

Look through the phrases for speculating on the left. Work in pairs and complete each dialogue by speculating about the situation using the provided phrases.

Idiomatic phrases

- a. I would venture to guess...
- b. It stands to reason that ...
- c. One could assume that ...
- d. It might be the case that ...
- e. It is plausible that ...
- f. We can surmise that ...

Casual phrases

- g. Chances are ...
- h. I reckon...
- i. I bet ...

Alex: Hey, did you hear about the news in Guatemala? Some students were caught using artificial intelligence to sell adult content of their classmates.

Jordan: Yeah, I heard about that. It's really shocking. **(1)** this situation got so out of hand.

Alex: Absolutely. **(2)** the students involved might have thought they could get away with it without any consequences.

Jordan: True. **(NOT 3)** there was some kind of personal vendetta or a reason behind why they targeted those particular classmates.

Alex: That's a good point. **(4)** the people who created the AI tools didn't realize how it would be misused.

Jordan: You hit the nail on the head. **(5)** this kind of technology could lead to more serious issues if it's not regulated properly.

Alex: I reckon that there will be more discussions about tightening regulations on AI after this incident.

Jordan: It's quite possible the authorities will take stricter measures to prevent such misuse in the future.