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## Level 6

# 600 students expelled for cheating

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# THE ARTICLE

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Authorities in India's Bihar state have expelled around 600 high school students for cheating in their 10th grade examinations. The pupils used a novel but somewhat dangerous way to get help with their exam papers – their parents scaled the walls of the school building and provided the answers to questions through the windows. Photographs and video footage of this illegitimate technique have gone viral. They show dozens of parents clinging on to whatever they can on the walls to feed information to their children. Some of the parents were three stories up. Teachers found many cheat sheets inside the classroom. Some had been folded up into paper airplanes and thrown through the window.

Over 1.4 million 10th graders are taking the tests this week at more than 1,200 high schools across the state. Bihar's education minister P.K. Shahi told reporters that schools faced a difficult job to ensure exams took place under the strictest of conditions. He said: "It's virtually impossible to conduct fair examinations without the cooperation of parents." He added that it was not possible to monitor all parents who accompany their children to schools and other test centres. The situation regarding parents helping their children cheat has become so prevalent that police officers are posted to each school. However, an official said, "we can't use force to drive away the parents".

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CHEATING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cheating. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*expelled / cheating / novel / dangerous / illegitimate / technique / gone viral / education minister / strict conditions / cooperation / monitor / prevalent / force*

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

**3. EXAMS:** What's the best way to study for these exams? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|            | Techniques | Why they work |
|------------|------------|---------------|
| Speaking   |            |               |
| Listening  |            |               |
| Reading    |            |               |
| Writing    |            |               |
| Grammar    |            |               |
| Vocabulary |            |               |

**4. EXPELLED:** Students A **strongly** believe all students who cheat should be expelled; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SCHOOL:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst school "offences" at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cheating in exams
- truancy
- bullying
- not listening to the teacher
- not doing homework
- bad language
- vandalism
- not wearing uniform

**6. EXAMINATION:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "examination". 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/1503/150323-cheating.html>

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

- a. Over 600 university students in India were expelled for cheating. T / F
- b. The students used a technique using novels to help them cheat. T / F
- c. Dozens of parents climbed up to classroom windows to help kids cheat. T / F
- d. Some of the cheat sheets were folded into origami paper cranes. T / F
- e. The education minister said it was easy to keep exams secure. T / F
- f. The minister said parental cooperation was pretty much essential. T / F
- g. Police officers are posted at many schools to try and reduce cheating. T / F
- h. A school official said the schools could not use force to rid the parents. T / F

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

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. expelled     | a. slightly      |
| 2. somewhat     | b. make certain  |
| 3. provided     | c. unlawful      |
| 4. illegitimate | d. observe       |
| 5. clinging     | e. almost        |
| 6. ensure       | f. thrown out    |
| 7. conditions   | g. coercion      |
| 8. virtually    | h. supplied      |
| 9. monitor      | i. circumstances |
| 10. force       | j. holding       |

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

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. a novel but                             | a. so prevalent            |
| 2. dozens of parents clinging on           | b. into paper airplanes    |
| 3. Some of the parents were three          | c. impossible              |
| 4. cheat                                   | d. away the parents        |
| 5. folded up                               | e. monitor all parents     |
| 6. exams took place under the              | f. stories up              |
| 7. virtually                               | g. strictest of conditions |
| 8. it was not possible to                  | h. sheets                  |
| 9. helping their children cheat has become | i. somewhat dangerous way  |
| 10. we can't use force to drive            | j. to whatever they can    |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150323-cheating.html>

Authorities in India's Bihar state have expelled (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 600 high school students for cheating in their 10th grade examinations. The pupils used a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ but somewhat dangerous way to get help with their exam papers – their parents (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the walls of the school building and provided the answers to questions through the windows. Photographs and video (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of this illegitimate technique have gone (5) \_\_\_\_\_. They show dozens of parents clinging on to whatever they can on the walls to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ information to their children. Some of the parents were three (7) \_\_\_\_\_ up. Teachers found many cheat sheets inside the classroom. Some had been (8) \_\_\_\_\_ up into paper airplanes and thrown through the window.

*scaled*  
*around*  
*feed*  
*novel*  
*folded*  
*viral*  
*stories*  
*footage*

Over 1.4 million 10th graders are taking the tests this week at more than 1,200 high schools across the (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Bihar's education minister P.K. Shahi told reporters that schools (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult job to ensure exams took place under the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of conditions. He said: "It's virtually impossible to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ fair examinations without the cooperation of parents." He added that it was not possible to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ all parents who accompany their children to schools and other test centres. The (14) \_\_\_\_\_ regarding parents helping their children cheat has become so (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that police officers are posted to each school. However, an official said, "we can't use (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to drive away the parents".

*conduct*  
*faced*  
*prevalent*  
*monitor*  
*state*  
*force*  
*strictest*  
*situation*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) expelled around 600 high school students \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for cheating
  - b. four cheating
  - c. fear cheating
  - d. fair cheating
- 2) The pupils used a novel but somewhat dangerous \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. way too get help
  - b. way two get help
  - c. way through get help
  - d. way to get help
- 3) Photographs and video footage of this illegitimate technique \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. have going viral
  - b. have been viral
  - c. have gnome viral
  - d. have gone viral
- 4) parents clinging on to whatever they can on the walls \_\_\_\_\_ to their children
  - a. to feed information
  - b. to freed information
  - c. to fried information
  - d. to fled information
- 5) Teachers found many cheat sheets \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inside a classroom
  - b. inside the classroom
  - c. inside this classroom
  - d. inside that classroom
- 6) schools faced a difficult job to ensure exams took place under the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. strictest from conditions
  - b. strictest of conditions
  - c. strictest for conditions
  - d. strictest off conditions
- 7) It's virtually impossible to conduct fair examinations without the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. corporation of parents
  - b. cooperation of parents
  - c. cooperating of parents
  - d. cooperate in of parents
- 8) it was not possible to monitor all parents who \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. accompanying their children
  - b. accompanied their children
  - c. accompanies their children
  - d. accompany their children
- 9) The situation regarding parents helping their children cheat has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. become so prevalence
  - b. become so prevalent
  - c. become so prevailing
  - d. become so preventative
- 10) an official said, "we can't use force to drive \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. off the parents
  - b. away the parents
  - c. way the parents
  - d. a way the parents

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150323-cheating.html>

1. In which Indian state did this story take place?

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2. In what grade were the cheating students?

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3. What has happened to the videos and photos of this incident?

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4. What were the parents clinging on to?

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5. What were the cheat sheets folded into?

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6. At how many schools across the state were exams taking place?

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7. Who is P.K. Shahi?

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8. Whose cooperation is needed to make sure exams take place fairly?

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9. Who has been posted to each school?

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10. What can schools not use to make parents go away?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150323-cheating.html>

1. In which Indian state did this story take place?
  - a) Gujarat
  - b) Bihar
  - c) Tamil Nadu
  - d) Punjab
2. In what grade were the cheating students?
  - a) 7th
  - b) 8th
  - c) 9th
  - d) 10th
3. What has happened to the videos and photos of this incident?
  - a) they have gone viral
  - b) they disappeared
  - c) they were stolen
  - d) they have been made into a movie
4. What were the parents clinging on to?
  - a) hopes
  - b) each other
  - c) the school walls
  - d) exam papers
5. What were the cheat sheets folded into?
  - a) children's lunch boxes
  - b) paper planes
  - c) the trousers of parents
  - d) cracks in school walls
6. At how many schools across the state were exams taking place?
  - a) 1,200
  - b) 2,400
  - c) 3,600
  - d) 4,800
7. Who is P.K. Shahi?
  - a) a student
  - b) the school's head teacher
  - c) the education minister
  - d) a parent's leader
8. Whose cooperation is needed to make sure exams take place fairly?
  - a) the parents
  - b) the government
  - c) the media
  - d) the police
9. Who has been posted to each school?
  - a) police officers
  - b) anti-cheating officers
  - c) postal workers
  - d) the army
10. What can schools not use to make parents go away?
  - a) legal prosecutions
  - b) shock tactics
  - c) electric fences
  - d) force

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Cheating in exams**

You think cheating in exams is the worst behaviour in a school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): bad language, bullying or not doing homework.

## **Role B – Bad language**

You think bad language is the worst behaviour in a school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): cheating in exams, bullying or not doing homework.

## **Role C – Bullying**

You think bullying is the worst behaviour in a school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): bad language, cheating in exams or not doing homework.

## **Role D – Not doing homework**

You think not doing homework is the worst behaviour in a school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): bad language, bullying or cheating in exams.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150323-cheating.html>

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

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| <b>high</b> | <b>school</b> |
|-------------|---------------|

- 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"><li>• around</li><li>• novel</li><li>• walls</li><li>• viral</li><li>• feed</li><li>• three</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• over</li><li>• job</li><li>• under</li><li>• possible</li><li>• become</li><li>• drive</li></ul> |
|---|--|

# CHEATING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cheating 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# CHEATING DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'cheat'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) Why do people cheat?
- 5) What do you think of this cheating technique?
- 6) What things have you cheated at?
- 7) What should happen to people who cheat at exams?
- 8) What do you think of the parents who helped their kids cheat?
- 9) Would you help your child cheat if it could better his/her life?
- 10) How did the school let this happen?

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# CHEATING DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What action should the authorities take against the school?
- 13) What kind of conditions should there be for exams?
- 14) Are you good at exams?
- 15) Would you cheat if you knew 100% no one would ever know?
- 16) What does "to cheat yourself" mean?
- 17) What do you think of cheats?
- 18) What do you think of the police being needed to stop cheating?
- 19) Should the authorities do anything to the parents?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the school authorities?

# 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) extolled   | (b) expelled | (c) repelled  | (d) dispelled |
| 2.  | (a) well read  | (b) literary | (c) bookish   | (d) novel     |
| 3.  | (a) surmounted | (b) scaled   | (c) scalded   | (d) surmised  |
| 4.  | (a) vital      | (b) vinyl    | (c) viral     | (d) vial      |
| 5.  | (a) feed       | (b) deed     | (c) heed      | (d) seed      |
| 6.  | (a) folded     | (b) creased  | (c) rolled    | (d) crumpled  |
| 7.  | (a) semesters  | (b) pupils   | (c) students  | (d) graders   |
| 8.  | (a) faced      | (b) headed   | (c) nosed     | (d) mouthed   |
| 9.  | (a) compose    | (b) conduct  | (c) score     | (d) play      |
| 10. | (a) admonish   | (b) demolish | (c) monitor   | (d) terminal  |
| 11. | (a) grading    | (b) guarding | (c) regarding | (d) regaling  |
| 12. | (a) fierce     | (b) force    | (c) farce     | (d) fracas    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. uhaiirteots in India's Bihar state
2. a novel but aomhetws dangerous way
3. parents dcslea the walls
4. video oafeotg
5. illegitimate tcueeqnhi
6. three treossi up

## Paragraph 2

7. education triisnem
8. a difficult job to rnuees exams took place
9. ulalrtviy impossible
10. tonirmo all parents
11. comncapya their children
12. become so neraltepv



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150323-cheating.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| ( )          | sheets inside the classroom. Some had been folded up into paper airplanes and thrown through the window.             |
| ( <b>1</b> ) | Authorities in India's Bihar state have expelled around 600 high school students for                                 |
| ( )          | viral. They show dozens of parents clinging on to whatever they can on the walls to feed information                 |
| ( )          | Over 1.4 million 10th graders are taking the tests this week at more than 1,200 high schools across the              |
| ( )          | parents who accompany their children to schools and other test centres. The situation                                |
| ( )          | place under the strictest of conditions. He said: "It's virtually impossible to conduct fair                         |
| ( )          | state. Bihar's education minister P.K. Shahi told reporters that schools faced a difficult job to ensure exams took  |
| ( )          | to their children. Some of the parents were three stories up. Teachers found many cheat                              |
| ( )          | examinations without the cooperation of parents." He added that it was not possible to monitor all                   |
| ( )          | help with their exam papers – their parents scaled the walls of the school building and provided                     |
| ( )          | posted to each school. However, an official said, "we can't use force to drive away the parents".                    |
| ( )          | cheating in their 10th grade examinations. The pupils used a novel but somewhat dangerous way to get                 |
| ( )          | the answers to questions through the windows. Photographs and video footage of this illegitimate technique have gone |
| ( )          | regarding parents helping their children cheat has become so prevalent that police officers are                      |

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150323-cheating.html>

1. used but way pupils novel dangerous The a somewhat .

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2. school Their the the scaled of building parents walls .

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3. of on they Dozens clinging whatever parents to can .

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4. cheat sheets Teachers inside found the many classroom .

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5. folded up Some into had paper been airplanes .

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6. strictest took the conditions exams under of Ensure place .

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7. fair conduct to impossible virtually It's examinations .

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8. children accompany Parents to their who schools .

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9. children regarding cheat parents helping The their situation .

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10. use drive parents can't to the We force away .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150323-cheating.html>

Authorities in India's Bihar state have *excelled / expelled* around 600 high school students for cheating in their 10th grade examinations. The pupils used a *bookish / novel* but somewhat dangerous way to get help *with / by* their exam papers – their parents *scaled / scalded* the walls of the school building and provided the answers to questions *threw / through* the windows. Photographs and video *footage / footing* of this illegitimate technique have gone *viral / vital*. They show dozens of parents clinging on to whatever they can on the walls to *deed / feed* information to their children. Some of the parents were three *stories / tales* up. Teachers found many cheat sheets inside the classroom. Some had been folded *down / up* into paper airplanes and thrown through the window.

Over 1.4 million 10th graders are taking the tests this week at more than 1,200 high schools across the *station / state*. Bihar's education minister P.K. Shahi told reporters that schools *facing / faced* a difficult job to *ensure / reassure* exams took place under the *strictest / slickest* of conditions. He said: "It's virtually impossible to *conduct / conduce* fair examinations without the cooperation of parents." He added that it was not possible to *mentor / monitor* all parents who *accompany / companion* their children to schools and other test centres. The situation *regaling / regarding* parents helping their children cheat has become *so / such* prevalent that police officers are posted to each school. However, an official said, "we can't use force to drive *up / away* the parents".

**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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\_\_th\_r\_t\_\_s \_\_n \_\_nd\_\_'s B\_h\_r st\_t\_ h\_v\_ \_\_xp\_ll\_d  
\_\_r\_\_nd 600 h\_gh sch\_\_l st\_d\_nts f\_r ch\_\_t\_ng \_\_n th\_\_r  
10th gr\_d\_ \_\_x\_m\_n\_t\_\_ns. Th\_ p\_p\_ls \_\_s\_d\_\_n\_v\_l b\_t  
s\_m\_wht d\_ng\_r\_\_s w\_y t\_ g\_t h\_lp w\_th th\_\_r \_\_x\_m  
p\_p\_rs - th\_\_r p\_r\_nts sc\_l\_d th\_ w\_lls \_f th\_ sch\_\_l  
b\_\_ld\_ng \_\_nd pr\_v\_d\_d th\_ \_\_nsw\_rs t\_ q\_\_st\_\_ns  
thr\_\_gh th\_ w\_nd\_ws. Ph\_t\_gr\_phs \_\_nd v\_d\_\_f\_\_t\_g\_  
\_\_f th\_s \_\_ll\_g\_t\_m\_t\_ t\_chn\_q\_\_ h\_v\_ g\_n\_v\_r\_l. Th\_y  
sh\_w\_d\_z\_ns \_f p\_r\_nts cl\_ng\_ng \_\_n t\_ wht\_v\_r th\_y  
c\_n \_\_n th\_ w\_lls t\_ f\_\_d \_\_nf\_rmt\_\_n t\_ th\_\_r  
ch\_ldr\_n. S\_m\_\_f th\_ p\_r\_nts w\_r\_thr\_\_st\_r\_\_s\_p.  
T\_\_ch\_rs f\_\_nd m\_ny ch\_\_t sh\_\_ts \_\_ns\_d\_\_th\_  
cl\_ssr\_\_m. S\_m\_\_h\_d b\_\_n f\_ld\_d \_\_p \_\_nt\_\_p\_p\_r  
\_\_rpl\_n\_s \_\_nd thr\_wn thr\_w th\_ w\_nd\_w.

\_v\_r 1.4 m\_ll\_\_n 10th gr\_d\_rs \_\_r\_t\_k\_ng th\_ t\_sts  
th\_s w\_\_k\_\_t m\_r\_\_th\_n 1,200 h\_gh sch\_\_ls \_\_cr\_ss th\_  
st\_t\_. B\_h\_r's \_\_d\_c\_t\_\_n m\_n\_st\_r P.K. Sh\_h\_\_t\_ld  
r\_p\_r\_t\_rs th\_t sch\_\_ls f\_c\_d \_\_d\_ff\_c\_lt j\_b\_t\_\_ns\_r\_  
\_\_x\_ms t\_\_k pl\_c\_\_nd\_r th\_ str\_ct\_st\_\_f\_c\_nd\_t\_\_ns.  
H\_\_s\_\_d: "t's v\_r\_t\_\_lly \_\_mp\_ss\_bl\_\_t\_\_c\_nd\_ct f\_\_r  
\_\_x\_m\_n\_t\_\_ns w\_th\_\_t th\_ c\_\_p\_r\_t\_\_n \_\_f p\_r\_nts."  
H\_\_dd\_d th\_t \_\_t w\_s n\_t p\_ss\_bl\_\_t\_\_m\_n\_t\_r\_\_ll  
p\_r\_nts wh\_\_cc\_m\_p\_ny th\_\_r ch\_ldr\_n t\_ sch\_\_ls \_\_nd  
\_\_th\_r t\_st c\_ntr\_s. Th\_ s\_t\_\_t\_\_n r\_g\_rd\_ng p\_r\_nts  
h\_lp\_ng th\_\_r ch\_ldr\_n ch\_\_t h\_s b\_c\_m\_\_s pr\_v\_l\_nt  
th\_t p\_l\_c\_\_ff\_c\_rs \_\_r\_p\_st\_d t\_ \_\_ch sch\_\_l.  
H\_w\_v\_r, \_\_n \_\_ff\_c\_\_l s\_\_d, "w\_\_c\_n't \_\_s\_\_f\_rc\_\_t\_\_  
dr\_v\_\_w\_y th\_ p\_r\_nts".

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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over 14 million 10th graders are taking the tests this week at more than 1200 high schools across the state bihar's education minister pk shahi told reporters that schools faced a difficult job to ensure exams took place under the strictest of conditions he said "it's virtually impossible to conduct fair examinations without the cooperation of parents" he added that it was not possible to monitor all parents who accompany their children to schools and other test centres the situation regarding parents helping their children cheat has become so prevalent that police officers are posted to each school however an official said "we can't use force to drive away the parents"

# 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 cheating in exams. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CHEATING:** Make a poster about cheating. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PARENTAL HELP:** Write a magazine article about this news story. Include imaginary interviews with people who think the parents should be punished and with those who think they shouldn't.

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 expert on cheating. Ask him/her three questions about cheating. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to combat 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 F    c T    d F    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. expelled     | a. thrown out    |
| 2. somewhat     | b. slightly      |
| 3. provided     | c. supplied      |
| 4. illegitimate | d. unlawful      |
| 5. clinging     | e. holding       |
| 6. ensure       | f. make certain  |
| 7. conditions   | g. circumstances |
| 8. virtually    | h. almost        |
| 9. monitor      | i. observe       |
| 10. force       | j. coercion      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Bihar
2. 10th
3. They have gone viral
4. The school walls
5. Paper planes
6. 1,200
7. Bihar's Education Minister
8. The parents
9. Police officers
10. Force

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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