Writing skills practice with music and a mystery to solve

Instructions and Navigation

A CD is required to run this program. No class or student registration is needed.

- **Setup Screen**
  - Enter the setup screen by pressing the SETUP button on the Rolodex sign-in screen.
  - Password: (Call Ext # 28089)
  - Press PLAYER STATUS button to see a list of players (on that computer), view each player’s status, print, or delete.

- **Sign-in**
  - The first time a student enters the program, he/she presses the NEW button and follows the screen instructions to sign-in. After that the student can choose his name if he/she uses the same workstation. Records are kept on the C: drive of the computer.

- **Playing the Game**
  - After signing in, the student will get to the Main Elevator.
  - He/she may choose any of 6 training levels.
  - After successfully completing a level by earning 100 points, the student will see one letter of the secret password to Level 7.
  - When all six levels are finished, the student is ready to write a secret mission on Level 7.

- **Shortcut Keys**
  - Bypass audio instructions and the opening video by pressing the SPACE BAR.
  - Speed through the society by pressing the SHIFT key plus the elevator floor buttons, or RIGHT CLICK on floors.

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• Diary
Students may open a diary to record their ideas or perhaps keep track of the secret letters as they are revealed.

• Fridge
The fridge holds magnetic word cards to be arranged into sentences. Click on the READ handle to hear a sentence read aloud.

• Songs
Insert the CD into a music CD player.
IMPORTANT: Skip tract 1 to avoid loud noise that could damage your speakers.

CD Song Tracts
1. Computer Data Do Not Play
2. Secret Writer’s Society
3. Capital Letter Song
4. End Punctuation Song
5. Sentence Song
6. Paragraph Song
7. You’ve Got to Plan
8. Did You Song

Secret Writer’s Society Levels and Activities

Level 1  Capitalization  (Capitalization)
Level 2  News Room  (Punctuation)
Level 3  Message Room  (Rearrange words into sentences and correctly type sentence.)
Level 4  Internet Room  (Paragraphs)
Level 5  Shrax Machine  (Revision)
Level 6  Telephone Room  (Editing)
Level 7  Mission Control  (Writing)

☐ To enter Level 7 the student must correctly type in the secret word that he/she has learned by successfully completing Levels 1-6.

☐ At Level 7, the student accepts a mission to write for the Secret Writer’s Society. He/she then plans, drafts, revises, edits, and presents the writing mission.

☐ The writing can also be printed. It is saved to C:SWS Writing (student name) on the drive of the computer where the student is working.