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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/205/2021_2022_21_E4_B8_96_E7_BA_AA_E5_A4_c82_205601.htm Unit 8 Text A When a seven-year-old boy declared that he had fallen in love with a seven-year-old girl, the adults laughed, and the young ones did not understand why. In their eyes, their love was serious and important indeed. Young and in Love Jeanne Marie Laskas Ryan has never had a girlfriend. Not because he is against the idea, but because it has never actually occurred to him. He is 7. When Ryans father tells him about Katie, a girl who will also be at the weekend getaway, Ryan starts bouncing around as if hit with an electric charge. Maybe its just that there will be a kid the same age there. He gets so sick of being the only kid around when he and his dad do stuff. Or maybe its that Katie is reported to like a lot of the same things Ryan likes. Maybe its the words his father says, the words that Ryan will not be able to get out of his ears: "They say she has 311 Pokemon cards." Ryan has never met anyone with 311 Pokemon cards. He himself has 204. He gathers all of his and puts them in a box, so that he can show them to the girl named Katie. The place is filled with grown-ups when he arrives, old friends drinking beer. Ryan wanders around, saying, "Wheres Katie?" until someone points to the family room. He charges in there, hoping its true. He sees her there curled up on a couch with her mother, watching "Rug-rats." She has long brown hair and big green eyes. "Im Ryan!" he announces. She looks at him. She says something Ryan has never heard before. She says: "I have

pneumonia." Ryan has never met anyone with pneumonia before. There is no denying it any longer. This girl is special. He says, "Do you want to see my Pokemon cards?" She stands up, takes him away to compare collections. She does not brag about the fact that she has more cards than he does, which you have to admit is a class act. A half-hour goes by. Ryan and Katie return to the family room, where many of the grown-ups have gathered. "He asked me to be his girlfriend!" Katie announces. "I have a crush on her!" Ryan says. "I had two boyfriends before," Katie says. "But they were annoying. Not like Ryan. He is the best boyfriend I have ever had." Katie and Ryan cant understand why the grown-ups are laughing. they dont understand that sweethearts dont just come out and say these things. Love isnt like this. Love is something that happens in code. Love is a complicated game of pretending not to love, not to care, so that the other one will have no choice but to love and care. At least this is how it works when youre... mature. They spend the day comparing Pokemon cards. It feels as if they could do this forever. Katie gives Ryan a Psyduck card, and not just because she has six of them. She gives it to him because Psyduck is her very favorite Pokemon character. When it is time to go, Ryan asks if someone can please show him a map, so he can see how far away Katie lives. His father tells him its a few hundred miles. Ryan feels like throwing up. Katie says, "How about e-mail?" Katie has all the good ideas. Katies mom and Ryana dad agree to set up accounts for the kids. On the drive home, Ryan holds his Psyduck card. He flips it over. He places it next to his cheek. As soon as he walks in the door, he turns on his

dads computer. For his screen name he chooses Psyduck plus a few of Katies favorite numbers, and KRKRKR for a password, as many Ks next to as many Rs as he can fit. In his message he says, "Dear Katie, Hi its me. Whats up? I was just wondering (what was up.) I miss you. Love, Ryan." He awaits her response. He waits an hour. By the second hour, he is sitting at the computer in tears. "What happened?" he wails to his dad. He wonders if she forgot about him, if any of it was really true. The answer could mean everything. This is love at ground zero. This is a trial run for a heart that will one day occupy a man. "Youve got mail," the computer says. And there she is. "Dear Ryan," she writes. "I just got home. I miss you. I am so glad I am your girlfriend. Love, Katie." Ryan is so happy he can hardly type the words back. "I got your message!" he writes. "It was a great message. Its the only message I have ever got, so it is and always will be my favorite." (778 words) 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com