Stimulus book

Essential English

General instruction

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Stimulus 1

Context

This email was sent from a ClipVidAce user to a social media influencer. ClipVidAce is a social media platform for sharing videos.

7 March 2021 at 10:43 am



SUBJECT: Thank you!

<TurnerTyro@powercometmessages.com.au>
To: LifeGadgetTester4U@venturing.co.au

Dear LifeGadgetTester4U,

This is TurnerTyro. Hopefully you remember meeting me at the ClipVidAce convention last month. With all that went on, I never got the chance to tell you what your videos mean to me ... your humour highlights the world's quirkiness, your belly laugh gives me the giggles and your videos make the world wackier in a cool way — less intimidating.

Not all ClipVidAce videos are positive, but I particularly like your ability to see the funny side of life and your commitment to using social media to help others. ClipVidAce can be great for that (if used properly). And it's something I want to do — we're kindred souls in that way, I guess. A bit like links in a chain. Even talking to you has inspired me to think about what could be.

Then

A few years ago, I was a completely different person. I was so afraid of being seen as foolish that I could never build up enough courage to try anything new in front of other people. Then I found your channel and it was like a light switching on in a corner of my brain.

I'm not sure if it was ever your intention, but seeing you try all those new gadgets week after week — and failing more often than not with hilarious consequences — gave me the courage to try new things too. My favourite episode was that minor mishap when you tried the electric scooter and went *splat* into a muddy ditch! You just shrugged, grinned and jumped back on the scooter so fast it was comical. I laughed so hard, I nearly coughed up a lung ... then I tried scootering too (no mishaps!) and loved it.

Now

Over the last year, I've been:

- · getting involved in sport
- · going to family get-togethers
- · socialising more.

I feel like I now have several real friends. I don't need a thousand friends on social media. Unlike before, social media has become just recreation rather than a fixation.

Anyway, my world is a thousand times better and your channel has played a part in that, because you taught me not to take life too seriously and to ... drum roll ... even laugh at myself.

Looking forwards

Right now, the fear of failure no longer controls me. I'm even running my own channel! It's not big like yours and it may never be, but that's fine with me.

Anyway, I just wanted to thank you for your channel's lighthearted optimism. Thank you for being a shining star, for helping me cultivate my boldness and for the inner glow that comes from understanding a truth ... that trying something new is better than fearing my own shadow.

See you at the next ClipVidAce convention.

Forever grateful, TurnerTyro

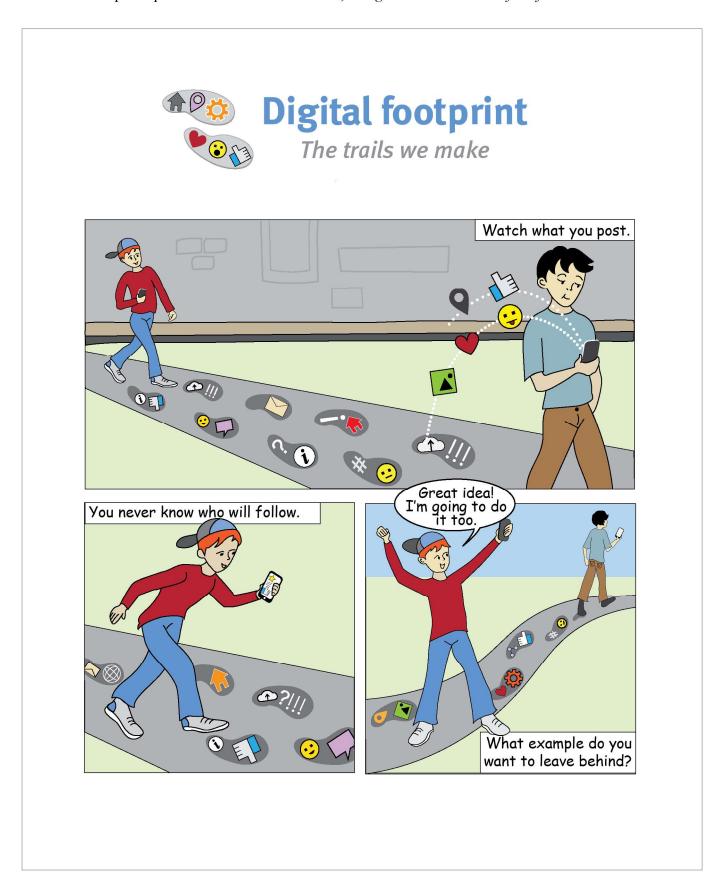
Stimulus 2

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Stimulus 3

Context

This comic strip was published in a school textbook, Being Your Best: Lessons for life.



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