

Phubbing and its effects

Scene 1 Character: Mr. Crazy (wearing a doctor gown) Assistant A Assistant B

Mr. Crazy: (laughing loudly) Ha! Ha! Ha! I have done it! The most impossible thing has been done by the craziest scientist, which is me. I have spent ten years! Ten years!

Assistant A: (asking doubtfully) Doctor! Are you ok? What's happened?

Mr. Crazy: (standing with arms akimbo) A Time Freezer! Time can be stopped by the time Freezer! Can you imagine it? I will be the greatest man in the world! But I haven't tested the time freezer yet. I need to prove it with some experiments. Does anyone have any suggestion?

Assistant B: (Putting up hand and saying with uncertainty) I have a suggestion. The society has a new social phenomenon called "phubbing". In fact, you can find numerous examples of Hong Kong people focusing their attention on their smartphones, ipads or other e-gadgets for entertainment or information.

Assistant C: Maybe ... we can try to use the time freezer to observe the affect of phubbing .

Mr. Crazy: (tapping Assistant B on the shoulder) You are unusually smart. Let' s start our experiment !

Scene 2 Character: Scientist: Mr. Crazy Assistant A Assistant B Vivian

Mr. Crazy: where're we now ?

Assistant B: A girl, Vivian's home. (Painfully)(Vivian shouts suddenly when she using smartphone, her neck seems to be hurt.)

Mr. Crazy: Freeze! What's wrong with her? Assistant A:(raises a hand and take out a magnifying glass)I know what's happened to her. She always keeps her head low when using smartphone. This causes great pain in her neck. Worse still, it can lead to other health problems.

Mr. Crazy: Resume! (Vivian shouted suddenly again, her hands seems to be painful.)

Mr. Crazy: Freeze! What's wrong with her?

Assistant B: (taking out a magnifying glass) I know! I know! She has been using the smartphone for a long time and suffers from an Injury, "finger Strain". That's why she feels awful.

Scene 3 Character: Scientist: Mr. Crazy Assistant A Assistant B Vivian Vivian's boyfriend

Assistant A: We just looked at some physical problems. What are the effects on interpersonal relationships?

Mr. Crazy: okay! Let's look at a couple (Vivian and her boyfriend).

Assistant B: Great! Let me do it. (A couple (Vivian and her boyfriend) come from the backstage sitting on the chair. They are dating but Vivian's boyfriend is using his smartphone.)

Mr. Crazy: Freeze!

Mr. Crazy: As we've said before, phubbing leads to muscle pains. So don't be addicted. And there are the effects on interpersonal relationships. To make it simple, you can spare little time to care for others when phubbing.

Assistant C: Um... For example, You can bump into a running boy hurrying for school or even a lamp post if all your attention is on the small screen. You don't even know if others are mad at you.

Mr. Crazy: Resume!

(Vivian becomes very angry when her boyfriend keeps playing games on his gadgets and ignores her. After a long waiting, she then slaps him on his face and goes away) (The boy is shocked. Mr. Crazy presses the button, the boy stops moving)

Mr. Crazy: see!

Assistant A: I can't imagine that using smartphones will lead to a break up of a couple.

Mr. Crazy: yes. The above case proves over-concentration on smartphones will keep people away from the real world. It's much advised to rely on our smartphones only for real communication.

Assistant C: I know! I know! For example, we should use mobiles only to deal with real business for work or for study. Of course, you can care more about others and show your concern for the urgent needs of others too. Please be reminded that use smartphone in a clever way.

Assistant B: Yes, that makes sense. Hope you guys have learnt a lesson.

Scene 4 Character: Mr. Crazy Assistant A Assistant B Vivian

Mr. Crazy: All right! This is the last experiment. (Assistant A and Assistant B nod)

(Vivian gets on a bus and takes a seat. She is still playing her game in the smartphone and ignores everything around her. An elderly woman stands behind Vivian but she just fails to observe it.)

Mr. Crazy: Freeze! How could she just pay attention to her phone messages while ignoring other things around her? Does she know there is always someone who needs her help?

Assistant A: Let me wake her up.

Assistant B: Calm down, she cannot respond to you.

Mr. Crazy: Perhaps she needs to learn a lesson. Resume!

(When Vivian gets off the car, another car suddenly crashes into Vivian.) (Vivian is wearing her headsets listening to music on her mobile. She hears no warning from other pedestrians. Finally, she get hit by the car and she is dying.)

Mr. Crazy: That is the consequence she should bear.

Mr. Crazy: (Facing the audience) Dear guys, mobiles and e-apps are designed to improve on our life quality. But over-use or misuse can cost our lives. It's a doubled- edged sword which can cause both advantages and problems.