



Bayview High

High Stakes

Chapter 5: Smashed

Working with Words—Shorthand to Standard English

E-mail and chat room language is a short-hand form of standard English. It is used because it is easy to key, it has become a specialized language of online communication and text messaging and because it is now part of the culture of technology.

Look at the chat room dialogue on page 38 of the text and translate the conversation into standard English.

For example:

Chat text: I C U R not happy.

Translation: I see you are not happy.
