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Shamed on the Web 网上受稀落

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The illegal copying and distribution of software, or **piracy**, costs the video game industry billions of dollars each year, and even threatens the future of game production.

However, one British-based **video game publisher**, Eidos, has **hit back** at the pirates in a **novel** way by not only spoiling their game-playing, but also **shaming** them on the internet.

Pirates who are playing illegal copies of Batman: Arkham Asylum find that **crucial control functions** in the game have been **disabled**, **rendering** the game unplayable.

Players using a '**cracked**' version of the game discover that the **glide function** in the game does not work, causing the Batman character to fall to his death.

One such player complained about the so-called '**bug**' on the **support forum** pages of the developer's website.

"I've got a problem when it's time to use Batman's glide in the game. When I hold, like it's said, to jump from one **platform** to another, Batman tries to open his wings again and again instead of gliding," complained the pirate.

But instead of receiving sympathy and support from other **community users** and the game's development team, he received a **stern ticking off** from the forum's community manager.

"The problem you have encountered is a hook in the **copy protection**, to **catch out** people who try and download cracked versions of the game for free," wrote the Eidos community manager.

"It's not a bug in the game's code; it's a bug in your **moral code**," he added.

It appears that the **Caped Crusader's** war on crime extends beyond characters like the Joker to **cheeky** software pirates worldwide.

Glossary 词汇表

piracy 盗版	video game publisher 电脑游戏出版商
hit back 反击	novel 新颖的
shaming 稀落, 嘲讽	crucial control functions 主控功能
disabled 失灵的	rendering 致使
cracked 破解的	glide function 滑行功能
bug 病毒	support forum 提供支持的网上论坛
platform 平台	community users 同社团的使用者
stern ticking off 严厉的斥责	copy protection 版权保护措施
catch out 抓住	moral code 道德准则
Caped Crusader 披篷骑士	cheeky 厚颜无耻的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Software pirates attack ships off the coast of Somalia. **True / False**
2. Illegal copies of Batman: Arkham Asylum fail to load. **True / False**
3. The pirate in the story complained to Eidos when his game didn't work.
True / False
4. The Batman character could not glide in the cracked version of the game.
True / False
5. The game's developers offered the pirate a full refund. **True / False**

2. Identify the Superhero 辨认超级英雄

Read the description of the superheroes below. Then match the name with the description.

先阅读描述，然后同左面的名称配对。

1. Spiderman

a. This superhero wears a blue and red costume with a long red cape. He can fly and has superhuman strength.

In fact, he is not from Earth but comes from a planet far away.

The only thing that can harm him are fragments of his home planet.

2. The X Men

b. This superhero wears a red and blue costume with a webbed design. He cannot fly but sprays a sticky substance from his wrists to swing between buildings.

He gained his incredible powers when he was bitten by a tiny creature with eight legs.

3. Superman

c. This superhero changes completely when he gets angry, becoming very aggressive and destructive.

He grows physically and nearly burst out of all of his clothes then usually starts smashing things. His skin is green.

4. The Hulk

d. This group of superheroes all have different powers; one can turn into flames, another even turns into a kind of wolf.

3. Bat Idioms 蝙蝠成语

Below are a number of idioms connected with bats.

Match the idioms with the definitions then complete the sentences that follow, using the correct idiom.

下面是一些和蝙蝠有关的成语。

先确定下列成语的定义，然后完成造句练习。

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. to be as blind as a bat | a. to not show any emotion or surprise |
| 2. to go like a bat out of hell | b. to have very poor eyesight |
| 3. to have bats in the belfry | c. to go really fast |
| 4. to not bat an eye | d. to be a little bit crazy or eccentric |

1. He's so unresponsive. When I told him the shocking news, he didn't even _____.

2. My new Kawasaki 1200cc motorbike goes _____. The police have stopped me for speeding three times this week already.

3. Where are my spectacles? You know I'm _____ without them.

4. Don't listen to her silly stories about going to the moon. She's got _____. You mustn't take what she says seriously.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with superheroes in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与超级英雄有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

n	e	r	p	o	w	e	r	b	g	i	a
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w	e	v	b	j	a	y	d	s	z	a	r
l	y	i	d	r	p	x	v	h	c	a	a
c	w	l	e	r	e	r	v	h	r	u	n
o	d	l	t	g	y	g	d	x	i	l	s
s	m	a	l	i	e	n	b	t	m	u	f
t	w	i	n	g	r	a	t	v	e	i	o
u	x	n	s	f	i	g	h	t	e	b	r
m	g	t	e	l	v	g	t	d	e	g	m
e	k	i	n	y	t	r	d	e	h	t	m

fly	costume	climb	fight	crime
transform	power	alien	villain	cape

Answers 答案

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s		a	l	i	e	n			m	f
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