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## **Level 5**

# **600 students expelled for cheating**

**23rd March, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150323-cheating-5.html>

Authorities in India have expelled 600 high school students for cheating in their examinations. The pupils used a novel and dangerous way to get help with their tests – their parents climbed the school walls and gave the answers to questions through the windows. Photographs and videos of this illegal technique have gone viral. They show dozens of parents hanging on to the walls to feed information to their kids. Some parents were three stories up. Teachers found many cheat sheets in the classroom. Some were folded into paper airplanes that were thrown through the window.

Over 1.4 million 10th graders are taking the tests at over 1,200 high schools across Bihar state. Bihar's education minister told reporters that schools faced a difficult job to ensure exams were secure. He said: "It's virtually impossible to conduct fair examinations without the cooperation of parents." He said it was difficult to monitor parents who take their children to school. The problem of parents helping their children cheat has become so common that police officers are posted to each school. An official said, "we can't use force to drive away the parents".

Sources: <http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/World/2015/Mar-21/291655-around-600-indian-students-expelled-for-exam-cheating.ashx>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150323-cheating-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. a novel and dangerous   | a. viral                     |
| 2. illegal                 | b. paper airplanes           |
| 3. gone                    | c. technique                 |
| 4. feed                    | d. threw the window          |
| 5. Some parents were three | e. way to get help           |
| 6. cheat                   | f. information to their kids |
| 7. folded into             | g. sheets                    |
| 8. thrown                  | h. stories up                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Over 1.4 million 10th               | a. were secure            |
| 2. education                           | b. posted to each school  |
| 3. ensure exams                        | c. parents                |
| 4. It's virtually                      | d. drive away the parents |
| 5. He said it was difficult to monitor | e. graders                |
| 6. become so                           | f. impossible             |
| 7. police officers are                 | g. common                 |
| 8. use force to                        | h. minister               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Authorities in India (1) \_\_\_\_\_ high school students for cheating in their examinations. The pupils (2) \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous way to get help with their tests – their parents climbed the school walls and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to questions through the windows. Photographs and videos of this (4) \_\_\_\_\_ have gone viral. They show dozens of parents hanging on to the walls to feed information to their kids. Some parents were (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Teachers found many cheat sheets in the classroom. Some were folded into paper airplanes that (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the window.

Over 1.4 million 10th graders are taking (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 1,200 high schools across Bihar state. Bihar's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ told reporters that schools faced a difficult job (9) \_\_\_\_\_ were secure. He said: "It's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to conduct fair examinations without the cooperation of parents." He said it was difficult to monitor parents (11) \_\_\_\_\_ children to school. The problem of parents helping their children cheat has become so common that police officers are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ school. An official said, "we can't use force to drive away the parents".

# CHEATING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150323-cheating-5.html>

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 _____	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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

# FREE WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150323-cheating-5.html>

Write about **cheating** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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