

The computing laboratory. John is showing some of the others what he has found.

“Then they have got a facility for adding more sentences.” says John as he continues to explain what he has found.

“I go to the main menu, click on Add more Sentences and up comes a panel asking me if I want to connect to the InterJollies website, I click the Yes button and there is the website. I select a language, .... I’m using French in this example, then it shows me what titles are available. At the moment it is offering Disco and Pop Concert. .... I choose Disco, and it downloads to this device .... and then I can access the sentences from the Choose a Sentence menu.”

“So potentially our list of medical sentences could be used on the device if the manufacturers were to agree to put them there, though they might need to be encoded differently so as fit in with their way of doing things.” says Edward.

“Well potentially, but then would there be interoperability problems with any other use of the sentences from our list?” opines John.

“I am wondering,” says Henry, “what happens if you put No when asked if you want to connect to the InterJollies website.”

“How do you mean?” asks John.

“Well,” continues Henry, “I noticed that it offered Yes and No, rather than Yes and Cancel. That may just be the way they have worded it, but I just wondered.”

John looks thoughtfully at Henry. Some people might have simply told Henry that of course it was just the same, but not John.

“Let’s try it then, for completeness.”

John clicks on Add more Sentences and gets to the panel that asks about connecting to the InterJollies website. John clicks on No.

A panel appears, inviting entry of a website address.

“Oh,” says John, “what have we got here!”

John enters the LocSARA web address, the LocSARA webspace is displayed.

“So, alright, let me get some medical sentences in French and see if they download. .... Well, here goes.”

John clicks on the file link and selects Download and the process seems to occur.

Edward, Henry and Caroline look on in amazement, wondering what will happen.

John decides to try to send a message using one of the sentences.

“Look, they are listed in the Choose a Sentence drop down menu. I will try to add one to a message. .... There, it seems to work so far. .... Let me look at the underlying code that

has been added. .... Yes, it is our encoding. .... I wonder what happens if I try to send it to the other device. .... Yes it is received yet it only displayed the code.”

“Ah,” says Henry “You have not added the English versions of the sentences to that device, so naturally only the code would be displayed.”

“Yes, you’re right, I would need to add the English versions to the receiving device.”

Some people might have simply told Henry that of course it would not work, but not John.

“Let’s try it then.” adds John.

John downloads the English version of the medical sentences from the LocSARA webspace to the second device.

John then tries to send the medical sentence from the first device to the second device and is amazed when the text localized into English is displayed. John always tries to keep an open mind and go by evidence rather than presumption, yet is very surprised at the result.

“But how?” asks Edward.

“Well, either they have built in some way to detect sets of codes generally, .... or maybe they have just given us a free ride.” replies John.

“We could test that.” opines Henry. “We could make up a new encoding, a test encoding, and try to send a message and see what happens. We could copy the French and English files for something that we have not tried yet, such as the sentences seeking information about relatives and friends after a disaster, then edit the copies so as to have the test encoding, then add the files to the development part of our webspace and take it from there.”

“Yes, let’s do it.” says John.

They edit the copies so as to have a snowman as the first character and the files are uploaded to the development part of the webspace.

“Let’s try it then.” says John.

John sets up the two devices and downloads the files of encoded sentences.

However, when he decides to try to use the Choose a Sentence facility he finds that the sentences are not listed in the menu.

“That is very interesting,” says John “it worked for their encoding and for our encoding, but not for the test encoding. I cannot be certain yet it looks like they have deliberately given us a free ride for our sentences, yet made sure that lots of new encodings cannot be used.”

“There is one other thing.” adds Henry.

The others look at Henry in amazement as to what he might be going to say.

“You connected to our webspace,” says Henry, “what happens if you try to connect to some other webspace?”

John looks at Henry.

John tries Add more Sentences and enters the address of another website.

A message that connection is not possible is displayed.

John wonders if that website is down ..... or .... what?

John tries another website.

A message that connection is not possible is displayed.

John enters the address of the LocSARA webspace.

The webspace is displayed.

Edward, Henry, Caroline and John look at each other in amazement.