**1, In Touch-Ability Net Tech Conference; Love on the Run**

**vouch for something:**(formal) to say that you believe something is true or good because you have evidence for it.

**live up to** (phrasal verb) to do as well as or be as good as other people expect you to

Could it live up to its billing?   
= Could it fulfill the expections or meet the standard that was advertiseed or announced?

**benefit**1, [vt.] to be useful to sb or improve their life in some way.  
AI benefits blind and partially sighted people.   
2, [C. U.] an advantages that something gives you; a helpful or useful effect that sth has.  
I have had the benefit of good education.

**VI :** visually impaired **accessibility** [n. U.]: it means designing products, services, and environments so that people with disablity can use them.

**inclusive** [adj.]  
**inclusivity** [n. U.] making sure that everyone feels welcome and respected, regardless of their differences.

**enable** [vt.] enable sb. to do sth.  
The software enables you to create your own DVDs.

**step change** (BrE) a big change or improvement in something

**daunt** /dO:nt/ vt. to make sb. feel nervous and less confident about doing sth.

**itinerary** /aI'tInEREri/   
[n. C.] a plan of a journey, including the places and the route that you visit.  
a detailed itinerary.

**champion** [vt.] to fight or speak in support for a group of people or a belief.  
He has always championed the cause of women rights.

**one-off** [n.](BrE.) a thing that is made or happens only once and not regularly.

**underline** [vt.] to emphasize or show that something is important or true.

**2, In touch-All The Light We Cannot See**

**tantamount** /'tQntEmaUnt/ [adj.]  
*tantamount to something* : (formal) having the same bad effect as something else.  
e.g. If he resigned it would be tantamount to admitting that he was guilty.

**rave** [vt.]   
(rave about sb./sth.) to talk or write about something in a very enthusiastic way.

**intimidate** /I'tIMIdeIt/ vt.   
intimidate sb. into sth./doing sth. to frighten or threaten somebody so that they will do what you want.

They were accused of intimidating people into voting for them.

**portrayal** /pE'treIEl/   
[C.] the act of showing/describing sb./sth. in a picture, play, book, etc;  
The article examines the portrayal of gay men in the media.  
(**The article takes a close look at how gay men are shown in movies, TV shows, advertisements, and other media.** It investigates whether these portrayals are accurate, fair, and inclusive.)  
[U.] a particular way in which this is done

**habitual** /HE'bItSuEl/ [adj.]  
usual or typical of somebody or something.   
They waited for his habitual response.

**Sentence:**  
... is there a risk of us going from blind characters habitually being the victims in the films and the recipients of pity to being almost super heroes?

Explanation:  
In essence, the sentence is asking if there is a danger of going overboard with the positive portrayal of blind characters, creating unrealistic and potentially harmful stereotypes on their capabilities. (from Bard)

**residual** /rI'zIdjuEl/ [adj.] (only befor noun)(formal)  
remaining at the end of a process  
There are still a few residual problems with the computer program.  
residual income.

**squadron** /'skwOdrEn/ n.   
a group of military aircraft or ships forming a section of military force.  
e.g. a bomber/fighter squadron.

**3, Christmas Time at New College**

**mainstream school :** normal school

**festival** /'festIvl/ n.  
**festive** /'festIv/ adj.   
1, typical of a special event or celebration.  
a festive occasion   
2, (British English) connected with the period when people celebrate Christmas.

**house** [vt.] to be the place where something is kept or where something operates from.  
Three separate white squares house each of the three letters. (From the introduction)  
The books are housed in a glass-fonted cases.

**diagonal** /daI'QgEnEl/ adj.   
(of a straight line)at an angle; joining two opposite sides of something at an angle.  
e.g. diagonal stripes

**pantomime** /'pQtEmaIm/ n. C. (informal **panto**)  
(in Britain) a type of play with music, dancing and jokes, that is based on a fairy tale and is usually performed at Christmas.  
e.g. We took chidren to a pantomime.

**phonic** /'fOnIk/ adj.   
relating to sound; relating to sounds made in speech.

**chipper** [n.]  
a machine which cuts wood into small pieces.

**conjure** /'kVndZE/vi.  
**conjure up** : (phrasal verb) to make something appear as a picture in you mind.  
That smell always conjure up memories of holidays in France.

**advent** /'Qdvent/ n.   
(in Christian religiont) the period of approximately four weeks before Christmas.

**braille** /breIl/ U. (Breille, a blind Franch)  
a system of printing for blind people.

**brailler** [C.] a mechanical device for writing brealle.

**perception** [U.]   
the way that you notice things, especially with the senses.  
e.g. visual percetion.

**poke** /pEuk/ vt. to push your fingers or another object into somebody or something.  
She poke him in the ribs with her elbow.

**tactile** /'tQktaIl/ adj.   
connected with the sense of touch; using your sense of touch  
e.g. visual and tactile communication.  
tactile fabric (= pleasant to touch)

**potpourri** /;pEupU'Ri:/ n.U. (from French)  
a mixture of dried flowers and leaves used for making a room smells pleasant.

**chapel** /'tSQpl/ n.  
a small building or a room for Christian worship in a school, prison, large private house, etc.  
e.g. a college chapel.

**ringmaster** [n.]

**crowning** [adj.]  
making something perfect or complete  
e.g. Is this a sort of crowning part of Christmas at college?

**collective** [adj.]  
done or shared by all members of a group of people.  
e.g. Could we do a collective Merry Christmas everyone?

**4, How Accessible is X?**

**extract**[n.] a short message from a book, a piece of musice, etc. that gives you an idea of what the whole thing is like.  
[vt.]   
1, (fromal, specialist) to take or pull somethint out, especially when this needs force or effort.  
The stone whell crushes it into pulp, which is then pressed to extract the oil.  
2, to remove or obtain substance from something  
a machine that extracts the excess moisture from the air.

**reinstate**   
[vt.] to give back a job or position that has been taken away from somebody.  
I urge you to reinstate the Twitter’s accessibility team.

**address**  
[vt.]  
1, to write on an envelope, etc. the name and address of the person.   
2, to make a formal speech to a group of people  
The president was asked to address the assembly.  
3, to say something directly to somebody  
I was surprised when he addressed me in Egnlish.  
**address the points**: to respond directly to a particular topic or an issue  
**address somebody (as something):** to use a particular name or title for somebody when you speak or write to them.   
The judge shoulde be addressed as “Your Hornour”.

**spell out**1, to explain something in a clear, simple way.  
Could you spell out the implications of it?  
**spell out why, what, etc.**  
2, to say or write the letters of a word in a right order.

**implication** [n.C.plural]  
see “Categories of Collocations and Words”

**dispense** [vt.]  
1,(formal) to give out something to people  
The machine dispenses a range of drinks and snacks.  
2, (formal) to provide something, especially a service, to people.  
The organization dispense free health care to the poor.

**scam** /skQm/   
(informal) a clever or dishonest plan or making money  
an insurance scam.

**fallout** [n.]  
the bad results of a situation or an action.  
e.g. the political fallout of current crisis.

**clutter** [vt.] to fill a place with too many things, so that it is untidy.  
Don’t clutter the page with too many digrams.

**strip** [vt.]  
to remove a layer of something so that it is completely exposed.  
Deer had strip all the bark off the tree.

**lure** [vt.]  
(lure somebody +adv./prep.) to persuade or trick somebody to go somethere or to do something by primosing them a reward.  
The child was lured to car but managed to escape.

**viral** /'vaIrEl/ adj.  
1, like or caused by a virus.  
a viral infection.  
2, used to describe a piece of information, a video, an imiage, etc. that is sent rapidly over the internet.  
e.g. a viral email.   
(go viral) Within 24 hours, the video went viral on Youtube and Facebook.

**apologetic** /E;pOlE'dZetIk**/** [adj.] apologize [v.]

**forth** [adv.] towards a place; forwards  
Water gushed forth from a hole in the rock.

**ad hoc**   
[adv.](from latin) in a way that is arranged or happens when necessay and is not planned in advance.  
The tirbunals operated ad hoc and were dissolved when the work concluded.  
[adj.] arranged or happens when necessay and is not planned in advance  
an ad hoc meeting.

**hefty**  
1, (of an amount of money) large; larger than usual or expected  
2, (of a person or an object) big and heavy

**commence**  
[vi. vt.] (fromal) to begin to happen; to begin something.  
The meeting is scheduled to commence at noon.  
She commenced her medical career in 1956.

**workaround**   
[C.] (computing) a way of working with a piece of software in order to avoid a particular problem even thouh you do not solve that problem.