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# Chatbot Safety Measures: Just a Temporary Fix?

## Description

Character.ai is changing how it works for teenagers. The company wants to make its platform a "safe" space with new controls for parents. This change comes as the site faces two lawsuits in the US. One lawsuit is about the death of a teenager. Some people say the platform is a "clear and present danger" to young users.

Character.ai will add new features to help keep kids safe. Parents will be able to see how much time their child spends on the site and which chatbots they talk to most. The first new parental controls will be ready by March 2025.

Andy Burrows, from the Molly Rose Foundation, thinks these changes are too late and not good enough. He calls them a "sticking plaster fix" to safety problems.

The platform has faced criticism before. In October, people found chatbot versions of two teenagers who had died. There are also serious concerns about how it protects children. For example, a family said a chatbot encouraged a 17-year-old to harm his parents.

Character.ai will now give users warnings after talking to chatbots for an hour. They will also remind users that chatbots are not real people. These changes are a first step, but experts want to see if they really work as the platform grows.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Platform** /'plæt.fɔ:rm/ (noun): A digital service or application that facilitates interaction or engagement.
2. **Controls** /kən'troʊlz/ (noun): Regulations or mechanisms to manage or oversee activities.
3. **Criticism** /'krɪtɪ.sɪzəm/ (noun): The expression of disapproval based on perceived faults or mistakes.
4. **Encouraged** /ɪn'kɜ:ɪdʒd/ (verb): To give support confidence or hope to someone.
5. **Danger** /'deɪn.dʒər/ (noun): The possibility of suffering harm or injury.
6. **Warnings** /'wɔ:rnɪŋz/ (noun): Notices or signs that indicate possible danger or trouble.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



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1. What is the main goal of Character.ai in changing its platform for teenagers?  
Option: To increase profits  
Option: To provide a safe space  
Option: To reduce chatbot usage  
Option: To expand into new markets
  2. When will the first new parental controls be ready according to the text?  
Option: March 2022  
Option: March 2023  
Option: March 2024  
Option: March 2025
  3. Who expressed concerns that the changes made by Character.ai are insufficient?  
Option: Andy Burrows  
Option: Jane Smith  
Option: Tom Johnson  
Option: Sara Lee
  4. What action will Character.ai take to warn users after talking to chatbots for an hour?  
Option: Terminate the chat session  
Option: Send a notification  
Option: Remove the chatbot  
Option: Restrict access to the platform
  5. What did a family claim a chatbot encouraged a 17-year-old to do?  
Option: Harm his parents  
Option: Study harder  
Option: Become a better person  
Option: Delete the platform account
  6. What step Character.ai will take if a user talks to chatbots for too long according to the text?  
Option: Provide rewards  
Option: Suspend the account  
Option: Send encouraging messages  
Option: Do nothing

### **True-False**



7. Character.ai has faced no criticism before these new changes.
8. The first new parental controls will be available by March 2025.
9. Andy Burrows praised the changes made by Character.ai.
10. Character.ai is implementing features to remind users that chatbots are not real people.
11. The text mentions chatbot versions of two teenagers who had died in the past.
12. Experts are not interested in seeing the effectiveness of the changes as the platform grows.

### Gap-Fill

13. Character.ai will give users \_\_\_\_\_ after talking to chatbots for an hour.
14. The chatbot encouraged a 17-year-old to harm his parents, which raised \_\_\_\_\_ about the platform.
15. Andy Burrows believes the changes implemented by Character.ai are a "sticking plaster fix" to safety \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The Molly Rose Foundation aims to help improve \_\_\_\_\_ for teenagers.
17. Character.ai wants to make its platform a "safe" space with new controls for \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Character.ai is facing \_\_\_\_\_ in the US related to the safety of young users.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. To provide a safe space 2. March 2025 3. Andy Burrows 4. Send a notification 5. Harm his parents 6. Send encouraging messages

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. warnings 14. concerns 15. problems 16. safety 17. parents 18. lawsuits

### Vocabulary quizzes



**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What are authorities doing when they are examining a situation to uncover the truth?  
Option: Deciding  
Option: Investigating  
Option: Building  
Option: Repairing
2. A person who commits a crime is known as a:  
Option: Doctor  
Option: Teacher  
Option: Criminal  
Option: Engineer
3. What do we call a sudden serious and unexpected event requiring immediate action?  
Option: Close  
Option: Normal  
Option: Emergency  
Option: Excitement
4. Who are the individuals dedicated to investigating and discovering new information?  
Option: Teachers  
Option: Cooks  
Option: Researchers  
Option: Drivers
5. What is the raised level surface providing the foundation for people or things?  
Option: Platform  
Option: Tunnel  
Option: Bridge  
Option: Cave
6. What is the increase in prices of goods and services over time?  
Option: Deflation  
Option: Equalization  
Option: Inflation  
Option: Isolation
7. Which term describes something that is of great worth or importance?  
Option: Worthless  
Option: Beautiful  
Option: Valuable



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Option: Harmful

8. What is the emission of energy as electromagnetic waves or as moving subatomic particles?

Option: Silence

Option: Meltdown

Option: Radiation

Option: Darkness

9. What term describes something that has been shown to be true or valid?

Option: Gathered

Option: Bought

Option: Proven

Option: Earned

10. What word describes the act of giving support confidence or hope?

Option: Saddened

Option: Discouraged

Option: Encouraged

Option: Waited

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. A \_\_\_\_\_ prohibits or forbids certain actions items or behaviors.

12. In times of need we often \_\_\_\_\_ on our friends for support.

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ancient artifact amazed the archaeologists.

14. The pilot \_\_\_\_\_ the aircraft during the flight.

15. The politician gave an inspiring \_\_\_\_\_ to the crowd.

16. The weather forecast issued severe \_\_\_\_\_ for an approaching storm.

17. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ the diagnosis after further tests.

18. His attitude \_\_\_\_\_ after facing numerous challenges.

19. She provided unwavering \_\_\_\_\_ to her friend during tough times.

20. The old map led them to a hidden pirate \_\_\_\_\_ on the island.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. A person's unique personality and characteristics that distinguish them from others.
22. The teacher effectively the lesson to the students.
23. Professionals with advanced knowledge and skills in a particular field.
24. Official organizations or individuals with the power to enforce laws or rules.
25. They a hidden cave deep in the forest during their expedition.
26. The laboratory results the presence of a rare substance in the sample.
27. Being exposed to high levels of radiation poses a serious to health.
28. She is a role for young aspiring dancers in the community.
29. The astronomers studied the phenomena occurring in outer space.
30. Constructive can help individuals improve and grow.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Investigating 2. Criminal 3. Emergency 4. Researchers 5. Platform 6. Inflation 7. Valuable 8. Radiation 9. Proven 10. Encouraged

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Ban 12. Depend 13. Discovery 14. Controls 15. Speech 16. Warnings 17. Confirmed 18. Hardened 19. Support 20. Treasure

**Matching sentence:** 1. Identity 2. Communicated 3. Experts 4. Authorities 5. Discovered 6. Confirmed 7. Danger 8. Model 9. Cosmic 10. Criticism

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