

**PART 1**
READING ALOUD

Your mother is overseas and cannot be contacted directly. You want to tell her what happened at your brother's school. You now leave the following message on her mobile phone.

Hi Mum – Nadia here – I hope you're fine. All is OK at home. The only news is that little brother Mark has yet again demonstrated his super skills – this time by fixing a problem with the computers at his school.

Apparently they all crashed suddenly last Thursday morning. Most of the lessons were interrupted, and Mark said that the teachers, who couldn't work out what was wrong, were 'running around like crazy trying to find a technician'. The woman who normally does that kind of work was away on holiday in India.

So Mark asks politely if he can take a look at what has happened. And within about ten minutes he's discovered that the problem is with the main server. Then he's connected up his own laptop to run a check on it, has found a bug in the system, and put the whole thing right. Hey presto! – all computers working normally again. The emergency technician who arrived later was totally amazed!

So brother Mark is now the school computer hero! He's been boasting about it on his own website, so you may know about it already. The school principal congratulated him at assembly – said he was 'the school's youngest computer genius' – and everyone clapped.

He is brilliant, of course – but he's now going around with a big self-satisfied smile on his face. I don't know whether to be proud of him or to find something I could safely hit him with!

Take care. See you soon.

PART 2
SPOKEN INTERACTION

Study the picture.



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