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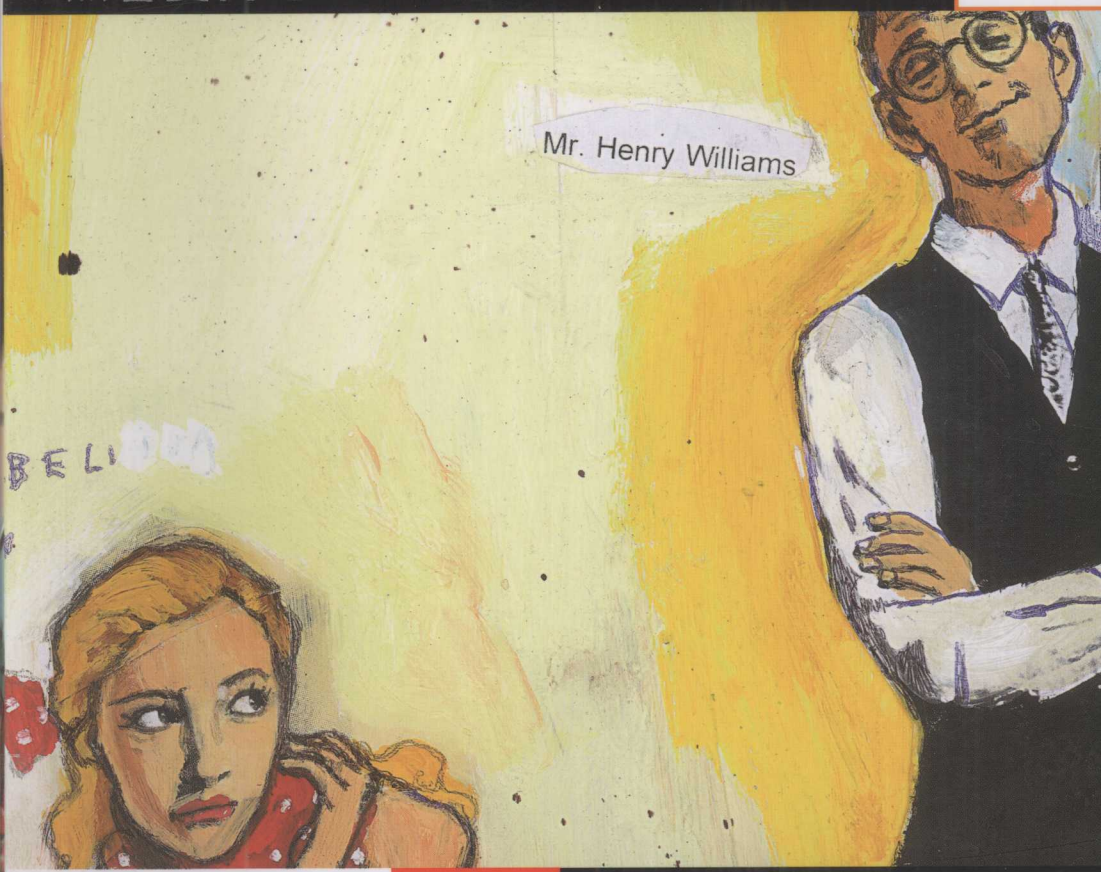

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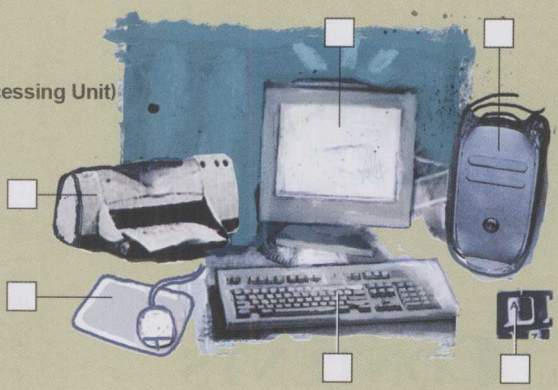
words

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.

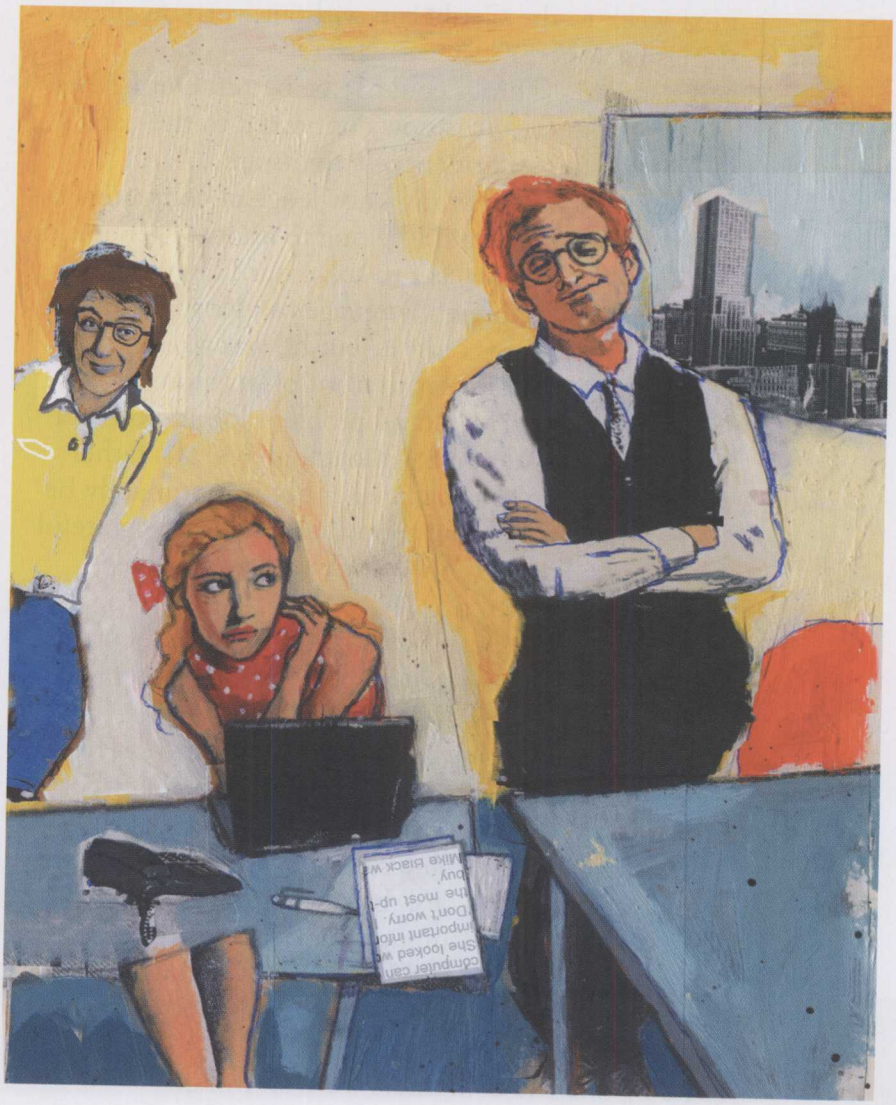
"Morning, Mr Williams," she said happily. She was a very nice girl with long, blonde hair and a big smile but she wasn't the most efficient secretary in the world.

"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.

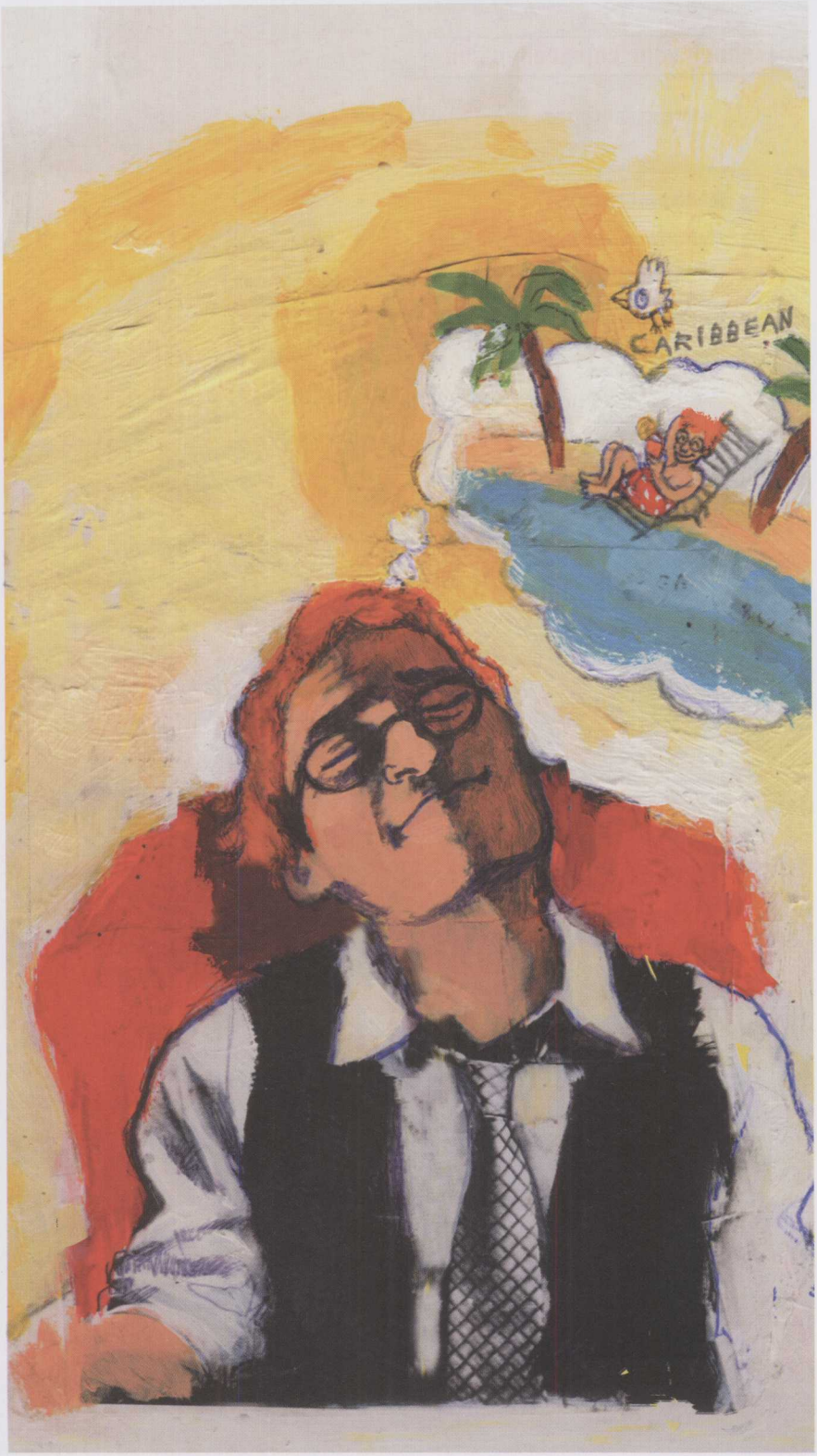
He left the office and Mr Williams sat down at his desk on which there was no computer at all, either new or old.

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…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check your comprehension

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

	T	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.	☐	☐

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

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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

PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?

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

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

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.

BEFORE READING

characters

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?"

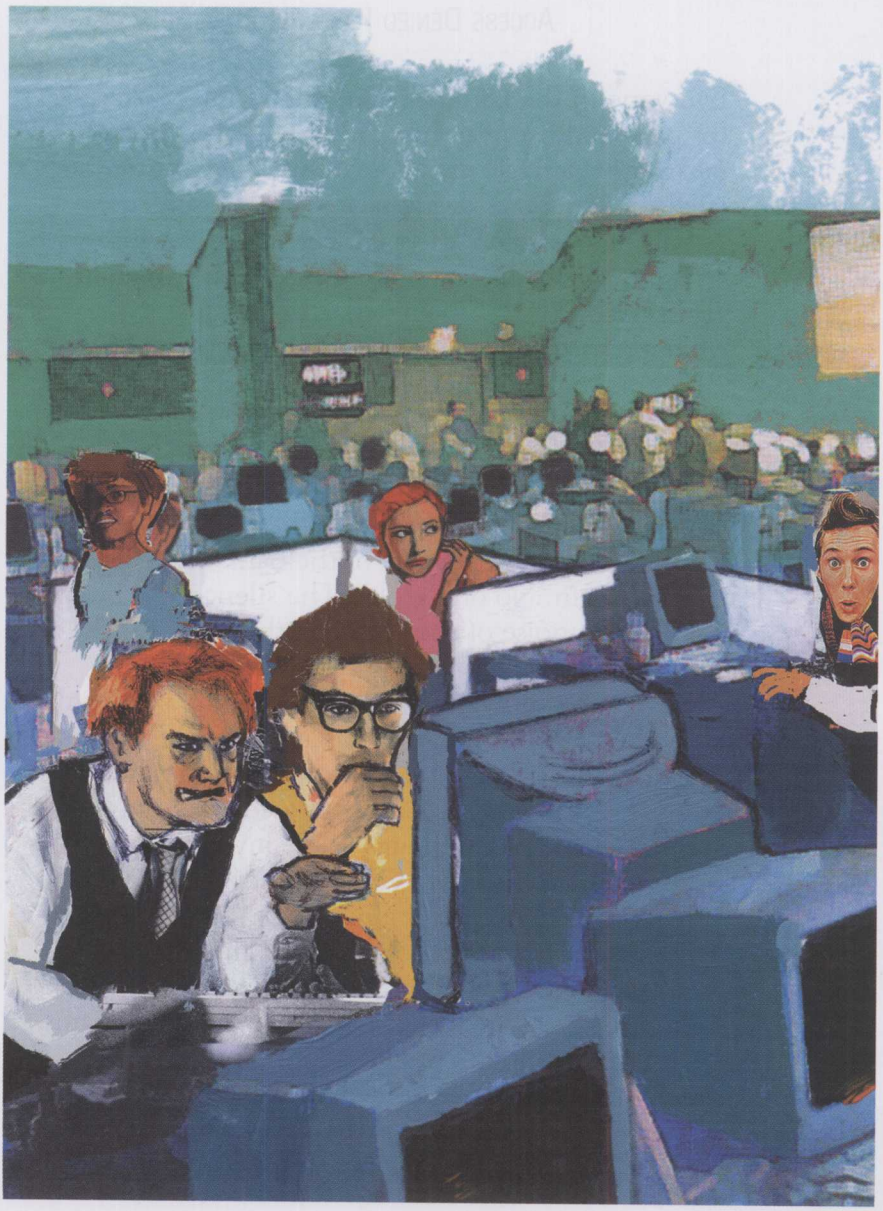
His friend smiled. Someone had sent an e-mail to all the staff which promised to show photos of Belinda's new boyfriend. Belinda was very popular with the staff in the bank so naturally everyone opened it. But there was no photo, just a virus which corrupted the entire system.

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? (✓)

- ☐ happy
- ☐ slim
- ☐ red-haired
- ☐ worried
- ☐ serious
- ☐ young
- ☐ well-dressed
- ☐ calm

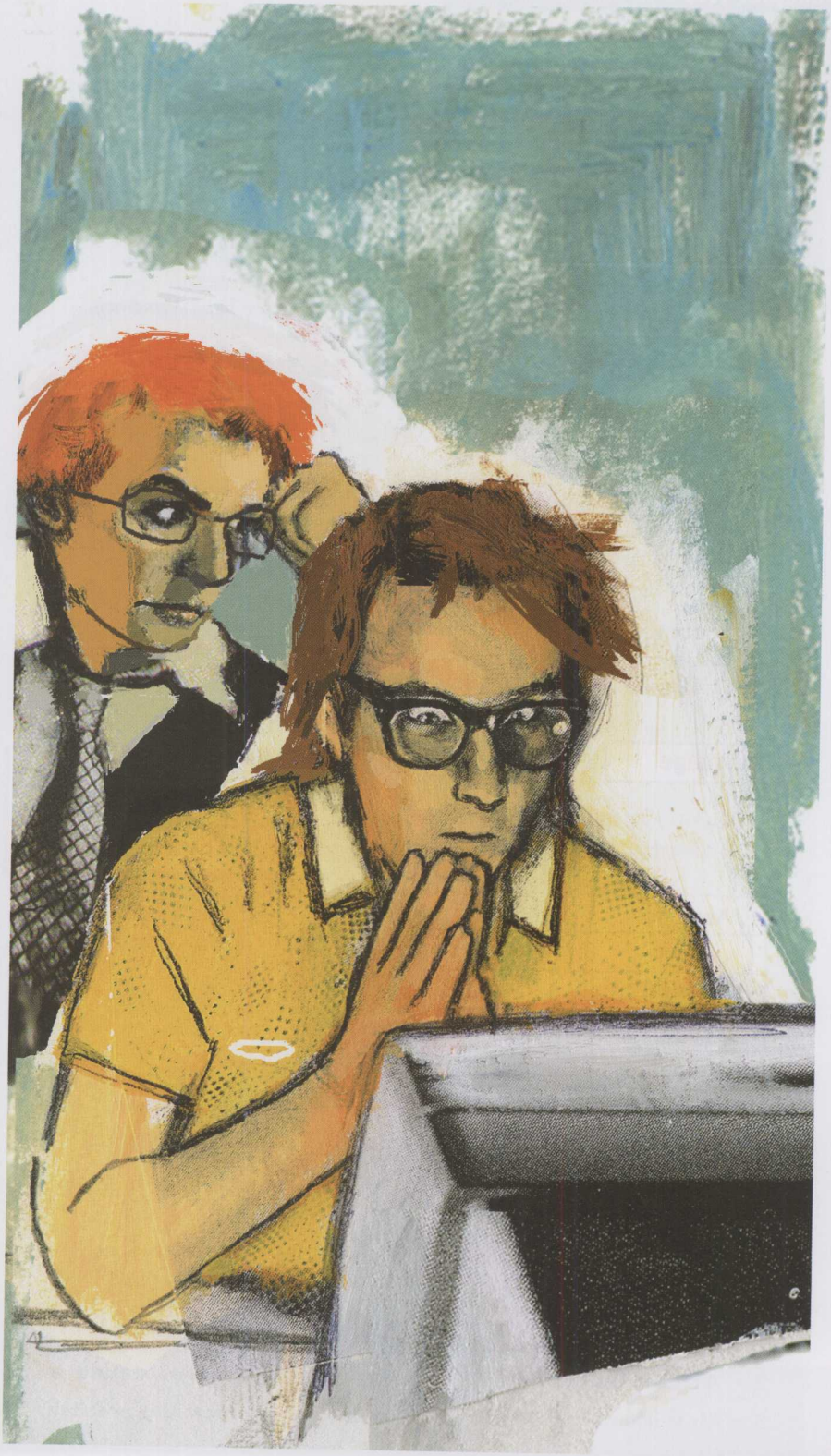


Mike smiled nervously. "I'm sure it's nothing. I'll take a look at the server and see what the problem is." Mike was the only person with total security access rights for the system and he had the only copy of the password list. He was very good at his job so he wasn't too worried about these "hiccups." 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



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	*quietly*
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.

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