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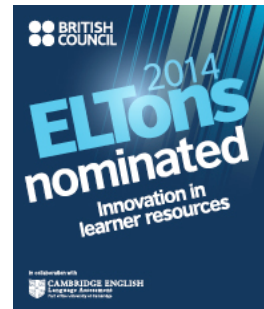
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Level 6

Teachers cyber-bullied by students and parents

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THE ARTICLE

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Children as young as seven are posting abusive and damaging comments about their teachers on social networking websites such as Facebook and Twitter, according to new research. Even worse, some of the children's parents are adding their comments to what constitutes a serious escalation in the cyber-bullying of educators. The British teaching union NASUWT conducted a survey of more than 7,500 teachers. It found that almost half of teachers had reported abuse to the school, police or the website on which the insults were posted. Other figures show that more than 20 per cent of teachers felt they had been cyber-bullied in the past year. Three per cent of the comments were from under-elevens.

The survey revealed that 64% of the comments were made by pupils, 27% by parents, and the rest a mix of both. Many of the comments related to teachers' appearance, competence, and sexuality. Chris Keates, NASUWT general secretary, said: "It is clear that steps need to be taken to protect teachers from the abuse of social media by pupils and parents." She added: "Teachers are often devastated by the vile nature of the abuse they are suffering. Some have lost their confidence to teach once they see foul and personal remarks made by pupils in their classes and have left the profession." Many teachers are afraid to report the abuse. They think it would lead to more trouble.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/10777369/School-pupils-trolling-teachers-with-vile-abuse-on-Facebook-and-Twitter.html>
<http://news.sky.com/story/1246231/teachers-subjected-to-online-abuse-by-pupils>
<http://news.tes.co.uk/b/news/2014/04/19/quot-vile-quot-social-media-abuse-from-parents-and-pupils-risking-teachers-39-health.aspx>

WARM-UPS

1. CYBER-BULLYING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cyber-bullying. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

posting / abusive / research / educators / union / insults / figures / cyber-bullied / revealed / appearance / competence / sexuality / devastated / confidence / profession

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TEACHING: What can teachers do to improve these situations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Solutions?	Your experience of this
Disruptive students		
Cyber-bullying		
Poor student attendance		
Class sizes too large		
Students with low grades		
Too much testing		

4. POLICE: Students A **strongly** believe the police should find anyone who abuses teachers online; Students B **strongly** believe that's an invasion of privacy. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TEACHERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important qualities a teacher should have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a sense of humour
- good class management
- knows his/her subject
- talks to all students
- helps students outside class
- energy
- be thick-skinned
- knowledge of teaching technology

6. SOCIAL MEDIA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the phrase "social media". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Most students posting abuse about teachers are seven years old. | T / F |
| b. The cyber-bullying of teachers is getting worse. | T / F |
| c. A teaching union surveyed 7,500 teachers about cyber-bullying. | T / F |
| d. A fifth of teachers reported being cyber-bullied in the past year. | T / F |
| e. Over a quarter of abusive comments came from parents. | T / F |
| f. A union leader said sufficient steps had been taken to protect teachers. | T / F |
| g. No teachers have quit their job over the cyber-bullying. | T / F |
| h. Teachers are showing no fear in reporting the abuse. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. abusive | a. combination |
| 2. constitutes | b. carried out |
| 3. escalation | c. statistics |
| 4. conducted | d. amounts to |
| 5. figures | e. nasty |
| 6. revealed | f. insulting |
| 7. mix | g. ability |
| 8. competence | h. upsurge |
| 9. vile | i. result in |
| 10. lead to | j. showed |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. posting abusive and | a. been cyber-bullied |
| 2. a serious | b. under-elevens |
| 3. teaching | c. to protect teachers |
| 4. teachers felt they had | d. damaging comments |
| 5. 3% of the comments were from | e. nature of the abuse |
| 6. comments related to | f. to more trouble |
| 7. steps need to be taken | g. escalation |
| 8. devastated by the vile | h. confidence to teach |
| 9. Some have lost their | i. union |
| 10. They think it would lead | j. teachers' appearance |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

Children as young as seven are (1) _____ abusive and damaging comments about their teachers on social networking websites such as Facebook and Twitter, (2) _____ to new research. Even worse, some of the children's parents are (3) _____ their comments to what constitutes a serious (4) _____ in the cyber-bullying of educators. The British teaching union NASUWT (5) _____ a survey of more than 7,500 teachers. It found that almost half of teachers had (6) _____ abuse to the school, police or the website on which the (7) _____ were posted. Other figures show that more than 20 per cent of teachers (8) _____ they had been cyber-bullied in the past year. Three per cent of the comments were from under-elevens.

insults
escalation
according
felt
posting
conducted
reported
adding

The survey (9) _____ that 64% of the comments were made by pupils, 27% by parents, and the rest a (10) _____ of both. Many of the comments related to teachers' appearance, competence, and (11) _____. Chris Keates, NASUWT general secretary, said: "It is clear that steps need to be taken to protect teachers from the abuse of social (12) _____ by pupils and parents." She added: "Teachers are often devastated by the (13) _____ nature of the abuse they are suffering. Some have lost their confidence to teach once they see foul and personal (14) _____ made by pupils in their classes and have left the (15) _____." Many teachers are afraid to report the abuse. They think it would (16) _____ to more trouble.

remarks
media
sexuality
profession
revealed
vile
lead
mix

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

- 1) Children as young as seven are posting abusive and _____
 - a. damaged comments
 - b. damage in comments
 - c. damaging comments
 - d. damages in comments
- 2) parents are adding their comments to what constitutes _____
 - a. a seriously escalation
 - b. a series escalation
 - c. a serious escalation
 - d. a series us escalation
- 3) more than 7,500 teachers. It found that almost half of teachers _____
 - a. had report it abuse
 - b. had reported abuse
 - c. had report it as abuse
 - d. had report abuse
- 4) Other figures show that more than 20 per cent of teachers felt they had _____
 - a. been cyber-bullying
 - b. been cyber-bullies
 - c. been cyber-bully
 - d. been cyber-bullied
- 5) Three per cent of the comments were _____
 - a. from under-elevens
 - b. from over-elevens
 - c. from about-elevens
 - d. from around-elevens
- 6) 64% of the comments were made by pupils, 27% by parents, and the _____
 - a. lest a mix of both
 - b. rest a mix of all
 - c. lest a nix of both
 - d. rest a mix of both
- 7) Many of the comments related to teachers' appearance, _____
 - a. competent, and sexuality
 - b. competence, and sexually
 - c. competence, and sexuality
 - d. competent, and sexually
- 8) It is clear that steps need to be taken _____
 - a. too protective teachers
 - b. to protect teachers
 - c. to protects teachers
 - d. two protect teachers
- 9) Teachers are often devastated by the _____ abuse
 - a. vile nature of the
 - b. file nature of the
 - c. bile nature of the
 - d. vial nature of the
- 10) Some have lost their confidence to teach once they see foul and personal _____ pupils
 - a. remakes made by
 - b. remarks made by
 - c. rim marks made by
 - d. rim makes made by

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

1. How old are the youngest children posting on social networks?

2. What is there a serious escalation in?

3. What / Who conducted a survey of teachers?

4. How many teachers had reported abuse?

5. What proportion of under-eleven-year-olds made comments?

6. What was the percentage of comments from parents?

7. Why did a union official say steps needed to be taken?

8. How do the teachers feel about the vile nature of the abuse?

9. What have some teachers lost?

10. Why are many teachers afraid to report abuse?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

1. How old are the youngest children posting on social networks?
 - a) 7
 - b) 6
 - c) 5
 - d) 4
2. What is there a serious escalation in?
 - a) teachers joining a union
 - b) teachers quitting their jobs
 - c) cyber-bullying of teachers
 - d) the number of surveys teachers take
3. What / Who conducted a survey of teachers?
 - a) a school
 - b) a social network site
 - c) the British police
 - d) a teaching union
4. How many teachers had reported abuse?
 - a) 7,500
 - b) almost half
 - c) a quarter of a million
 - d) 20%
5. What proportion of under-eleven-year-olds made comments?
 - a) 3%
 - b) 24%
 - c) 50%
 - d) 64%
6. What was the percentage of comments from parents?
 - a) 50%
 - b) 64%
 - c) 38.751%
 - d) 27%
7. Why did a union official say steps needed to be taken?
 - a) to educate children
 - b) the elevators had broken
 - c) to protect teachers
 - d) because the Internet is unsafe
8. How do the teachers feel about the vile nature of the abuse?
 - a) demolished
 - b) devastated
 - c) driven
 - d) devalued
9. What have some teachers lost?
 - a) their job
 - b) their whiteboard eraser
 - c) confidence
 - d) Internet connection
10. Why are many teachers afraid to report abuse?
 - a) it will lead to more comments
 - b) they think there'll be more trouble
 - c) to keep their password safe
 - d) they fear someone will attack them

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Energy

You think energy is the most important thing for a teacher to possess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): intelligence, a sense of humour or qualifications.

Role B – Intelligence

You think intelligence is the most important thing for a teacher to possess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): energy, a sense of humour or qualifications.

Role C – A sense of humour

You think a sense of humour is the most important thing for a teacher to possess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): intelligence, energy or qualifications.

Role D – Qualifications

You think qualifications are the most important thing for a teacher to possess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): intelligence, a sense of humour or energy.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'cyber' and 'bully'.

cyber	bully
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• seven• new• serious• half• 20• under	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27• related• clear• nature• left• lead
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CYBER-BULLYING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cyber-bullying in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CYBER-BULLYING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What should the teaching profession do about the cyber-bullying of teachers?
- c) Should students be punished for abusive comments?
- d) How can teachers deal with damaging remarks about them?
- e) Should the police get involved in stopping this abuse?
- f) Should a teacher be able to sue students and parents for comments about them?
- g) What would you do if you found dozens of vile comments about you?
- h) Has social media given people too much power to hurt others?
- i) Are teachers treated well in your country?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the head of the union?

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CYBER-BULLYING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'teacher'?
- c) What three adjectives best describe teachers and why?
- d) Who was your favourite teacher (and why)?
- e) What do you think of cyber-bullying?
- f) What things about teaching do you think are difficult?
- g) What do you think of 7-year-olds posting abusive comments about their teachers?
- h) Do all teachers do a good job?
- i) Should pupils and parents talk to teachers instead of using social media?
- j) Did you ever have any issues with your teachers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) absolving | (b) adhesive | (c) abrasive | (d) abusive |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) by | (c) of | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) constricts | (b) constitutes | (c) consults | (d) constants |
| 4. | (a) marred | (b) beckoned | (c) conducted | (d) tuned |
| 5. | (a) insets | (b) inserts | (c) insults | (d) insteps |
| 6. | (a) under | (b) over | (c) about | (d) already |
| 7. | (a) recipe | (b) mix | (c) mingle | (d) stir |
| 8. | (a) steps | (b) stages | (c) foundations | (d) stairs |
| 9. | (a) bile | (b) vile | (c) guile | (d) vial |
| 10. | (a) upon | (b) soon | (c) once | (d) since |
| 11. | (a) noticed | (b) ejected | (c) left | (d) jettisoned |
| 12. | (a) over | (b) result | (c) occur | (d) lead |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. posting eiusbav and damaging comments
2. odcicrnag to research
3. a serious tsiacoealn
4. teaching noinu
5. conducted a yrusev
6. the suinlst were posted

Paragraph 2

7. The survey edeavlre that 64%...
8. teachers' appearance, eetmocpecn, and sexuality
9. Teachers are often dtstavadee
10. the lvej nature of the abuse
11. fluo and personal remarks
12. left the rpisosnfeo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () sexuality. Chris Keates, NASUWT general secretary, said: "It is clear that steps need to be taken to protect teachers
- () by the vile nature of the abuse they are suffering. Some have lost their confidence to teach once they see
- () survey of more than 7,500 teachers. It found that almost half of teachers had reported
- () abuse to the school, police or the website on which the insults were posted. Other figures show that more than 20 per cent of teachers
- (**1**) Children as young as seven are posting abusive and damaging comments about their teachers on social
- () from the abuse of social media by pupils and parents." She added: "Teachers are often devastated
- () escalation in the cyber-bullying of educators. The British teaching union NASUWT conducted a
- () of both. Many of the comments related to teachers' appearance, competence, and
- () networking websites such as Facebook and Twitter, according to new research. Even
- () foul and personal remarks made by pupils in their classes and have left the profession." Many teachers
- () worse, some of the children's parents are adding their comments to what constitutes a serious
- () are afraid to report the abuse. They think it would lead to more trouble.
- () felt they had been cyber-bullied in the past year. Three per cent of the comments were from under-elevens.
- () The survey revealed that 64% of the comments were made by pupils, 27% by parents, and the rest a mix

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. as seven Children are as posting young abuse.

2. comments of parents their Some children's adding the are.

3. educators A serious escalation in the cyber - bullying of.

4. abuse It found that almost half of teachers had reported.

5. the comments were from under - elevens 3 % of.

6. teachers' the appearance comments related Many to of.

7. is steps be It that to clear need taken.

8. social from media the abuse Protect of teachers.

9. the abuse vile nature Devastated of by the.

10. Some teach to confidence their lost have.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

Children as *young* / *old* as seven are posting abusive and damaging comments about their teachers on social networking websites such *was* / *as* Facebook and Twitter, according *by* / *to* new research. Even *worse* / *bad*, some of the children's parents are adding their comments to what constitutes a serious *elevation* / *escalation* in the cyber-bullying of educators. The British teaching union NASUWT *conducted* / *conduction* a survey of more than 7,500 teachers. It found that *almost* / *most* half of teachers had reported *abuse* / *abusive* to the school, police or the website on which the *insults* / *consults* were posted. Other figures show that more than 20 per cent of teachers *touched* / *felt* they had been cyber-bullied in the past year. Three per cent of the comments were from under-elevens.

The survey revealed that 64% of the comments were made by pupils, 27% by parents, and the rest a *mix* / *combine* of both. Many of the comments related to teachers' appearance, *competent* / *competence*, and sexuality. Chris Keates, NASUWT general secretary, said: "It is *clear* / *clarity* that steps need to be taken to *prevent* / *protect* teachers from the abuse of social media by pupils and *parenting* / *parents*." She added: "Teachers are often devastated by the *vile* / *file* nature of the abuse they are *sufferance* / *suffering*. Some have lost their confidence to teach once they see *fouled* / *foul* and personal remarks made by pupils in their classes and have left the *profession* / *professional*." Many teachers are afraid to report the abuse. They think it would lead to more *trouble* / *troubled*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Ch_ldr_n _s y__ng _s s_v_n _r_ p_st_ng _b_s_v_ _nd
d_m_g_ng c_mm_nts _b__t th__r t__ch_rs _n s_c__l
n_tw_rk_ng w_bs_t_s s_ch _s F_c_b__k _nd Tw_tt_r,
_cc_rdn_g t_n_w_r_s__rch. _v_n w_rs_, s_m_ _f th_
ch_ldr_n's p_r_nts _r_ _ddng th__r c_mm_nts t_ wh_t
c_nst_t_t_s _ _s_r__s _sc_l_t__n _n th_ cyb_r-
b_lly_ng _f _d_c_t_rs. Th_ Br_t_sh t__chng _n__n
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b__n cyb_r-b_ll__d _n th_ p_st_y__r. Thr__ p_r_c_nt _f
th_ c_mm_nts w_r_ fr_m _nd_r-_l_v_ns.

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b_th. M_ny _f th_ c_mm_nts r_l_t_d t_ t__ch_rs'
_pp__r_nc_, c_mpt_nc_, _nd s_x__l_ty. Chr_s K__t_s,
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st_ps n__d t_ b__t_k_n_t pr_t_ct t__ch_rs fr_m th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about cyber-bullying. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CYBER-BULLYING: Make a poster about the cyber-bullying of teachers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. POLICE SEARCHES: Write a magazine article about whether or not police should have powers to track down pupils and parents who abuse parents online. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an Internet expert. Ask him/her three questions about cyber-bullying. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. abusive | a. insulting |
| 2. constitutes | b. amounts to |
| 3. escalation | c. upsurge |
| 4. conducted | d. carried out |
| 5. figures | e. statistics |
| 6. revealed | f. showed |
| 7. mix | g. combination |
| 8. competence | h. ability |
| 9. vile | i. nasty |
| 10. lead to | j. result in |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 7
2. The cyber-bullying of teachers
3. A teaching union (the NASUWT)
4. Almost half
5. 3%
6. 27%
7. To protect teachers
8. Devastated
9. Confidence to teach
10. They think it will cause more trouble

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)