

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).

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| 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.

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| 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.)

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| 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

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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.

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- 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

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