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Tekst 1.

A new policy concerning high and middle school students has been introduced in Italy recently. There is a plan to re-enforce the law that prevents students behaving inappropriately from moving on to the next grade if they behave badly. Due to the increasing number of reports of student aggression against teachers, it was decided that the decision would be made to end the practice. It is now a requirement for middle and high school students who get less than 6 points out of 10 in behavioral assessments to fail the school year. They will have to repeat the academic year regardless of how their assessments performed in their school subjects. Those high school students who score exactly six points in behavioral matters will also have to take a civics education test in order to graduate. There will also be a large influence on the final exam based on how you behaved and what behavioral point you've got during your classes.

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Tekst 2.

MAN: Good morning, Ms. Anderson. Thank you for coming in today. I see from your application that you're interested in the Marketing Coordinator position. Could you tell me a little about why you want to join our team?

WOMAN: Good morning, and thank you for having me! I've been following your company for a while. I really admire that you're so devoted to being creative and pioneering at the same time. I believe my skills in digital marketing and project management would be a good fit here. I'm excited about the chance to work with such a forward-thinking team.

MAN: Excellent. One important question: are you comfortable with some travel? As the position involves occasional trips to meet clients and coordinate with partners, we need to ensure ourselves at the beginning that it will be possible for you to do that.

WOMAN: Absolutely, I'm open to it. I think meeting clients in person can make a big difference in building stronger relationships, so I'd be glad to be part of that as well.

MAN: That's great to hear that! Could you tell me more about your experience with digital marketing? What kinds of projects have you worked on?

WOMAN: Certainly. At my previous job, I managed several social media campaigns and assisted in creating content for product launches. I also coordinated a team to handle customer engagement online, which really helped me develop strong organizational and teamwork skills.

MAN: Impressive. Collaboration is a big part of our work here, especially as we often run campaigns across multiple departments. How comfortable are you working in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment?

WOMAN: I enjoy it, actually. In fact, I find that fast-paced environments keep me motivated, and I like working with others to achieve our goals. I'm also quite adaptable, which helps when projects move quickly or priorities change.

MAN: That's wonderful to hear. Well, thank you again for coming in, Ms. Anderson. We'll be in touch soon!

Tekst 3.

A couple of psychologists, Muzafer and Carolyn Sherif, brought a group of 22 middle-class boys into the woods of Robbers Cave State Park in Oklahoma. The teenagers thought they were simply attending a summer camp. However, the real goal of the experiment was to study the theory of actual conflict – specifically, how quickly conflict could develop between groups under certain conditions and how cooperative goals might help resolve it.

The study unfolded in three distinct stages. In the first stage, the goal was to form each group. The boys were randomly divided into two separate groups, which they later named the 'Eagles' and the 'Rattlers.' During this stage, each group was unaware of the other's presence. The boys engaged in activities that helped them form strong internal group bonds, like creating rules, establishing social roles, and even designing symbols like flags.

In the second stage, the researchers introduced some intergroup conflict. Once each group's identity was solid, the boys were introduced to each other and placed in face-to-face competition in activities like tug-of-war, baseball, and other games. This competition quickly led to rivalry and hostility. The boys began name-calling, vandalizing each other's property, and displaying verbal aggression. This stage demonstrated how competition over resources or recognition can create strong in-group favoritism and out-group hostility, even among similar individuals.

In the final stage, conflict resolution was introduced. To reduce the tensions, the researchers presented superordinate goals – tasks that could only be achieved if both groups worked together. Challenges such as fixing a water shortage and pulling a broken-down truck back to camp required the groups' cooperation and gradually reduced their hostility. Through these shared objectives, the boys started to form friendships across group lines, showing that cooperative efforts can effectively reduce intergroup conflict.

The Robbers Cave Experiment offered valuable insights into how quickly group identity and conflict can form – and how shared goals can restore positive relations. These findings have since played a significant role in understanding group dynamics, social identity, and conflict resolution in various social contexts.

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Text one

People are so focused on their phones that they miss out on life. I see people wandering down the street, sitting on the bus, or even in restaurants, completely glued to their screens. Just the other day, someone missed their bus stop because they got too involved into scrolling through social media. I get it – our phones are beneficial, but we've become too dependent on them. We ought to take control of our phone usage and start raising the awareness of our surroundings. It's time to put them down, look up, and reconnect with the world around us. You'll never know how much the world has to offer you.

Text two

I never thought I would constantly keep on checking my phone. Honestly, if my colleagues weren't always messaging me after work, I wouldn't feel the need to respond immediately. It's like they've trained me to always be available, and now I can't stop. Even on weekends, I feel pressured to answer messages. If I don't respond right away, I feel guilty, like I'm slacking off or something. I know I'm on my phone too much, but it's hard to set boundaries when people expect instant replies. If my phone buzzes, I automatically reach for it, even if I'm in the middle of something important. It's frustrating.

Text three

When I first got it, it was great – fast, reliable, and convenient. I spent so much money on it, but it's already falling apart. It feels like such things are built to break down quickly so that we're forced to swap them with the new ones. I've tried everything – closing apps, lowering the brightness, even uninstalling some of the software, but nothing seems to help. The constant need to upgrade is frustrating and wasteful. It's also about the waste. All this stuff ends up in landfills, and for what? Just so the tech companies can keep making a profit. I wish they wouldn't focus only on constantly releasing new models with only minor improvements.

Text four

I've seen a growing number of patients who are suffering from health problems related to screen time – eye strain, headaches, and poor posture, to name a few. But, to my mind, what's more concerning is the impact these devices have had on the staff. They sometimes browse some data while performing some actions, and that can lead to mistakes. It's become such a habit that it's hard to break. In a hospital, every second matters, and being affected by a phone can

have serious consequences. We need to be more responsible and limit phone usage to prevent unnecessary risks. A missed dosage, a wrong diagnosis – anything can happen when you're not fully focused on the task at hand.

Text five

Last week at a public library conference, I could barely focus on the speaker because there were so many people around me tapping away on their devices. Some were even taking calls in the middle of presentations, which was really distracting and plain rude, not to say disrespectful. Such places are meant for learning, reflection, and focus, not for scrolling through social media or chatting on the phone. I think there should be stricter rules about phone usage to prevent such interruptions and preserve the atmosphere of these important areas. I understand that phones are a part of everyday life, but there's a time and place for everything.

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Authorities in the Romanian city of Cluj-Napoca have decided to encourage their residents to become more physically active. The Sports Festival initiated a special kind of a project with the support of the Cluj-Napoca City Hall and the Local Council in 2020 to celebrate the European Week of Sport. What's it all about? The project is aimed at managing special health stations. Every year, a special ticket machine is set up on such a station on this occasion, as well as a bus shelter, whose design and distinctive seats resemble the bench for reserve players. The ticket machine stands at the bus station. In order to receive a free ticket for public transportation, you need to perform 20 squats in two minutes instead of paying for the journey. The whole activity is recorded by a special camera. It is installed in the booth on the street. To start having your exercises counted, just stand in a marked field about 1.5 meters in front of the ticket machine, and a camera system will check whether the squats are performed correctly. The so-called 'healthy ticket' is intended to create a direct link between physical activity and benefit, with people immediately receiving a reward. The free ticket is valid for only one journey on the city's public transport network. You have the whole week to take advantage of this opportunity. Those who have body limitations, body health problems or are the elderly are allowed to ride for free by just smiling at the boot or showing their tongue to the camera. They don't have to do the physical activity, which is obvious why. The unusual action has been liked by residents, who have managed to perform more than one million squats so far. It means the public transport authorities have distributed around 55,000 tickets free out of charge. The entire campaign involves private partners – companies subsidize free rides in exchange for low-impact advertising on tickets.

The first edition of Sports Festival project lasted only from August 2020 until December 2020. The second one was scheduled for August 2021 and the last ticket awarded in that way was given in January 2022. The organizers claim that citizens of Cluj did over 2.3 million squats in the project's first two phases in total. The project gained international recognition, and in 2022 organizers decided to expand it. To get a free bus ride with the 'health ticket 2.0,' citizens had to complete a 500-meter ride with a bike in under 3 minutes.