



Advanced Level

Your monitor cable popping off

WARM-UPS

1. Do you like computers? Why?
2. Do you have your own computer? If you don't have, would you like to have one?
3. What kind or model do you like to have? Why?
4. Do you know how to troubleshoot?
5. What about computer games, are you good at them? Which is your favorite?

CONVERSATION

Note the underlined phrases; they're called business idioms.

A: Oh, this is so frustrating!

B: What's the matter, Kitaro?

A: Oh, my computer's on the blink again! I was typing away to beat the ban, and it just died on me.

B: Let me take a look at it. I think it's your monitor cable popping off. Sometimes that happens with these older computers.

A: When are we all going to get those new transparent computers like the boss has?

B: We call those naked computers. I don't know, but they're pretty cool, aren't they?

A: They sure are! If a naked computer crashes, maybe a person can tell what was wrong with it just by looking into its exposed organs.

B: Well, that would sure be easier than systematically checking everything. Bad news, Lizzy. It's not your monitor cable after all.

A: Oh, this is so incredibly frustrating!

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VOCABULARY

Match the correct meaning of the following words:

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1. frustrating(v)
2. matter(n)
3. transparent(adj.)
4. naked(adj.)
5. exposed(adj.)
6. organs(n)
7. systematically(adv.)
8. incredibly(adv.)
9. happens(v)
10. checking(v)

B

- a) bare
- b) open
- c) defeating
- d) clear
- e) problem
- f) examining, inspection
- g) amazingly
- h) parts
- i) orderly
- j) occurs

Business Idioms	Meaning
On the blink	not working or functioning
Typing away to beat the ban	to work hard and quickly
Died on me	stopped working or functioning
Monitor cable popping off	monitor cable falling off
Pretty cool	interesting
Something crashes	something stops working