

Mock Test 2 Part A

You are Chris Wong. Write an email in reply to Jason's email below.

Hi Chris

How's school going? I'm in a real dilemma: two of my friends have been arguing over a computer game they bought together. They're not speaking to each other and I'm caught in the middle of their quarrel. I've tried to make peace between them but with little success.

What should I do? I'd really appreciate your advice.

Best wishes

Jason

Hi, Jason,

How are you? I'm occupied with my school work earlier on and I'm so satisfied with it now. Turning to your dilemma, I think you must feel distressed for your friends' argument. Although it's quite a difficult problem, you need to remain calm, think with a cool head, so that you can mediate between them. I'm glad that you confront the problem with courage and take the bull by the horn. I'm also happy because you shared your trouble with me. Therefore, I'll give you some advice based on my experience and I hope my advice can help you.

First of all, you should try to find out the real reason that makes their relationship turn sour. It's because if you know the reason, you can hit the nail by the head and solve the problem easily. The usual causes are about fairness in money and play time.

Then after you have found out the reason, you can judge for yourself who's right and who's wrong. If they want to share their feelings, you should be a patient listener to both of them. This can let them express their views and vent their anger. Then you can clear all the misunderstanding between them.

Finally, you should try to improve their relationship. For example, you can organize some activities such as a party and a picnic. These activities can give opportunities to them to cooperate and communicate with each other. When they join these events, they'll re-consider the importance of friendship and the benefit of mutual sharing. I hope my suggestions can help you to clear your worry and your friends'

problem. If you still have some questions, you can call me and I'll help you again.

With best wishes,

Chris

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Hi, Jason,

I heard all about your situation. I felt sorry for you. A computer game is a sensitive topic for boys. You know computer games are our life and almost our daily necessities. We almost can't live without them, so computer games easily cause a disaster of friendship. But when you think deeply, it's not worth letting a computer game ruin your friendship. Your real life can't be affected by something that doesn't even exist. You don't need to worry about them. I think they will realize this in the days to come.

This notwithstanding, I know you want to help them very much, so let me give you some suggestions. If they still harbour grudges against each other, don't let them meet. You should call them and try to understand each other's sentiment. They just want an apology, or they just want a ladder to step down gracefully. You need to keep reminding them they are good friends. They should be modest and should not sacrifice their friendship for a game, but sounds like a child. Nothing can replace what they have walkthrough together. When they calm down, and begin to think rationally, you are close to success. But don't let them join a physical exercise together. You know ball games and in fact any sports easily make someone get angry and aggressive. Maybe you can let them share their game in turn on weekly basis, or buy the same computer game together one more time, so each of them can own one.

There's nothing else I can do for you, I'll pray and hope you guys remain friends very soon.

With best wishes,

Chris

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