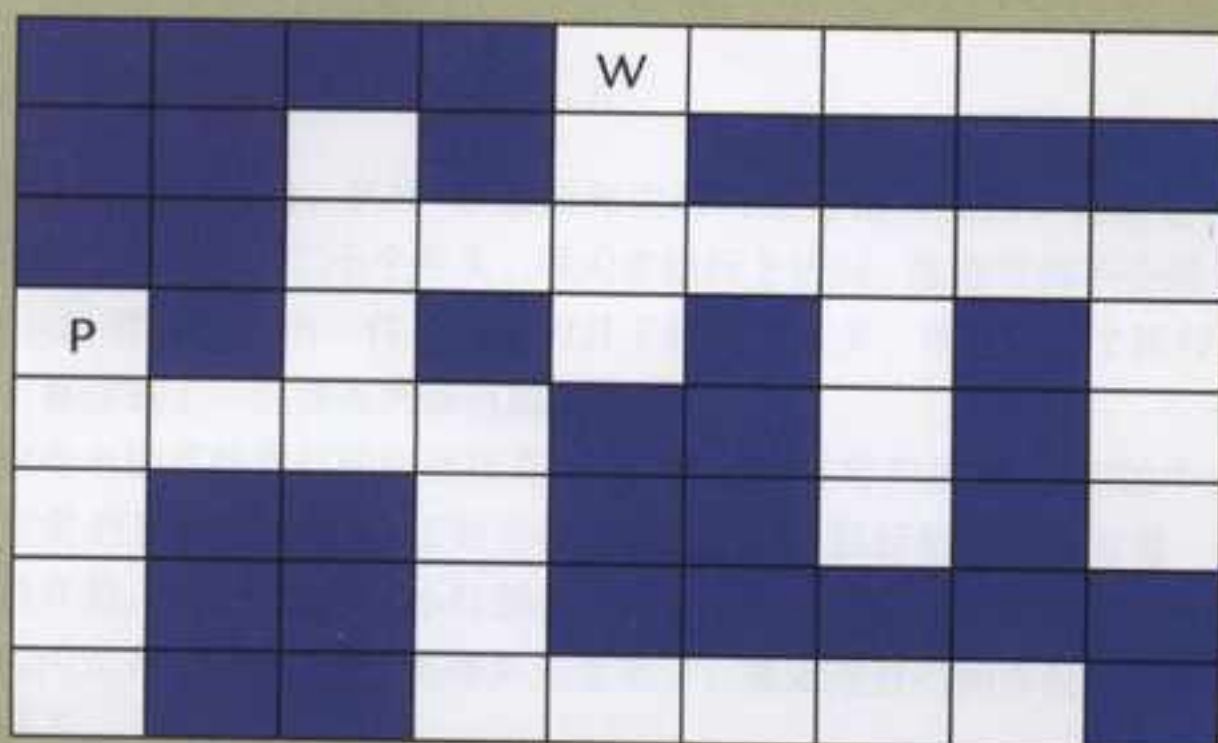
to yell - _____

4 Read the definitions and match them to the words below.

drop evil annoyed yell rude wink laugh sand wages press

- 1 • Not happy, a little angry. _____
- 2 • The money you receive for your work. _____
- 3 • You find it inside an hourglass. _____
- 4 • To shout loudly. _____
- 5 • To push with your finger. _____
- 6 • When someone says something funny, you. _____
- 7 • A person who is very bad. _____
- 8 • To close one eye. _____
- 9 • When something falls to the floor. _____
- 10 • A person who is not polite, offensive. _____

5 Now find the correct place for the words in the crossword.



6 Match the people in column A with a word from column B.

A

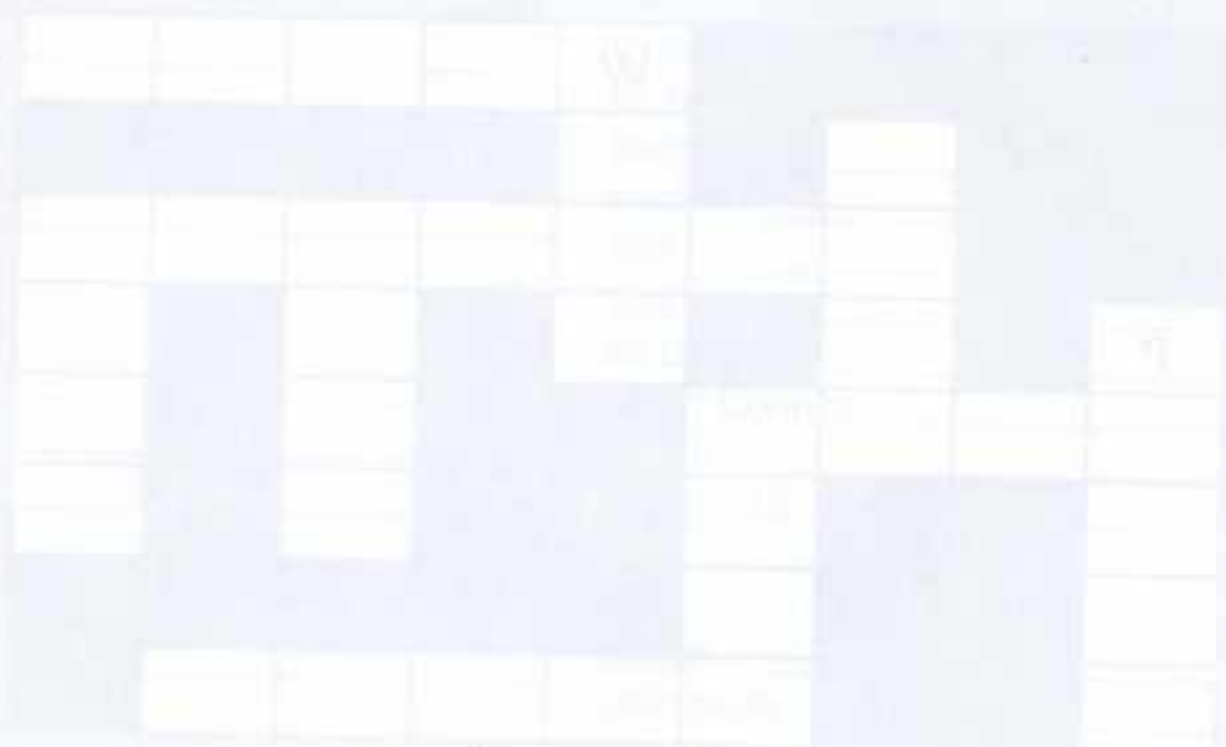
- 1 • Belinda
- 2 • Joe
- 3 • Robbie
- 4 • Mr Williams
- 5 • Mike Black
- 6 • the hacker
- 7 • the old lady
- 8 • the security guards
- 9 • the customers

B

- a • wallet
- b • enemy
- c • revenge
- d • disturbance
- e • baseball cap
- f • to complain
- g • to fall in love
- h • to hit
- i • to blush

7 Complete the words which correspond to these definitions.

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1 • a portable computer | l _ _ t _ _ |
| 2 • fantastic | _ r _ ll _ _ n _ |
| 3 • the noise of a clock | _ i _ _ |
| 4 • to speak in a very low voice | w _ _ _ p _ _ |
| 5 • to close with a key | _ _ c _ |
| 6 • an important but dangerous job | _ i r _ m _ _ |
| 7 • with these only you can hear music | h _ _ _ p _ _ n _ s |
| 8 • something which is not visible | _ i d d _ _ |



人物简介

Mr. Henry Williams (亨利·威廉斯先生): 银行经理, 性格有些暴躁, 爱挑剔, 他的电脑与网络知识十分有限。

Belinda (贝琳达): 银行经理的秘书, 聪明、漂亮的金发碧眼女郎, 但最初威廉斯先生认为她并不是个能干的秘书。

Mike Black (迈克·布莱克): 银行网络部经理兼技术主任, 自信、热情, 工作认真, 电脑技术娴熟, 后因工作失误被解雇。

Robbie (罗比): 亨利·威廉斯先生的儿子, 学生, 喜爱棒球运动, 热衷电脑游戏, 对网络与电脑十分熟悉。

Joe (乔): 罗比的朋友, 学生, 擅长电脑, 热情浪漫。

Sam Gib (萨姆·吉布): 银行出纳员, 沉溺于电脑游戏和网上聊天。

第1章 电脑新系统 (p. 4-6)

早上八点二十分, 亨利·威廉斯先生准时走进银行大门。他是这家银行的经理, 在这儿工作已有二十个年头。每天来银行上班时, 他通常都不会那么平静而放松。不过, 昨天发生的一件事让他的日子轻松了许多。他环顾整个银行, 每一张办公桌上都摆放了一台漂亮的新电脑。

这些电脑有的和打印机连接在一起, 有的则连着扫描仪。它们的中央处理器都隐藏在桌子下面, 电脑键盘正处于待命状态。每张鼠标垫上都放置着一只鼠标, 打开电脑开关, 鼠标里的红色小灯就会亮起来。阳光从窗外照射进来, 使得显示器的屏幕闪闪发光。看到这些, 威廉斯先生笑了。他走进自己的办公室, 发现他的秘书已经到了。

“早安! 威廉斯先生。”她欢快地说道。这个有着一头金色长发和一脸灿烂笑容的女孩非常友善, 然而她却并不是世界上最能干的秘书。

“早上好! 贝琳达。是不是正期待着去发现你的新电脑能做哪些奇妙的事情呢?”

她显得有点儿发愁: “是呀, 可我希望不要出太多错。昨天, 我就因为按错了键, 差点儿把一些重要的信息弄丢了。”

“别担心。我知道你来这儿才六个月。迈克向我保证过, 我们现在拥有市面上能买到的最新版本的电脑硬件和软件, 以及最安全的电脑系统。”

迈克·布莱克是这家银行的网络部经理兼技术总监, 是他组建了银行的电脑新系统。

这时, 有人敲了敲门, 接着, 迈克走了进来。

“早安，威廉斯先生。您好吗？”他问道。

“非常好，谢谢你，迈克。现在你确定电脑系统运行正常吗？下周我可以安心去加勒比海度假，而不必担心这儿的事情了吧？”

迈克微笑道：“一切都运行得再好不过。我们的局域网运行得好极了，它现在连接着银行的广域网，其安全使用权限……”

“迈克，你知道我的电脑知识非常有限。恐怕我是落伍了，这就是为什么我会雇请你来解决我们的信息技术问题。”对于亨利·威廉斯来说，信息技术术语是一门陌生的语言。而他的儿子罗比虽然只有十五岁，却已经是个电脑天才了。罗比每天都会坐在电脑显示器前坐上数个小时，不论是登录上网、下网、网上冲浪，还是下载文件，这些对他而言，通通不在话下。罗比的父亲是一位出色的银行经理，可遗憾的是，他对这些术语一无所知。他感谢像迈克这样的电脑专家，他们可以为他破译这些神秘的术语。

“别担心，您可以在加勒比海玩个痛快。这儿的一切都会很好。”迈克答道。

迈克离开了办公室，威廉斯先生在自己的办公桌前坐下，他的桌子上既没有新电脑，也没有旧电脑。

正当威廉斯先生梦想着湛蓝大海和白色沙滩的时候，从贝琳达办公桌传来的一声叫喊将他拉回了现实。

“威廉斯先生，我的电脑瘫痪了！”

贝琳达话音刚落，他们就听到银行楼下的主要办公区域传来了类似的惊慌叫喊。

电脑一台接一台地瘫痪了……

第2章 出现故障 (p. 10-12)

威廉斯先生沿着电动扶梯跑到楼下的主要办公区域。发生什么事情了？所有的电脑都罢工了。每个人都在试图重新启动电脑，但根本启动不了。亨利·威廉斯努力让自己不要惊慌。他让贝琳达给迈克打电话，让他即刻赶来。然后，他对员工们说：“大家不要担心。我相信只是出了点儿小故障，迈克很快就能解决掉的。”一个年轻的银行出纳员低声对身边的同事说：“上个星期，我们的大部分文件被电脑病毒摧毁时，他也是这样说的。还记得吗？”

他的朋友笑了。有人曾经给银行全体员工发送了一封电子邮件，说里面可以看到贝琳达新男友的照片。由于贝琳达在银行里人缘很好，因此，每个员工都很自然地打开了邮件。然而，邮件里根本没有照片，只有病毒，它破坏了整个电脑系统。

对于正在发生的故障，迈克仍然一无所知。当他走入电梯时，奇怪的事情开始接踵而至。先是电灯熄灭，使银行陷入黑暗之中。接着，一名客户进来向出纳员投诉，说他在银行门外的自动柜员机上无法进入自己的账户。随后，电灯又亮了，但门却自动关闭，把人们锁在了银行里。

威廉斯先生不无讽刺地说：“看到了吧，迈克，我们的新系统运行得好极了：谁都无法工作了，客户们都愤怒了，我们都成了银行里的囚犯！”

迈克不安地讪笑道：“我保证这不是什么大故障。我去检查一下服务器，看看

出了什么问题。”

迈克是唯一拥有电脑安全系统所有使用权限的人，唯一的密码单也在他手里。他对自己的本职工作很在行，所以并不是很担心这些“暂时的小故障”。他走到主电脑旁，输入密码，一条信息出现在屏幕上：

密码无效，拒绝进入

银行里的每个人都注视着他。迈克从皮夹里取出密码单，再次键入密码，这回他十分缓慢而小心。但在他的每一次尝试之后，屏幕上都会显示同样的信息。“这不可能。”他嚷道。他紧张得脸色发白，而威廉斯先生正等待着一个解释。

“都弄好了吗？”威廉斯先生问。

迈克准备把这个坏消息告诉他的老板。

“看样子……有人获得了新系统的密码，而且……把密码给改了。”

“那到底意味着什么？”他的老板怒气冲天地问。迈克深吸了一口气：“那意味着此人现在完全控制了银行。”

此刻，银行的门不可思议地又打开了。谁也没有说话。只有墙上时钟发出的声音打破沉寂。所有员工都等待着威廉斯先生的反应。

“那你告诉我，这个人怎么会拿到密码？”威廉斯先生平静地问。“我不知道，”迈克回答说，“我一直把密码单放在我的皮夹里。从没有给其他人看过。这完全让人百思不得其解。”

“不！”威廉斯先生吼了起来，“让人百思不得其解的是为什么我给了你这份工作。先是出现了病毒，现在又发生了这件事。好了，你可以开始找新工作了。你被解雇了！”

迈克一言不发地离开了银行。他谁也没有看。他明白，这是他自己的过失。

贝琳达的声音打破了安静：“噢，威廉斯先生，我们该怎么办啊？”还没等他回答，电脑屏幕上显示出一条新信息：

有亨利·威廉斯的电子邮件

第3章 亨利，你准备好玩游戏了吗？(p. 18-20)

威廉斯先生转身对银行员工们说：“请大家继续正常工作。没有什么可担心的。”所有人都一脸惊诧。没有电脑他们该如何工作呢？这是不可能的。

没有人动身，也没有人吭声。威廉斯先生又重复了一遍：“请大家现在回到各自的工作岗位上去。客户们快要到了，我们必须做好准备。”

员工们开始慢慢地踱回工作岗位，这位银行经理也在这台服务器前坐了下来。贝琳达在他身边站着。威廉斯先生看着屏幕，他现在担心极了。他迟疑了一下。贝琳达觉得他遇到了难题，她想提供帮助，便说：“您得点击屏幕角落上的那个电子邮件图标。”

“我知道，我知道。我没那么愚蠢！”她的老板吼道。一些员工听到后相视而笑。

了。贝琳达很了解威廉斯先生。她知道，当他发火的时候，比如像现在这样，最好是什么也别说。她安静地看着他点击电子邮件的图标。邮箱打开了，出现的是新邮件的标题：

亨利·威廉斯，你准备好玩游戏了吗？

是的，他准备好了。他不知道这封电子邮件是谁发送的，但他想了解事情的缘由，并结束目前这种局面。他打开信息，电脑屏幕上写满了字：

嗨，亨利！

你今天好吗？开心吗？也可能发愁了？甚至愤怒了！我已经很久没见到你了，但是，我可以告诉你，你让我非常、非常地愤怒。我讨厌你。你有多少个敌人呢？至少也有一个——我！我要你为之前你对我所做过的一切付出代价。正如你所知，我已经进入了你那个全新的、安全可靠的（哈哈！）电脑系统，你猜怎么着？它现在是我的系统了。要发现那些密码实在是太容易了。亨利，你本该更小心些的。你不会介意我叫你‘亨利’的，是吧？

此时，威廉斯先生真的愤怒了，同时也感到十分困惑。他问贝琳达：“这个人是谁？他想要干什么？或许是一个女人？他（她）为什么生气呢？我可是个诚实又可敬的人哪，所有人都喜欢我——嗯，我是说大多数人。不是吗，贝琳达？”他扭过头去看贝琳达，希望她能给出他想听到的答案，可是她并没有在听。她在继续看接下来显示的信息……

我把所有的密码都改了，所以，你银行里的一切都在我的掌控之下。给我放乖点儿，否则，我会再把门锁上——甚至做出更糟糕的事情来。不过别害怕，亨利，我知道你是个聪明的（哈哈！）人，所以，我会给你一个机会来挽救你所珍爱的银行。我们来玩一个游戏。如果你赢了，银行就有救。若是你输了……我将毁掉银行！你喜欢我这个主意吗？我觉得它棒极了！这意味着，这家银行——你的银行的命运就把握在你自己的手中。所以呢，亨利，我的朋友……你准备好玩游戏了吗？

第4章 不要报警！（p. 24-26）

银行里一片嘈杂。客户们陆续到来，银行职员只好告诉他们电脑出了问题。一些客户立即离去，另一些客户则生气并开始吵嚷，还有一些客户要求见经理。

但是威廉斯先生没有时间和任何人说话。他自己也遇到了难题，一个大难题。两名员工把电脑服务器搬到了他的办公室。那里安静多了，他可以独自思考，不被任何人打扰。

贝琳达坐在他身边。她开始惊慌了，当她感到惊慌时就会不停地说话。

“多么可怕的人。我肯定他是个男人。他太险恶了。威廉斯先生，您下一步要做什么呢？多么可怕的形势！我想帮助您，可是，我实在不知道该做些什么。我们可

以报警吗？我肯定……”

威廉斯先生无法集中注意力了。他秘书的语速越来越快。

“贝琳达，你为何不去给我沏一杯好茶呢？”

贝琳达绽放出灿烂的笑容，走出了办公室。

在她看来，一杯好茶就可以解决所有问题。

这样，在没有任何人打扰的情况下，威廉斯先生可以读完这封神秘电子邮件的最后部分了。

游戏是这样的：我会向你发送三个谜语，每次发一个。你必须在二十四小时之内揭开谜底。亨利，对于像你这么聪明的人来说，这些时间足够多了。要解开这些谜，你很可能需要成为一名电脑专家，不过，你每天都在使用电脑，不是吗？（哈哈！）如果你解不开这三个谜，我将清空你银行里的所有账户，从最小的账户到最大的账户。所有账户里的钱都将消失，而你的银行也就毁掉了。

最后一件事——不要报警。报警是非常愚蠢的。如果你报警，我就会知道。别忘了，我可以在几秒钟之内毁掉你的银行。不要拿这个来冒险，亨利。

你认为我说的这些都是在开玩笑？我想让你明白，我是非常认真的。亨利，你知道你的银行账户里有多少钱吗？你能确定吗？为何不查一下呢？我想你会大吃一惊的！好了，现在我把电脑的使用权限交给你的员工，让银行正常运转。看到了吧，我并非那么险恶。但你不要忘了，我随时都可以关掉所有的电脑或者更改任何东西。再见，不过别担心……我很快就会回来的。

威廉斯先生坐回到椅子上。他觉得头痛欲裂。事情并没有好转。

他在想该怎么办，此时，他听到楼下的银行职员发出了欣喜的欢呼声。

门开了，贝琳达端着茶走了进来。“威廉斯先生，电脑又正常工作了。太好了，不是吗？一切都恢复正常了。或许，那封电子邮件仅仅是个玩笑而已。”

“好吧，过一会儿我们就知道了，贝琳达。”他答道。

威廉斯先生只会用电脑做两件事情——收发电子邮件和访问自己的银行账户。为什么那位神秘的黑客让他去查看自己的账户呢？他输入自己的密码，再输入帐号，然后等待着。几秒钟之后，电脑屏幕上出现了他想要的信息……

第5章 第一个谜语 (p. 30-33)

威廉斯先生惊恐地瞪着屏幕。他的银行账户里空空如也！这位银行经理急忙关掉页面，可贝琳达已经看到了。茶杯从她手中滑落，她哭了起来。亨利·威廉斯还没来得及说话，屏幕上又出现了一条信息：

有亨利·威廉斯的邮件——第一个谜语

威廉斯先生点击鼠标打开信息。他看着第一个谜语，里面没有多少字，倒是有许多奇怪的符号和缩略词。

现在是九点十五分,游戏开始!

WU HENRY? I C THAT UR:-(Y?

U CAN'T C ME UR:-(BUT I AM>-(

IMO UR>:-C OR PRHPS<:-O

TAFN I'LL BBL

EOM HAND (LOL)

亨利,你喜欢这第一个谜语吗?很酷吧?又酷又炫。时钟已经开始滴答作响了。赶紧!赶紧!赶紧!

BFN:-)

威廉斯先生一点儿也看不懂。他看了看贝琳达,她还在哭。

“贝琳达,拜托你别哭了,歇一分钟,给迈克打个电话。叫他马上赶到这里。我们需要他的帮助。”

她诧异地看着他,答道:“但是,威廉斯先生,您在一个小时之前已经把迈克解雇了。您不记得了?”

是的,现在他想起来了。没有人能帮他了。

他头痛得更厉害了。他无法思考。

这时,从他椅子后面传来了贝琳达的声音:

“为什么不打电话给您的儿子罗比呢?他对计算机很在行,不是吗?”

威廉斯先生站起来抱了她一下。“对呀!贝琳达,你真是太棒了。我怎么就没有想到呢?”

今天学校放假,罗比应该正在他的卧室里玩电脑、听音乐,但绝对不是在学习功课。在他的卧室里几乎看不到翻开的课本。提起儿子,威廉斯先生总会联想到两样东西——他的手机和棒球帽。

威廉斯先生拿起电话,拨通家里的号码。

“是罗比吗?我是你爸爸。听着,我银行里的电脑出了问题。你能过来帮忙吗?我不管你是不是正在玩什么古墓丽影的游戏。这次的事情真的很重要。请尽快赶来。谢谢。”

威廉斯先生放下电话,笑道:“贝琳达,你的主意棒极了。罗比是个十几岁的年轻人,我肯定他能看懂谜语里所有奇怪的符号和缩略词。”

贝琳达脸红了,她说道:“威廉斯先生,我可以再提一个建议吗?我想,您可以看到电子邮件是从哪儿发来的。请看页面顶端。”

她说的没错。“又是个好主意,贝琳达!邮件是从本市的图书馆发送的。我们神秘的黑客一定以为自己很聪明,对吧?”

威廉斯先生又拿起了电话。这一次,他拨通了银行的保安部办公室。

他说明了情况,并吩咐保安主任派两名保安人员到图书馆去查找并抓捕黑客。

他感觉好多了,贝琳达也停止了哭泣。正在此时,他注意到电脑屏幕上出现了什么东西。那是一个时钟图标和一个沙漏,时钟图标显示,十五分钟已经过去了,而沙漏里的细沙正在往下漏。

倒计时已经开始……

第6章 图书馆里的麻烦 (p. 36-38)

虽然才早上九点三十分,但图书馆里已经有许多人了。一些人在书架上寻找畅销书,另一些在学习区阅读书报,还有一些人在使用复印机和电脑。一名男士正在阅读大公告牌上的信息,一位母亲正带着孩子朝楼上的儿童区走去。

一名图书管理员正推着一车书。

这里非常安静。

在图书馆里,要说话的人都会压低声音。谁要是有什么问题,图书管理员就会过去帮忙。

这就是比尔和本这两个银行保安到图书馆调查时所看到的情景。他们走向服务台,那里有一名管理员正在为一位老太太服务。

“我们认为有一名犯罪分子用这个图书馆的一台电脑发送了一封电子邮件,我们要看一下今天上午在这里使用过互联网的人员名单。”比尔说。

这名图书管理员平静地回答道:“真抱歉,可我现在正忙着。如果您能等一等,我很乐意尽快来帮您。”

本并不是一个有耐心的人。“这位夫人,我想你并不明白。我们是来这里抓捕犯罪分子的,我们现在就要抓!”他大声喊道。

那位站在本前面的老太太顿时愤怒了,她拿起手提包打这两个保安。“嘿,是我先来的!你们真是些粗鲁无礼的男人!”她说。

管理员试图让大家安静下来。她对比尔和本说:“请不要大声叫喊。这里是图书馆。恐怕我们只能把使用过图书馆的人员信息提供给警方。你们是警察吗?”

比尔回答说:“不是,我们是伦敦路上一家银行的保安,我们……”

管理员打断了他的话:“那么我无法帮你们了。现在,请你们离开图书馆好吗?”

但是这两个人并不想离开。比尔想出了一个主意:“嘿,本,那个黑客或许还在使用电脑。我们过去看看。”

他们跑进电脑区,开始讯问正在那里使用电脑的四个人。这时,图书馆里的每一个人,包括管理员们,都走过来围观了。

保安员大声叫嚷着,电脑旁的人们都被吓着了。

图书馆馆长佩奇先生从他的办公室里走了出来,他想知道往日安静的图书馆为何会如此吵闹。眼前的情景让他大吃一惊。他走到电脑区,想知道发生了什么事情。

大约有二十来个人在同时回答他的问题,他无法听明白。不过,他很快就意识到,是那两名穿着蓝色制服的男子在制造麻烦,扰乱所有人。

他大声喝道:“你们两个,马上从我的图书馆滚出去!”在馆里一些人的协助下,他将两人推向门口,然后推出图书馆,并一直推到了门外的大街上。

“不许回来!”那位老太太暴怒地叫道。

图书馆里的人们都在议论着刚刚发生的事情。

谁都没有注意到,一名男子正藏在书架后面,他笑了……

第7章 大英雄罗比 (p. 44-46)

和父亲通话后数分钟，罗比·威廉斯来到了银行。他不太高兴。这些天正值学校放假，他想和朋友们出去玩，可母亲每天却不下十次地叫他打开课本学习。今天，他本想去买一条新的足球头巾和一张电脑游戏光盘的，然而现在却必须来银行给父亲帮忙！他走进银行，上了楼梯，来到父亲的办公室。

“嘿，老爸，发生什么事了？午饭时我还得去购物中心见朋友呢。我要去买一张新的电脑游戏光盘。这个游戏超级棒，它叫……”

威廉斯先生打断了儿子的话：“罗比，请你先把耳塞摘下来，再听我说。”他很快解释了黑客所制造的麻烦。罗比难以置信。

“老爸，你真倒霉。我怎样才能帮上忙呢？”

威廉斯先生给他看了第一个谜语。罗比对他父亲露出了灿烂的笑脸。

“放轻松，老爸。这太容易了，我闭着眼睛都能做出来。每天在网络聊天室或给朋友发手机短信时，我都会使用这些缩略词。我来告诉你。WU代表‘怎么了？’(What's up?)，IC代表‘我知道’(I see)。而这些符号则叫做‘表情符号’。它们看上去像一张脸，用来表达你的感受。我能轻而易举地帮你译解出这封邮件的意思。”罗比坐下来，点击“回复”图标，把译解后的信息写了出来：

怎么了，亨利？我知道你很难过。为什么呢？

你看不见我。你很难过，而我很愤怒。

在我看来，你很吃惊，或许很害怕。

先说到这吧。早些时候我会再回来。

信末。祝你今天过得好(大笑)。

再见！

“明白了吧？我和你说过的这很容易。现在，我点击‘发送’，信件就会回到发信人那里了。”

威廉斯先生谢过儿子，他开始慢慢放松下来……然而，到底能放松多久呢？

现在是十点十五分，时间才过去一个小时。贝琳达走进办公室，她对老板说：“自动柜员机现在恢复工作了……”威廉斯先生笑了。“但是，”她很快补充道，“机器正在向客户支付过量的钱……”

威廉斯先生跌坐到他的椅子上。生活为何如此艰难？

保安员比尔和本敲门进了他的办公室。他们是否为他带来了好消息呢？

“哦？”他满怀希望地问道，“你们找到他了吗？”

比尔回答说：“并没有，威廉斯先生。我们去找了，但是图书馆里的人都很不友善。”“对，”本补充说，“他们不愿意帮助我们，最后还要求我们离开。有一个老太太她……”威廉斯先生气愤极了：“我对那个老太太不感兴趣。很明显，你们没有抓住黑客。你们俩简直是无能。现在，在我还没炒你们鱿鱼之前，回自己的办公室去。”

他的头痛又回来了，而且比之前的更厉害。这时，他的儿子说：“老爸，快看，

黑客又发来信息了。”他看了看罗比，又看了看贝琳达。然后，他们三个人一起望向屏幕……

第8章 我的名字叫 Trentine (p. 50-53)

亨利，你好。

呃，那是个容易的谜语。我想是有人帮了你——可能是你的儿子罗比？他是很聪明，不过你的保安可真是蠢到了家。他们在图书馆没看到我，但我却看到他们了！没关系！或许，他们下一次的运气能好点儿……

这里是你的第二个谜语——我想，这次你不可能译解出来了。

玩得开心！

再见。

第二个谜语

我的名字叫 TRENTINE——我是力量与知识。

以下是我的朋友：

BERROWS LIMEA RODLW EDIW BEW THAC MORO FRUS

亨利·威廉斯不太担心了。他有自己的秘密武器——罗比！

“这个谜语你也能解开，对吗，罗比？”他问道。然后，他看着儿子的脸。

“老爸，真的很抱歉，我看不明白。不过你看——这封邮件是黑客从市中心的 Internet Café 网吧发来的。”贝琳达又哭了起来。

威廉斯先生再一次给保安部办公室打了个电话，命令比尔和本去 Internet Café 网吧找出黑客。他刚把电话放下，银行出纳员便走进他的办公室，带来了更多的坏消息。

“一名客户刚刚告诉我，说银行的网站正在宣传一项特价优惠服务——零利息的信用卡。这是真的吗？”他问。

“当然不是！”威廉斯先生大声叫道，“不要向我们的客户发放任何新信用卡！现在回去工作！”出纳员从他眼前消失了。

每一分钟都漫长得像一个小时，威廉斯先生越来越焦躁不安了。罗比仍然困惑地看着谜语，而贝琳达还在哭泣。

突然，罗比有了主意。“我知道该怎么办了！”他喊道。

他父亲从座位上跳了起来。“你解开谜语了？”他问。

“没有，但我敢说我的朋友乔一定能帮上咱们。我这就给他的手机发一条短信。”

威廉斯先生又坐了下来，这时罗比发了条手机短信。

速来银行。罗布(编者注：罗比的昵称)

乔到达银行时，已经是下午五点钟了。“怎么了，罗比？”他问。这时他看见贝

琳达在向他微笑，他也对贝琳达笑了笑。哇噻！她真漂亮！他一下子就爱上了她。

“乔，听我说。”罗比说道。他解释了这次黑客事件，并给乔看第二个谜语。乔不想把视线从贝琳达身上移开，但他不得不看电脑屏幕。威廉斯先生开始惊慌了：“快点儿，孩子们。所剩的时间不多了。”

“放心吧，威廉斯先生。这个谜语我们能解开。来，罗比，我们动手吧。”

足足过了四个小时，他们才把谜底揭开。“那么，Trentine 是谁呢？”威廉斯先生问。

“互联网(Internet)。”乔答道。

“没错，”罗比说，“而那些朋友都是和互联网有关的词——浏览器(browser)，电子邮件(e-mail)，万维网(world wide web)，聊天室(chat room)，还有……”

“网上冲浪(surf)。”贝琳达开心地说。

乔看着她。“贝琳达，你真酷。在我看来，你真是个完美的女孩。”他边说边点击了“发送”图标。

威廉斯先生看着他们，自言自语道：“他们都在说些什么呢？我想我真的老了。”

现在是晚上九点钟，沙漏已空了一半，不过他们已经及时解开了谜语。

威廉斯先生十分放心了。情况终于好转了。此时，电话响了起来。威廉斯先生接听时，一个声音说道：“晚上好！这里是警察局……”

第9章 让亨利惊奇的事情 (p. 56-58)

威廉斯先生放下电话。他说：“是警察局打来的。看起来，比尔和本在 Internet Café 网吧引起了骚动，他们被捕了。当然，他们没有抓住黑客。为什么我对此一点都不觉得惊奇呢？也好，他们可以待在警察局里，直到我们找出黑客为止。”

没有人回应他的话。罗比在用手机发短信给朋友，解释自己下午没去见他们的原因。而乔则正和贝琳达说着话。

“贝琳达，今天晚上和我约会吧？这附近有一家很棒的汉堡包餐馆。”

贝琳达对他报以一笑。

“可是，乔，你才十五岁。对于你来说，我的年纪太大了。”

“别看我这个年龄，我已经很成熟了。”他迅速答道，“去吧！我们会玩得很开心的。我买单，而且……”这时，他们的谈话被黑客的来信打断了。

祝贺你，亨利。你解开了第二个谜语。我想又是罗比帮了你。可惜的是，那些保安却没有你的儿子那么聪明。他们又失败了，不是吗？亨利，还有一个谜语需要你解开。如果你解开了，你就能发现我是谁。待会儿我会把消息发给你。首先，你需要放松一下，然后……“冷静”下来。让你惊奇的事情要来了，准备好了吗？

再见。

“惊奇的事情。那是什么意思，威廉斯先生？”贝琳达问。

“我不知道，不过我相信我们很快就会知道了。”她的老板答道。

像往常一样，所有员工已经在五点钟下班回家了。

办公室里寂静无声。威廉斯先生突然觉得很疲倦。他的眼睛慢慢合上了……

他正在加勒比海度假。他走在沙滩上。天气炎热，阳光灿烂，碧空无云。天太热了，于是他便去海里游泳，以图凉快。他浑身都湿了，湿透了……

威廉斯先生醒了。他身上真的湿了！他的办公室在下雨吗？他听到了贝琳达的声音：“威廉斯先生，怎么回事？我全身都湿了！这水是从哪儿来的？我的头发和衣服都湿透了！”

威廉斯先生回答说：“这就是令我们惊奇的事情，贝琳达。我们的黑客朋友启动了喷水系统。真是有趣。我们快出去吧。”

他们全部跑出了办公室，来到楼下。乔试图安慰贝琳达，而罗比则想知道他是否可以回家了。

“拜托，老爸。时间不早了，今晚我还想看电视呢。”

“现在还不行，”他父亲回答说，“我们还有一个谜语需要破解。”

“老爸，你说‘我们’是什么意思？你自己还什么都没做过呢。”儿子讽刺道。

威廉斯先生看着儿子，但他知道罗比说得没错。前两个谜语都是这两个男孩破解的。

远处传来了警车的鸣笛声。

是警察来了吗？威廉斯先生和罗比走向银行门口。威廉斯先生缓缓打开了大门……

第10章 哪里起火了？(p. 64-66)

威廉斯先生打开大门，三名消防队员跑进银行。

“好嘞，哪里起火了？”他们问。威廉斯先生一头雾水。

“你们什么意思？‘起火’？这里没有起火。我想是你们弄错了。”

消防队员不相信他的话。

“威廉斯先生，银行的喷水系统是和消防站的警报器连接在一起的，您忘了吗？喷水装置一启动，警报就会响，于是我们来这里灭火了。好了，哪里起火了？”

这时，罗比出声了：“没有起火。喷水装置会启动，一定是因为系统出了故障。”

“是的。”威廉斯先生补充说，“真对不起，让你们白跑了一趟。”

“好吧，我得说我并没有发现火灾。我们明天上午会回来检查一下，看看喷水系统出了什么故障。”这名消防队员回答说。“威廉斯先生，你们今天工作得可真晚啊。”他又说了一句。

“是呀，我们要做的事情太多了。”威廉斯先生疲惫地回答他。

消防队员走后，威廉斯先生告诉贝琳达，她可以回家了。他为她打开了大门，罗比也想同时出去。他父亲把他拉了回来。“我这里需要你。”他说，“我们回办公室去吧。”

“哦，老爸。”罗比嘴里抗议着，不过还是跟随父亲上了楼。

当最后一个谜语到达时，时间已经是凌晨四点了。罗比和乔睡在地板上。他们太累了，所以无法撑着不睡。亨利·威廉斯强打精神，看着电脑屏幕。

嗨，亨利。这是最后一个谜语。

下面是关于一位名人的一些句子，你必须读完，然后找出其中的四个单词。

第三个谜语

第一个单词，是他的名，却是你的姓。

第二个单词，是一个障碍，却也是进入的方式。

第三个单词，是一个婴孩，或者是一个怪物？

第四个单词，是它开始的地方。

先取每一个单词的首字母，然后加上字母 I 和 A。这样，你就有了六个字母，在这些字母中，你将找到我的名字。

再见。

简直令人难以置信。数小时前，一切都进行得很顺利。而现在却有人要毁掉他的银行以及人生。为什么？他轻轻碰了碰罗比，说：“罗比，醒醒！最后一个谜语到了。我们只有几个小时的解谜时间了。”他的儿子没有任何反应，继续睡着。威廉斯先生试图叫醒乔，然而，乔只是在睡梦中喃喃自语：“贝琳达，你是要汉堡包，还是要干酪肉饼呢？”

威廉斯先生坐着，双手抱着头。两个男孩都在睡梦中，他又叫不醒。他该怎么办呢？他又看了一眼时钟——已经四点三十分了！这时，又来了一封邮件。

亨利，快点认了吧，你输了。

我就要开始清空银行账户了。我该从谁的账户开始呢？或许是警察局的？或者，我会选择米勒夫人，就是图书馆里那位可怜的老太太。不，我想我要从市政会开始下手——今天是这个月的最后一天，也是必须发放薪水的一天。

黑客说的是真的吗？这是末日吗……？

第 11 章 这是末日吗？ (p. 70-72)

八点三十分，威廉斯先生睁开了眼睛。一时间，他想不起前一天所发生的事情。接着，他的脑海里慢慢地出现了一张电脑黑客的画像和一些奇怪的谜语。他想知道自己是不是在做梦。这时他看到了罗比和乔，他们俩仍然睡在地板上，接着他又看到了电脑屏幕。屏幕上，最后一个谜语还在，而沙漏里的沙子几乎要漏空了。这不是噩梦，这是真的！

办公室的门打开了，贝琳达走了进来。“哦，威廉斯先生。您一整夜都待在这里吗？可怜的罗比和乔也是吧。您找到最后一个谜语的破解方法了吗？”

看到他脸上的表情，她已经知道了答案。“我去给您沏一杯好茶，您很快就会感觉好一些的。”她说。

只剩下最后三十分钟了。威廉斯先生对自己很生气。他觉得自己对这一切负有责任。他的银行陷入了危险之中，而他却无法拯救它。他再次试图叫醒罗比，然而，要在中午之前弄醒他那十几岁的儿子，谈何容易！

贝琳达端着茶回来了。威廉斯先生连喝了三杯。

他往窗外一看，银行出纳们正陆续到达，开始新一天的工作——也许是最后一天了。他能对他们说些什么呢？绝望中，他再次在电脑前坐了下来。

“贝琳达，如果我们赢了，我发誓我要苦学电脑并成为专家。我儿子只有十五岁，但对于电脑，他懂的比我要多得多。我落后于时代了，我必须得改变自己。”

“这个主意好极了，威廉斯先生。当然啦，我会尽可能帮您的。我现在懂得了不少知识，而且……”

她的话还没讲完，威廉斯先生就大声叫喊起来，把罗比和乔都吵醒了。

“就是这样！我找到解谜的方法了！我知道谜底了！”

罗比和乔立即爬了起来。他们面面相觑，然后一起看着威廉斯先生。罗比迟疑地说：“你确定吗，老爸？我觉得这不太可能。”

“是的，我当然肯定。我做出来了。你看，首先我点击‘回复’图标；对吧？然后，我写下答案。第一个单词是 Bill(比尔)——这个人的名，也是我的姓 Williams(威廉斯)的缩写(编者注：在英语中，Williams 和 William 的缩写或昵称都是 Bill)。第二个单词是 gate(门)，这是一个障碍物，但也是进入的方式。”

“所以，这个人名叫比尔·盖茨。”乔说。

“完全正确。”威廉斯先生答道，“第三个单词是 Microsoft(微软公司)——盖茨的婴儿，盖茨创造的杰作，但在一些人眼中，它也是一个怪物。最后一个单词是 Seattle(西雅图)，那是比尔·盖茨居住的地方，也是他开始创建微软公司的地方，是一个开始。”

“你太聪明了，老爸。干得好！”罗比说。

“现在，”威廉斯先生接着说道，“如果我们取每一个单词的第一个字母，我们得到的是 B, G, M 和 S。我们再加上另外两个字母——I 和 A——这样，这六个字母应该可以拼出黑客的名字了。”

大家都看着这六个字母：

B G M S I A

他们试图拼出一个名字，却只能拼写出像 Big(大)和 Bags(袋)这样的单词，而不是名字。突然，威廉斯先生跳了起来，大声叫道：“是的！是的！我知道黑客的名字了……”

第 12 章 他人的假期 (p. 76-78)

“他是萨姆·吉布(Sam Gib)。”威廉斯先生说，“真让我难以置信。可是，他为什么会怨恨我呢？”

“也许是因为你两周前把他解雇了。”贝琳达提示道。

罗比问：“萨姆·吉布是谁？”

威廉斯先生解释说：“他以前曾在这家银行工作。最初，他是一名不错的银行出纳员。可后来，他开始上班迟到，每天如此。并且上班时间他不是在工作，而是在

上网冲浪、登陆聊天室。他每天都要在网上耗掉数个小时与世界各地的人聊天。因此，我把他炒掉了。但是，等一下，既然他在两个星期之前就离职了，那么，他是如何知道电脑新密码的呢？”

对于他的问题，贝琳达给出了这样的答案：“几天以前，他回银行来清理自己办公桌里的东西。我想您那时正在开会。我记得，他去了迈克的办公室，并在那里呆了很久。我当时以为他是在和迈克聊天，可现在回想起来，迈克并不是一直都在那里。不管怎么说，威廉斯先生，你是个英雄。你挽救了银行！”

“没错。现在只剩下两分钟的时间了。看，九点十三分了。”乔说。

大家都看着电脑屏幕。

突然，罗比说：“老爸，你记得点击‘发送’图标把信件回复给黑客了吗？我是说，回复萨姆·吉布了吗？”

“哎哟，没有呢！快，点击，快点击，否则就来不及了！”威廉斯先生大喊。四只手都试图去抓鼠标点击，然而在混乱之中，鼠标掉到了地板上。最后，罗比拾起鼠标，接着点击，于是信件消失了。一时间，谁也说不出来。随后，他们开始大笑起来，并互相拥抱着。

“我们赢了！我们赢了，你赢了，老爸。”罗比说道。乔则再一次拥抱了贝琳达。威廉斯先生走下楼，把这个好消息告诉所有员工。员工们也笑了，并鼓掌为他们的老板喝彩。

当威廉斯先生回到办公室时，他拿起了电话。“现在，我可以报警了，并告诉他们所发生的一切，他们就可以去萨姆家逮捕他。”然而，他还没来得及打电话，又一封电子邮件到达了。

亨利，你好。

现在你知道我是谁了。祝贺你。

你喜欢我的游戏吗？

当你解雇我时，我就想复仇了，因此我发送了感染银行电脑的病毒。但这还不够。你安装了一套新的电脑系统，于是我去拜访迈克，并在他的办公桌上看到了新的电脑密码。这简直太容易了。你确实需要改进银行的安全体系了。兴许我还可以帮上忙呢？

不过，亨利，我这里还有一件令你惊奇的事情呢……

这一次，威廉斯先生面色惨白。“哦，求求你，不要！不要再玩谜语了。”他叫道。

我想我需要休假了。当你在网上订购去加勒比海度假的机票时，我更改了地址，所以，昨天机票寄到了我家，而不是你家。同时，我还更改了度假的日期，我将于今天上午十点启程。现在，我是在机场用我的新笔记本电脑向你发送这封邮件的。

为了向你表示我的善良，我已经将钱全部返还到你的银行账户里了。

谢谢你的假期。当我度假归来时，或许我们可以再玩玩其他的游戏……

背景知识

互联网

什么是互联网?

这是现今在计算领域取得的最重大、最令人激动的发展成果。互联网是世界上最大的电脑网络,它可以在任何时间联系到任何国家的任何地方。你可以用一根普通的电话线将自己的电脑连接到互联网。你能在互联网上找到各方各面的海量信息,而且这些信息还可以在电脑之间快速传送。这就是我们所说的“信息高速公路”——一条通往你想去的地方的快捷之路。

互联网还是与其他人交流的一种方式。通过像电子邮件、新闻组和聊天室这样的通讯方式,互联网把世界各地的人们联系在一起。它也将人们聚集在一起。我们可以与朋友、家人以及兴趣相投的人交谈,还能结识新的朋友。

人们通常认为,互联网就是万维网,其实不然。万维网只是互联网的服务项目之一。万维网是互联网上使用得最多、也最为人所知的信息资源。它是传播文字、图片和声音等多媒体信息的一种网络。

传播的信息是以“超文本”的形式来呈现的。“超文本”允许你在不同的网页之间切换,并帮助你轻松快捷地找到想要的信息。

网络初期

二十世纪六十年代,人们看到了在科学和军事领域中运用电脑来共享研发信息的可能性。当时,电脑专家、工程师和科学家们使用的是一种早期版本的互联网。这一系统非常复杂,并且,由于它是由美国政府资助构建的,所以其用途仅限于研究、教育和政务领域。1969年,一些大学和研究机构共同创建了 ARPA(Advanced Research Project Agency,美国高等研究计划署)网。

二十世纪七十年代,人们意识到,这一系统还可以被应用到非军事的信息交流中,从而产生了建立一个国际性网络——互联网——的想法。到了二十世纪九十年代,互联网开始广泛服务于商业目的。

个人电脑销售量的增长使得数千万人有条件使用互联网。

Windows 98 在它的系统中装入了一个互联网浏览器。这表明比尔·盖茨意图促进互联网的巨大发展。盖茨认为,互联网是新一代必不可少的教育工具——总有一天,他们能够在任何时间、任何地点获取任何信息。

互联网将会改变“网络新生代”的交流、学习和工作方式。

然而,近年来互联网的迅猛发展也引发了一些问题,这其中就包括一些性质极其严重的问题……

是电脑黑客还是坏客?

近期发生的事件表明,对于某些人来说,非法进入他人的电脑系统是一件非常轻而易举的事情。人们把做这种事情的人称作“电脑黑客”。

电脑黑客能够在互联网上获取私人信息,然后在网上使用或传播这些信息。

大多数电脑黑客的目的,是通过寻找电脑程序的弱点来改进网络质量。

有一些曾经是黑客的人,他们现在为公司工作,以尝试改进公司网站的安全性能。

令人遗憾的是,还有一些电脑黑客想要破坏甚至毁掉网络。这些黑客另有一个名称——他们被称为“坏客”(破坏分子)。他们是网络恐怖分子,并使用具有破坏性的手法来宣扬自己的行为,这些行为通常怀有政治或者意识形态的目的。

黑客行为主义者

越来越多的政治激进分子(人们称之为“黑客行为主义者”)在使用互联网反抗大型公司和政府。他们感到愤怒,因为商业型企业开始控制网络空间。黑客行为主义者企图破坏他们所“对抗”的人的网站。他们拥有各种各样的手段。有时候,他们会启动一个新程序,向某个网站同时发送成千上万条请求,这样可以导致服务器速度减慢甚至瘫痪。他们还会更改别人网站上的信息。这就意味着,他们使用黑客手段闯入电脑系统,以进入网站,因此,这是一种非法行为。他们的另一种手段是“电邮炸弹”——发送成千上万的电子抗议邮件到目标公司,致使服务器速度减慢,并使被袭击的目标公司无法找到真实信息。

非法进入

出于各种各样的原因,人们利用黑客手段闯入电脑系统。以下只是其中的一些例子:

- 电脑黑客进入了微软公司 Hotmail(编者注:一个电子邮箱网站)服务系统中的个人电子邮件账户。一个名叫“黑客联盟”的团体声称对此事负责。该团体的动机何在?就是为了引起人们对微软公司薄弱安全体系的注意,并使微软公司感到难堪。
- 电脑黑客进入了英格兰南部一家医院的电话系统。他们拨打了很多电话,致使该医院为此花费了成千上万英镑。
- 巴基斯坦的叛乱分子攻击并更改了印度的网站。他们在网站上写下了反印度的宣传信息,以指出该国克什米尔地区存在的问题。
- 英国的一名少年进入了许多人(包括比尔·盖茨!)的电脑系统。随后,他窃取了信用卡的详细信息,并将这些信息公布在一家网站上。美国联邦调查局发现了他并将他逮捕。他想证明,要进入这些网站易如反掌,那些声称自己网站很安全的公司并没有说实话。

银行

电子商务正变得越来越普及,也因此越来越具竞争性。调查表明,公司和银行都把寻找新顾客摆在首位。这意味着,安全问题可能会得不到同样的重视。网上银行已经成为黑客理想的攻击领域,世界上很多国家都已发现了许多此类攻击事件。

“埃格”是第一家网上银行。它于1998年创建,拥有一百多万客户。它只需通过互联网和电话来运行。看起来,它已经成为网上银行盗窃的第一位受害者。显然,有组织的犯罪分子进入了该银行的网络系统,盗取了大量的钱款。

警方担心,犯罪分子有可能利用互联网从事严重的犯罪活动,并渗透到网上银行的方方面面。

危险的是,此类事件会变得很普遍。政府正在组织特别小组来阻止这种问题的发生,并制订新的法律,以保护人们免受这类犯罪的侵害。

威廉·H·盖茨三世

人物

比尔·盖茨是谁?他就是改变了世人思考模式和工作方式的那个人。为什么他这么富有、这么出名呢?他就是美国微软公司——个人电脑软件领域中最大的供应商——的共同创始人和首席软件架构师。

1955年10月28日,威廉·H·盖茨出生于美国西雅图。他开始编写个人电脑软件时,年仅十三岁。1973年,他成为久负盛名的哈佛大学的一名学生。正是在哈佛,他开发了计算机编程BASIC语言,同时结识了史蒂夫·博尔玛——现任微软公司总裁。

盖茨并没有完成他的大学学业。他于1975年退学,与一个名叫保罗·艾伦的人共同创办了微软公司。

比尔·盖茨现在已经成为地球上最富有的人。他同梅琳达结婚后有了两个孩子。他和妻子创建了比尔与梅琳达·盖茨基金会,旨在通过学习和健康改善人类的生活。该基金会已向一些机构捐赠了数百万美元,以帮助他们开展这些领域的研究。

公司

比尔·盖茨认为,无论是在办公室还是在家,每张桌子都应该配置一台电脑。于是,他开始研发软件,并于1983年推出了鼠标和Windows操作系统。此后,Windows操作系统陆续推出了几种版本。到今天,Windows已经成为世界上90%的个人电脑所使用的操作系统。

盖茨使微软公司成为了世界上最大、最成功的软件公司。该公司横跨世界60个不同的国家,共雇佣32,000多名员工,至1999年底,公司收入已达19,750,000,000美元。微软公司的目标是使新技术更加易懂、更好使用、更让人买得起。盖茨很快发现了互联网之于当今孩子们的巨大潜力。他将这些孩子称为“网络新生代”,并且曾这么说:“我们的工作就是为他们提供理解新技术并将新技术带

入未来所需要的工具。”

困境

2000年6月,一名美国法官判决,微软公司垄断了电脑操作系统的市场,因此,与其他竞争者相比,它拥有不公平的优势。

法官的裁决是,微软公司必须分解成两个公司:其一,掌管操作系统的Windows公司;其二,掌管“网络探索者”等软件产品的应用软件公司。

未来的结果尚无法预料,比尔·盖茨必须力争以挽救他自1975年以来所创立的一切。

通讯革命

与每一个人对话

互联网是现今计算领域所取得的最重要、最令人激动的发展成果。它是世界上最大的电脑网络;它将各大洲连接在一起,从而使世界变小;它还能让你查找到各类话题的相关信息。不过,它的另一项功能则是把人们联系在一起。通过诸如电子邮件、新闻组及聊天室之类的通讯方式,你可以接触到世界各地的人。这些互联网服务简单又方便,并且一天比一天便宜、快捷,它们是正在发生的通讯革命的一部分。现在,许多人长时间呆在网上聊天室,和朋友、家人或是趣味相投的人“说话”。聊天室使得人们可以通过互联网进行实时交流。怎样交流呢?你只要在电脑屏幕上打出你的信息,过一会儿,信息接收人就可以看到你发的信息并即刻回复。通过这种方式,你可以同地球另一边的人进行对话。与他人保持联系从未像现在这么容易过。

时间就是金钱

遗憾的是,时间就是金钱,因此,人们找到了一种方法来缩减编写信息所耗费的大量时间。人们采用了缩略语。如今,字母代替了整个单词,一种新的交流方式正在逐渐形成。这种方式在年轻人当中尤其流行。就拿“thanks very much(非常感谢)”这几个单词来说吧,在网上聊天室的信息里,它们变成了TVM,仅用三个字母就代替了十四个字母。看过FYI(=for your information 通知你)或者IMO(=in my opinion 依我看来)的写法吗?如果你不得不在你的讨论尚未结束时离开,那么,你可以用字母TBC(=to be continued 未完待续)来结束你的信息。

很明显,使用缩略语可以让你在更短的时间内表达出更多的内容。数字也已经成为了这种神秘缩略语言的一部分,如:

L8=late(迟), B4=before(以前), F2F=face to face(面对面), GR8=great!(好极了!)

我真:-)

表达情绪的缩略语通常被放在直角括弧内:<BS>意为“大大的笑容(big smile)”,表示你很开心。OTOH(=on the other hand,意为“另一方面”),你也完全可

以用一个表情符号来表达你的情绪。“emoticon(表情符号)”这个单词是由“emotion(情绪)”和“icon(图案)”这两个单词组成的,它是一种由标点字符组成的符号,用来表达书写信件的人的感受。也许最为大家所熟知的表情符号就是:-)(意为“快乐”)。

短信我

近年来,手机已经成为大多数人必不可少的物品。年轻人,尤其是年龄在十四至二十四岁之间的年轻人,通常使用手机与其他人保持联系。然而,他们不仅仅用手机打电话,还用手机发送一种简短的字面信息——就是我们所说的“短信”。缩略语和表情符号都能在手机中显示,用来编写短信。只需按几个按钮,你就可以编写出一条短信,说你:-)(快乐)或者:-)((悲伤),甚至>-)((愤怒)。每天人们都会发送出无数条手机短信,这也成了移动电话公司的一笔大业务。如今,手机已经拥有了一系列的符号和图像,供你发短信时使用。

词汇表

A

to add *v.* 补充说; 添加
to advertise *v.* 为...做广告; 宣传
aim *n.* 目的, 目标
to allow *v.* 允许
amazement *n.* 惊奇, 惊诧
annoyed *adj.* 愤怒的, 生气的
any *adj.* 任何的, 任一的
asleep *adj.* 睡着的
to assure *v.* 向...保证
at least *adv.* 至少

B

bank teller *n.* 银行出纳员
barrier *n.* (阻碍通道的)障碍物
baseball cap *n.* 棒球帽
to be down 停工的, 关闭的; 下降的
to be over 在...之上, 结束, 越过
to bet *v.* 打赌; 敢说; 确信
to blush *v.* 脸红
to book *v.* 预订, 登记
bookshelf *n.* 书架
breath *n.* 呼吸
brightly *adv.* 灿烂地; 欢快地
brilliant *adj.* 卓越的, 出色的

C

to care *v.* 在意, 关心
careful *adj.* 小心的, 谨慎的
cashier *n.* 出纳员; 出纳主任
ATM (Automatic Teller Machine) *n.* 自动柜员机
chance *n.* 机会; 可能性
to check *v.* 检查; 察看
to come on 改善; 进展; 文中指“灯亮了”
competitor *n.* 竞争者

to complain *v.* 抱怨, 控诉
cool *adj.* 绝妙的, 酷的
to cool down 平静下来; 冷静下来
corner *n.* 角, 角落
cry *n.* 叫喊声; 哭声
to cry *v.* 哭; 叫喊

D

darkness *n.* 黑暗
deep *adj.* 深的, 深入的
to demand *v.* 要求; 询问
to destroy *v.* 破坏; 摧毁
to dial *v.* 拨(打)
to disappear *v.* 消失; 不见
to discover *v.* 发现; 找到
disturbance *n.* 骚乱, 打扰
to drop *v.* 使落下, 使掉下

E

to employ *v.* 雇佣
to empty *v.* 清空
enemy *n.* 敌人, 反对者
escalator *n.* 自动扶梯
evil *adj.* 邪恶的, 坏的

F

to fail *v.* 失败
to fall in love with 爱上...
to fall back into 跌回; 重又回到
fate *n.* 命运
fault *n.* 过错; 过失
to fight *v.* 与...战斗; 与...打仗
to fill *v.* 充满, 填满
fire *n.* 火灾, 火
fire station *n.* 消防站
fireman *n.* 消防队员, 救火员
to follow *v.* 跟随, 随着

to force oneself 强迫自己
founder *n.* 创始人, 创建者
frightened *adj.* 恐惧的, 受惊吓的

G

to gain *v.* 取得, 获得
gate *n.* 大门
to get out of 出去..., 离开...
to go off 熄灭
grateful *adj.* 感激的, 表示感谢的
great *adj.* 很棒的, 好极的
growth *n.* 增长; 发展
to guess *v.* 猜; 推测; 认为

H

handbag *n.* (女用)手提包
headphones *n.* 耳机
health *n.* 健康; 卫生
hiccup *n.* 打嗝儿; 暂时的下降(或中断、停顿)
hidden (*hide* 的过去分词)隐藏; 隐蔽
to highlight *v.* 强调, 使显著; 使注意力集中于
to hit *v.* 打, 击
hourglass *n.* 沙漏
to hug *v.* 拥抱

I

to improve *v.* 改进, 改善
incident *n.* 事件, 事变
instead of *adv.* 而不是, 代替

J

joke *n.* 玩笑
judge *n.* 法官
to jump up *v.* 跳起来

L

laptop *n.* 笔记本电脑; 便携式电脑
to laugh out 笑出声来

law *n.* 法律, 法规
left (*leave* 的过去式/过去分词)离开;
adj. 左侧的; *adv.* 向左

librarian *n.* 图书管理员
to light up 照(闪)亮; 点燃
to lock *v.* 锁上; 把...关起来
to look *v.* 看; 看上去
to look forward to 期待; 盼望

M

mailbox *n.* 邮箱, 信箱
maybe *adv.* 大概, 或许
mind *n.* 头脑; 脑海
to mind *v.* 介意
to move *v.* 移动, 搬动
to mumble *v.* 咕哝, 含糊地说话

N

Never mind! 没关系! 不用担心!
nightmare *n.* 噩梦
noise *n.* 响声; 噪声
notice-board *n.* 布告牌, 公告牌

O

over *adv.* 在上方; 翻转过来; 遍及地

P

to pick up 拿起来, 拾起来
pity *n.* 憾事, 怜悯, 同情
plenty *n.* 众多, 大量
to press *v.* 按, 压, 挤
previous *adj.* 先前的, 以前的
properly *adv.* 正确地, 准确地
provider *n.* 供应者, 供应商
to pull back 把...拉回来
purpose *n.* 目的, 意图, 效果
to push *v.* 推
to put in 输入
to put out 熄灭
puzzle *n.* 谜; 难题

R

range *n.* 范围, 领域
 to realize *v.* 意识到; 实现
 to relax *v.* 放松
 relieved *adj.* 宽慰的; 放心的
 revenge *n.* 复仇, 报仇
 revenue *n.* 总收入
 right away *adv.* 立刻, 马上
 rights *n.* 授权; 权利
 rude *adj.* 粗鲁的, 无礼的

S

to sack *v.* 解雇
 sand *n.* 沙子, 沙滩
 scarf *n.* 头巾, 领巾, 围巾
 to set up 装配; 调试; 建造
 to share *v.* 共享, 合用
 to shout *v.* 大声说; 喊叫
 to solve *v.* 解决
 sprinkler system *n.* 喷洒灭火系统
 to stand for 代表
 to stare *v.* 凝视, 注视
 to suppose *v.* 猜想, 假设

T

Take it easy! 不要紧张! 放松点儿!
 to take place 发生
 to text *v.* 发短信
 textbook *n.* 课本, 教科书

theft *n.* 盗窃; 偷窃行为
 tick *v.* 发出滴答声
 tool *n.* 工具; 手段
 to touch *v.* 碰触; 轻按
 Town Council *n.* 市政会
 trolley *n.* 手推车, (运送食品、书籍的) 小车
 to turn to 转向; 求助于

U

unfair *adj.* 不公平的
 unfriendly *adj.* 不友善的

W

wage *n.* 工资, 薪水
 wallet *n.* (放钱和证件等的) 皮夹子
 weakness *n.* 弱点, 缺点
 weapon *n.* 武器
 Well done! 干得好! 做得对!
 wet *adj.* 湿的
 What's up? 怎么了? 发生什么了?
 to whisper *v.* 低语, 耳语
 wicked *adj.* (口) 很妙的, 极好的
 to wink *v.* 眨眼, 使眼色
 to wonder *v.* 想知道; 感到疑惑
 to work *v.* 运转; 起作用; 工作

Y

to yell *v.* 叫喊

参考答案

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2. 1-c, 2-a, 3-g, 4-d, 5-f, 6-b, 7-e

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3. 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F

更正为:

2) Sometimes Belinda makes mistakes.

3) Belinda has worked at the bank for only six months.

7) The new computers were crashing one by one.

4. 1) Belinda

2) Mr Williams; Mike Black

3) Mike Black 4) Mr Williams

5) Mike Black 6) Belinda

5. 1-f, 2-d, 3-g, 4-e, 5-i, 6-a,

7-c, 8-j, 9-b, 10-h

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6. FAQ, IT, VDU, LAN, DVD, CAD, URL, HTML, ISP

7. 1) felt; had set up

2) discovered; had not pressed

3) began; had assured

4) had...left; crashed

8. e-b-h-a-d-g-c-f

第2章

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1. 1) Belinda

2) Henry Williams

3) Henry Williams

4) Henry Williams

5) Mike Black

6) Mike Black

7) Robbie Williams

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2. happy, slim, red-haired, worried, serious, well-dressed

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3. 1) Mike

2) angry

3) small

4) Mike

5) very well

6) leave the bank

4. 1-h, 2-e, 3-b, 4-g, 5-a, 6-d, 7-c, 8-f

5. hopefully, badly, desperately, quickly, immediately, easily

6. 1) quickly

2) quietly

3) easily

4) hopefully

5) desperately

6) immediately 7) badly

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7.

③ ②

④ ①

⑥ ⑤

8. 1) went off; ③

2) sacked; ⑥

3) put in; ④

4) ran down; ②

5) destroyed; ①

6) mean; ⑤

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2. 1-e, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a, 5-b

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4. staff, fate, enemies, surprised, destroyed, discover, respectable, explanation, normal, listening, game, extremely

5. 1) destroy

2) respectable

3) enemies

4) explanation

5) game

6) fate

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6. 1) start; will be

- 2) clicks; will see
- 3) will not lock; is
- 4) will destroy; loses
- 5) doesn't play; will win
- 6) changes; will not have
7. continue, icon, corner, clicked, mailbox, hacker, annoyed, entered, control, idea, play, fate

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1. b-d-f-c-a-e-g

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2. 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-f, 5-e, 6-b

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3. 1-b, 2-e, 3-d, 4-a, 5-g, 6-f, 7-c

5. 1) were explaining; went

2) was talking; asked

3) was making; started

4) started; was reading

5) were working; checked

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6. Across: 4) headache 6) empty

7) fail 8) joke

Down: 1) final 2) destroy

3) check 5) evil

7. Mr Williams had no time to speak to the clients in the bank who were extremely angry. He went to his office where it was much quieter. Belinda was sitting next to Mr Williams when she told him that she thought the hacker was an evil man. She also said that she didn't know what to do to resolve the problem.

The hacker is going to send Mr Williams three puzzles and he has to solve them in 24 hours. If he loses, the

hacker will destroy the bank.

Mr Williams wanted to open his bank account so he put in his password and his address. The information he wanted appeared on the screen after a few seconds.

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1. 1-b, 2-a, 3-e, 4-c, 5-d

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2. 1-d, 2-c, 3-e, 4-a, 5-g, 6-b, 7-f

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3. 1-F, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-F

更正为:

1) There is no money left in Mr Williams' bank account.

2) Mr Williams didn't understand anything of the puzzle.

5) Robbie spends little of his time studying.

7) The hacker's e-mail came from the local library.

8) Now Mr Williams has 23 hours and 45 minutes to solve the puzzles.

4. 1) Why are you angry with me?

2) Are you free for lunch at one o'clock?

3) Yes? I'm so happy.

4) See you tomorrow.

5. 1-e, 2-c, 3-f, 4-a, 5-d, 6-b

6. 1) because 2) but 3) while

4) after 5) and 6) so

7) before 8) if

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7.

⑤ ③

① ④

②

8. 1) empty; ① 2) countdown; ⑤
 3) words; ② 4) picked; ④
 5) stop; ③

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2. 1) I see that you are sad. Why?
 2) You can't see me.
 3) You are sad but I am angry.
 4) You are surprised or perhaps afraid.

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3. 1) lots of 2) a list of names
 3) a woman 4) the police
 5) made a lot of noise
 6) to leave

4. rude, noisy

Reason: They shouted in the library.

5. 1) newspaper 2) librarian
 3) handbag 4) criminal
 5) uniform 6) frightened
 6. 1) frightened 2) librarian
 3) criminal 4) newspaper
 5) handbag 6) uniform

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7. 1) find 2) use 3) choose
 4) send 5) question 6) push
 8. 1-b, 2-e, 3-g, 4-h, 5-a, 6-d, 7-f, 8-c
 9. 6-4-2-7-8-1-5-3

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1. 1-F, 2-F, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F

更正为:

- 1) Mr Williams can not solve the first puzzle.
 2) He has not called the police.
 3) Mr Williams has a headache.
 4) There is not any money in Mr Williams' bank account.

- 6) The security guards have failed to arrest the hacker.

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4. 1-c, 2-f, 3-g, 4-j, 5-a, 6-e, 7-i, 8-b, 9-h, 10-d
 5. NRN, CUL, F2F, GR8, NP, B4, ISTM, IOW, OTOH

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6. am going to meet, will help, will solve, am going to cook, will ask, will phone
 7. phoned, friends, abbreviations, text, chat, found, showed, send, relax, work, too, failed

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3. 1-c, 2-f, 3-h, 4-d, 5-a, 6-g, 7-e, 8-b
 5. Across: second, love, came, browser, internet
 Down: police, screen, solve, panic, chat

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6. 1) didn't he? 2) are they?
 3) isn't it? 4) can he?
 5) wasn't she? 6) doesn't he?
 7) won't he? 8) have they?
 7. 1) more and more difficult
 2) faster and faster
 3) more and more beautiful
 4) more and more worried
 5) harder and harder
 6) happier and happier

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1. a-5, b-1, c-3, d-6, e-2, f-4

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3. 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-T

更正为:

2) Joe invites Belinda to go out with him.

3) Mr Williams has not yet discovered the identity of the hacker.

5) Mr Williams dreams that he is swimming in the sea.

4. 1) received a phone call from the police

2) rejected Joe's invitation to dine out

3) texted his friends on the mobile phone

4) tried to console Belinda

6. 1-d, 2-f, 3-b, 4-c, 5-a, 6-e

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7. 1) arrested; free 2) terrible

3) wet 4) reveal; fail

5) friend 6) great

8. 1) Mr Williams was contacted by the police.

2) The second puzzle has been solved by Robbie and Joe.

3) The message was sent by the hacker from an internet cafe.

4) The hacker's identity will be revealed by the third puzzle.

5) Belinda's clothes have been ruined by the water.

6) Belinda is consoled by Joe.

7) Another message will be sent by the hacker soon.

8) The door was opened by Mr Williams.

9. The security guards Bill and Ben have been arrested by the police. Mr Williams is in his office and it is much quieter there. Joe has asked Belinda if

she wants to go out for a hamburger, but she doesn't have to pay. He tries to convince her that he isn't too old for her. The bank is empty because all the staff went home at 5 o'clock. Mr Williams is very tired and is dreaming of his holiday. When the sprinkler system starts, everyone stays in the office. Belinda's clothes and hair are ruined. Robbie doesn't want to stay and help his father. His conversation with Mr Williams is interrupted by the sound of a siren.

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1. a mobile phone, a baseball cap, a fireman, an hourglass

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3. 1) Firemen 2) the next day

3) was still at the bank

4) Belinda 5) 4

6) wake 7) Belinda

8) lost the game

4. 1) mumble 2) fire station

3) incredible 4) perhaps

5) a reply 6) wage

7) final

5. 1) f-must be a fire

2) c-must have a lot of work

3) b-must be really tired

4) g-must be very difficult

5) a-must be very worried

6) e-must have all the passwords

7) d-must have a lot of money

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6. ③ ①

④ ②

⑤

7. 1) arrived; ③ 2) followed; ②
 3) went; ① 4) Was; ⑤
 5) touched; ④

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1. 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F

更正为:

- 2) Joe asked Belinda to go out with him.
 3) Mr Williams is planning to go on holiday.
 6) The third puzzle arrived at 4 a.m.

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2. 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-b, 5-e

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4. Across: previous, expert, loudly, now
 Down: better, asleep, opinion, cup, real, try

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5. 1-c, 2-a, 3-e, 4-d, 5-b
 6. 1) everything 2) someone
 3) nowhere 4) nothing
 5) no one 6) anything
 7. a-3, b-1, c-7, d-8, e-5, f-2, g-4, h-6

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3. 1-d, 2-h, 3-b, 4-g, 5-a, 6-f, 7-e, 8-c
 4. 1-d, 2-c, 3-e, 4-a, 5-b

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6. 1) password 2) click
 3) computer 4) laptop
 5) security 6) install
 7) mouse
 7. 1) How did Sam Gib know the new computer password?

- 2) Robbie clicked on the "send" icon and the message was sent.

- 3) Sam Gib sent the virus that infected the bank's computers.

- 4) Sam Gib sent a message from the airport on his new laptop.

- 5) Mr Williams needs to improve security at the bank.

- 6) Mr Williams installed a new computer system at the bank.

- 7) Robbie picked up the mouse from the floor.

8. 1) used to be

- 2) didn't use to think

- 3) used to work

- 4) didn't use to surf; used to spend

- 5) Did; use to study

背景知识

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1. a) improve

- b) a lot of

- c) commercial enterprise

- d) hacktivists

- e) an e-mail

- f) a British young man

- g) to increase the number of customers

- h) Egg began operating as an on-line bank

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1. 1) 1955 2) 1968 3) 1975

- 4) Two 5) 1983 6) 90%

- 7) more than 32,000 people

- 8) In June, 2000

2. 1-F, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T

更正为:

- 1) Bill Gates didn't finish his course at Harvard University.

- 2) Bill Gates invented the computer

language BASIC.

- 6) "Generation I" is generation for today's children.

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2. 1) How are you?

2) Can I see you face to face, before it's too late?

3) Great!

4) See you at seven.

词汇表

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|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. 1) book | 2) complain | 3) dial |
| 4) hug | 5) improve | 6) employ |
| 7) relax | 8) solve | 9) text |

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|------------|---------|----------|
| 2. 1) calm | 2) jump | 3) pick |
| 4) put | 5) set | 6) stand |
| 7) turn | | |

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|----------------|-------------|
| 3. 1) enemy-c | 2) wicked-e |
| 3) darkness-f | 4) wallet-a |
| 5) escalator-b | 6) chance-d |

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|---------------|----------|----------|
| 4. 1) annoyed | 2) wages | 3) sand |
| 4) yell | 5) press | 6) laugh |
| 7) evil | 8) wink | 9) drop |
| 10) rude | | |

5. Across: where, collect, area, steal

Down: paper, acre, arms, well, exit, taxi

6. 1-i, 2-g, 3-e, 4-b, 5-a, 6-c, 7-h, 8-d, 9-f

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| 7. 1) laptop | 2) brilliant |
| 3) tick | 4) whisper |
| 5) lock | 6) fireman |
| 7) headphones | 8) hidden |

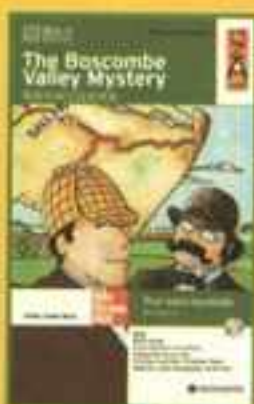
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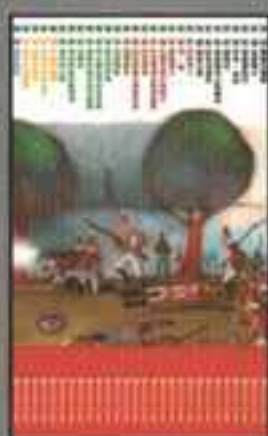
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