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Dear Ken,

As your best friend, I feel that there is the need for me to give you some advice. Recently, I have heard from your parents that you were constantly staying up late to play video games. The teachers at school also mentioned the other day that you no longer handed in your assignments on time. It is now an obvious fact that your grades are dropping crazily and you don't even bother to go to school sometimes. You often ignore your friends and classmates, as if none of us belong to your cyber world. I miss you dearly, and I can't even think of the last time we hung out.

Seeing you become addicted to playing video games, I want you to realize how unhealthy your current lifestyle is. I do not consider video game a total bad thing, because a lot of times in life we do need some ways to release our

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stress and have fun. Playing video games once a week is beneficial to our life, but indulging yourself in those games every single day is unhealthy. Think of the important values and obligations you have sacrificed because of spending too much time on video games. What was the last time you really sat down and talked to your caring parents? What was the last time you offered to take out the garbage? Or how long has it been since you really prepare for a test?

I want you to understand that sometimes the things you have been constantly ignoring may be forever gone. Your parents and friends won't always be there for you if you continuously ignore them by playing video games. Your dream of getting into a decent university will not come true until you get rid of your terrible lifestyle and really start studying. Think carefully about what you should do now and always make priorities in life. I believe you can soon become the friend I once knew and loved so much.

Sincerely,
Jill