6B Class Presentation   Pokemon Go Frenzy

Scene 1

Narrator: (A group of people are playing Pokemon Go on the street.)

A: Today I'm going to catch all the Pokemon monsters.

B: Oh really? Let's have a competition to see who can catch the most monsters.

Narrator: (They start to play Pokemon Go. Before long, they see a monster in front of them)

A: Don't go away, monster. I'm going to catch you!

(Person A tries to catch the monster, but the monster is fighting back. Person A doesn't know that he's standing beside the stairs and is going to fall off)

C: Watch out!   You're going to fall off the stairs!

A: Arrrr!

(The group of people rushes to check if Person A is ok after falling off the stairs)

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Narrator A: The accident you've just seen is an example of what happened in the past few months.   There have been plenty of reports of people falling over or cutting themselves because they're not paying attention to what's in front of them while playing Pokemon Go.

Narrator B: In America, a couple were accused of leaving their 2-year-old son alone at home to play Pokemon Go.   In Japan, a driver playing Pokemon Go while he was driving hit and killed a woman.

Narrator A: So, what is it about Pokemon Go that makes people so attracted to this game?

Narrator B: Pokemon Go is a virtual reality game for smartphones. Using GPS, players walk around the real world catching monsters. This game is unique, and it's unlike any other smartphone games. Perhaps that's why it's become hugely popular   around the world.

Narrator A: Playing Pokemon Go can cause us to get hurt if we are being careless. Apart from this, is there anything that we have to pay attention to while playing this game?

Narrator B: Yes, there are other issues that we have to consider. Let's look at Calvin's story. Calvin is a man who lives in the USA. Near his house, there is a huge park. Recently something happened in the park.

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Scene 2

(There are lots of people playing Pokemon Go in the park, and they are making noise, throwing rubbish everywhere.)

Calvin: (annoyed)   These people are so annoying. It's already midnight, but the park is filled with people catching monsters. They are making so much noise and throwing rubbish everywhere.

(Suddenly there is a knock on the door)

Calvin: Who is it?   Who will knock on my door at midnight?

(Calvin opens the door and sees a bunch of people)

People: Hi. We are playing Pokemon Go in the neighborhood. Our phone has detected a monster in your home. Can you let us come in so that we can catch it?

Calvin: (very angry) What?? This is totally nonsense!   This is MY home and there is NO WAY I will let you come in.   Go away NOW or I'll call the police.

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Narrator C: When people are playing Pokemon Go, they may cause incovenience to other people. However, they do not compensate those people affected by their careless actions. In economics, we call this situation "negative externality".

Narrator D: In Calvin's example, those people playing Pokemon Go caused a lot of trouble to Calvin because they made noise at midnight, and even knocked on his door and disturbed him. However, they did not pay Calvin any money to compensate him for his loss. This means these people imposed an "external cost" on Calvin.

Narrator C: So far we seem to have focussed on the negative aspects of Pokemon Go. Are there any positive things that Pokemon Go has brought us?

Narrator D: I guess the biggest advantage to us is the unexpected health benefits. This game requires players to walk around in their hunt for monsters. Those people who used to lead physically inactive lives can now get a chance to do more exercise.

Narrator C: In fact, there is nothing wrong with Pokemon Go itself. Whether the game is good or bad depends on whether the players are able to play the game in a sensible way. In order to play this game in a safe and sensible way, there are a few things you have to do:

1. Be careful when you're exploring unfamiliar places. Never go near dangerous places alone.

2. Play the game with friends or family only. Never go to some unknown places with people that you don't know very well.

3. Be considerate of other people's feelings when playing Pokemon Go so that you can enjoy the game without upsetting others.

4. Don't put your life and other people's lives at risk. When you drive, don't play.

Narrator C & D: That'll do it for today. Thank you.