



Online Chatbots Molly Russell and Brianna Ghey Spark Controversy

Description

Chatbot versions of teenagers Molly Russell and Brianna Ghey were recently discovered on Character.ai, a platform where users can create digital representations of people. Molly Russell tragically took her own life at just 14 years old after being exposed to harmful content online, while Brianna Ghey, at 16, was murdered by two teenagers in 2023.

The foundation established in memory of Molly Russell strongly condemned the creation of these chatbots, calling it a "sickening" and "reprehensible failure of moderation." Character.ai, the platform in question, claims to take safety seriously and removes inappropriate content once reported.

According to Andy Burrows, CEO of the Molly Rose Foundation, the development of these chatbots is extremely distressing for those who knew Molly personally. Brianna Ghey's mother, Esther Ghey, also expressed her concerns about the dangerous and manipulative nature of the online world.

Chatbots, which simulate human conversation, have become more sophisticated with advances in artificial intelligence. Character.ai, founded by former Google engineers, has strict guidelines to prevent impersonation and harmful interactions. Despite efforts to improve safety measures, the platform faces legal action following the tragic suicide of a 14-year-old boy who interacted with an AI avatar on the platform.

Character.ai has pledged to enhance safety features for minors following these incidents to prevent further tragedies.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Condemned** /kən'dɛm(d)/ (verb): Declared to be wrong or reprehensible; strongly disapproved.
2. **Tragic** /'trædʒɪk/ (adjective): Causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow.
3. **Reprehensible** /ˌrɛprɪ'hensəbl/ (adjective): Deserving condemnation or criticism.
4. **Sophisticated** /sə'fɪstɪ,ketɪd/ (adjective): Having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of fashion and culture.
5. **Manipulative** /mə'nɪpjʊlətɪv/ (adjective): Characterized by influencing or attempting to control others to one's own advantage.
6. **Tragedy** /'trædʒədi/ (noun): An event causing great suffering destruction and distress.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. At what age did Molly Russell tragically take her own life?
Option: 14
Option: 16
Option: 18
Option: 12
2. Who condemned the creation of chatbots based on Molly Russell and Brianna Ghey?
Option: The Molly Rose Foundation
Option: Character.ai
Option: Andy Burrows
Option: Esther Ghey
3. Which platform were the chatbot versions of Molly Russell and Brianna Ghey discovered on?
Option: Character.ai
Option: Facebook
Option: Instagram
Option: Twitter
4. Who expressed concerns about the dangerous and manipulative nature of the online world?
Option: Esther Ghey
Option: Andy Burrows
Option: Ratan Naval Tata
Option: Molly Russell
5. Which tragic incident led to legal action against Character.ai?
Option: Suicide of a 14-year-old boy
Option: Murder of Brianna Ghey
Option: Development of chatbots
Option: Enhancement of safety features
6. Who founded Character.ai?
Option: Former Google engineers
Option: Andy Burrows
Option: Molly Russell
Option: Esther Ghey



True-False

7. Chatbots on Character.ai were discovered representing Molly Russell and Brianna Ghey.
8. Esther Ghey is the CEO of the Molly Rose Foundation.
9. Chatbots have not become more sophisticated with advances in AI.
10. The tragic suicide of the 14-year-old boy was not related to an AI avatar on the platform.
11. Character.ai has not pledged to enhance safety features for minors.
12. The platform faced legal action due to the murder of Brianna Ghey.

Gap-Fill

13. Molly Russell was exposed to harmful content online at the age of _____.
14. Brianna Ghey was murdered by two teenagers in _____.
15. Character.ai claims to take safety seriously and removes inappropriate content once _____.
16. _____, founded by former Google engineers, has strict guidelines to prevent impersonation and harmful interactions.
17. _____ pledged to enhance safety features for minors following these incidents to prevent further tragedies.
18. Andy Burrows is the CEO of the _____ Foundation.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 14 2. The Molly Rose Foundation 3. Character.ai 4. Esther Ghey 5. Suicide of a 14-year-old boy 6. Former Google engineers

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 14



14. 2023 15. reported 16. Character.ai 18. Molly Rose

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term describes someone who is easily affected by external influences?

- Option: A) Sensitive
- Option: B) Safeguarding
- Option: C) Struggling
- Option: D) Turmoil

2. Which term means to fall or drop straight down quickly?

- Option: A) Plummeted
- Option: B) Uncertainties
- Option: C) Reactors
- Option: D) Saga

3. Which term means to express complete disapproval of something?

- Option: A) Condemned
- Option: B) Enrich
- Option: C) Development
- Option: D) Principles

4. Which term describes ignoring or paying insufficient attention to something?

- Option: A) Neglecting
- Option: B) Groundbreaking
- Option: C) Trademark
- Option: D) Struggling

5. Which term refers to the possible effects or consequences of an action or event?

- Option: A) Implications
- Option: B) Tragic
- Option: C) Skeletal
- Option: D) Scatterings

6. Which term denotes a serious disagreement or argument typically a protracted one?



- Option: A) Conflict
- Option: B) Development
- Option: C) Transparent
- Option: D) Neglecting

7. Which term describes something complex and advanced?

- Option: A) Sophisticated
- Option: B) Manipulative
- Option: C) Saga
- Option: D) Tragedy

8. What is a radioactive isotope of carbon known as?

- Option: A) Scatterings
- Option: B) Radiocarbon
- Option: C) Opaque
- Option: D) Transmission

9. Which term means to improve or enhance the quality or value of something?

- Option: A) Devastating
- Option: B) Enrich
- Option: C) Bend
- Option: D) Tragedy

10. Which term refers to the process of growth or advancement?

- Option: A) Saga
- Option: B) Development
- Option: C) Skeletal
- Option: D) Turmoil

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

11. _____ measures are essential to protect vulnerable individuals from harm.
12. When light passes through an _____ material the photons disperse in random directions.
13. An _____ object does not allow light to pass through it.
14. The process of sending data from one location to another is known as _____.



15. Light rays undergo _____ when passing from one medium to another.
16. Nuclear _____ are used to control nuclear fission reactions.
17. The loss of innocent lives in the accident was a _____ event.
18. His actions were seen as _____ by the community.
19. The family _____ spanned over several generations.
20. Historians study the _____ of civilizations to understand their development.

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

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| 21. The company was to stay afloat during the economic downturn. |
| 22. After the scandal broke the CEO's reputation overnight. |
| 23. The future of the project is surrounded by due to budget cuts. |
| 24. are elementary particles that constitute light. |
| 25. are utilized in nuclear power plants to generate electricity. |
| 26. The unexpected loss of a loved one is a profound . |
| 27. The framework of the building had to be reinforced for safety. |
| 28. The new technological innovation was considered in the industry. |
| 29. Reading diverse literature can one's understanding of different cultures. |
| 30. One should adhere to ethical even in challenging situations. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A) Sensitive 2. A) Plummeted 3. A) Condemned 4. A) Neglecting 5. A) Implications 6. A) Conflict 7. A) Sophisticated 8. B) Radiocarbon 9. B) Enrich 10. B) Development

Gap-Fill: 11. Safeguarding 12. Scattering 13. Opaque 14. Transmission 15. Bend 16. Reactors 17. Tragic 18. Reprehensible 19. Saga 20. Origins

Matching sentence: 1. Struggling 2. Plummeted 3. Uncertainties 4. Photons 5. Reactors 6. Tragedy 7. Skeletal 8. Groundbreaking



9. Enrich 10. Principles

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