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Level 3

Japanese school 'forces girl to dye hair black'

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

An 18-year-old girl in Japan is suing her local government after her school told her to dye her hair black. The third-year student attended a high school in the city of Habikino, just east of Osaka. Even though she had naturally brown hair, the school repeatedly told her to dye it black. She said she had to dye her hair black to follow the school's rules. Japan's 'Mainichi' newspaper reported that school staff started telling the girl to dye her hair every one to two weeks. In her second year, this changed to once every four days. The student's mother said her daughter eventually developed a rash on her scalp and that her hair became badly damaged. The girl also suffered from stress throughout her three years at high school.

The student is suing the local government for \$20,000 in damages. She told the court on October 27th that the school bullied her for three years to dye her hair. She said that the school would not accept her hair was naturally brown. She was banned from school trips and school festivals because of her brown hair. The girl told the court that teachers said things to her in front of the class that caused great embarrassment to her. This caused her psychological damage. She said that a teacher told her that she should not come to school if she didn't dye her hair. The girl said that she was so stressed one day that she collapsed and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance.

Sources: <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20171027/p2a/00m/0na/021000c>
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<http://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/AJ201705010035.html>

WARM-UPS

1. DYED HAIR: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about dyed hair. 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?

18-year-old / dye / high school / east / school rules / two weeks / rash / scalp / stress
local / government / bullied / hair / festivals / embarrassment / damage / ambulance

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

3. NATURAL: Students A **strongly** believe we should all keep our natural hair colour and not dye our hair; Students B **strongly** believe dying our hair is fun. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SCHOOL RULES: Are these school rules good or bad? What would you change? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Good / Bad? | Changes |
|---------------|-------------|---------|
| Hair | | |
| Uniform | | |
| Homework | | |
| Attendance | | |
| Mobile phones | | |
| Jewelry | | |

5. STUDENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "student". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. HAIR : Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hair dye
- shampoo
- brush
- rollers
- conditioner
- hair dryer
- hair gel
- hair spray

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

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

- a. The girl who was forced to dye her hair is just eight years old. **T / F**
- b. The girl went to a school in the east of Osaka. **T / F**
- c. The school told the girl to dye her hair every four days. **T / F**
- d. The girl's hair was not damaged. **T / F**
- e. The student wants \$20,000 in damages from the local government. **T / F**
- f. The school did not let the girl go on school trips. **T / F**
- g. The girl said teachers embarrassed her in front of the class. **T / F**
- h. The girl collapsed and a teacher took her to hospital by car. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. suing | a. compensation |
| 2. dye | b. went to |
| 3. attended | c. fainted |
| 4. repeatedly | d. all over |
| 5. throughout | e. shame |
| 6. damages | f. taking to court |
| 7. banned | g. mental |
| 8. embarrassment | h. again and again |
| 9. psychological | i. colour |
| 10. collapsed | j. forbidden |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. The third-year student | a. one to two weeks |
| 2. she had naturally | b. by ambulance |
| 3. dye her hair every | c. rash on her scalp |
| 4. developed a | d. for \$20,000 in damages |
| 5. suffered from stress throughout | e. bullied her for three years |
| 6. suing the local government | f. brown hair |
| 7. the school | g. damage |
| 8. She was banned | h. her three years |
| 9. This caused her psychological | i. from school trips |
| 10. taken to hospital | j. attended a high school |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

An 18-year-old girl in Japan is (1) _____ her local government after her school told her to (2) _____ her hair black. The third-year student attended a high school in the city of Habikino, just (3) _____ of Osaka. Even though she had (4) _____ brown hair, the school repeatedly told her to dye it black. She said she had to dye her hair black to follow the school's (5) _____. Japan's 'Mainichi' newspaper reported that school staff started telling the girl to dye her hair every one to two weeks. In her second year, this changed to (6) _____ every four days. The student's mother said her daughter eventually (7) _____ a rash on her scalp and that her hair became badly damaged. The girl also suffered from (8) _____ throughout her three years at high school.

dye
once
naturally
stress
suimg
developed
east
rules

The student is suing the local government for \$20,000 in (9) _____. She told the (10) _____ on October 27th that the school bullied her for three years to dye her hair. She said that the school would not (11) _____ her hair was naturally brown. She was banned from school trips and school (12) _____ because of her brown hair. The girl told the court that teachers said things to her in (13) _____ of the class that caused (14) _____ embarrassment to her. This caused her psychological damage. She said that a teacher told her that she should not come to school if she didn't dye her hair. The girl said that she was so (15) _____ one day that she collapsed and had to be taken to hospital by (16) _____.

great
damages
festivals
ambulance
court
stressed
front
accept

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

- 1) attended a high school in the city of Habikino, _____ Osaka
 - a. just eastern of
 - b. just east of
 - c. just easterly of
 - d. just east off
- 2) she had naturally brown hair, the school _____ her to dye it black
 - a. repeat it Lee told
 - b. rip eat it Lee told
 - c. repeatedly told
 - d. repeat tidily told
- 3) In her second year, this changed to _____ days
 - a. one every four
 - b. ones every four
 - c. onus every four
 - d. once every four
- 4) The student's mother said her daughter eventually developed a _____ scalp
 - a. rash on her
 - b. rush on her
 - c. lash on her
 - d. lush on her
- 5) The girl also suffered from stress _____ three years
 - a. thought out her
 - b. thorough out her
 - c. though out her
 - d. throughout her
- 6) The student is suing the local government for \$20,000 _____
 - a. in damage
 - b. in damaged
 - c. in damages
 - d. in damaging
- 7) She told the court on October 27th that the school _____
 - a. bull eyed her
 - b. buried her
 - c. bully her
 - d. bullied her
- 8) said things to her in front of the class that caused great _____ her
 - a. embarrassing to
 - b. embarrassment to
 - c. embarrass meant to
 - d. embarrass meant too
- 9) This caused her _____
 - a. psycho logical damage
 - b. psycho logically damage
 - c. psychological damage
 - d. psychology damage
- 10) The girl said that she was so stressed one day _____
 - a. that she collapsed
 - b. that she relapsed
 - c. that she coal lapsed
 - d. that she core lapsed

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

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The student is suing the local government for \$20,000 in damages. She told the court on October 27th that the school (7) _____ three years to dye her hair. She said that the school would (8) _____ hair was naturally brown. She was banned from school (9) _____ festivals because of her brown hair. The girl told the court that teachers said things (10) _____ front of the class that caused great embarrassment to her. This caused her psychological damage. She said that a teacher told her (11) _____ not come to school if she didn't dye her hair. The girl said that (12) _____ stressed one day that she collapsed and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

1. Who is an 18-year-old girl suing?
2. What colour is the girl's real hair?
3. What did the girl have to follow?
4. How often did the school tell the girl to dye her hair in the second grade?
5. What did the girl suffer from at school?
6. How much is the girl suing the school for?
7. What was the girl stopped from attending?
8. Where did teachers embarrass her?
9. What kind of damage did the girl say her treatment caused her?
10. How did the girl get to hospital?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

- 1) Who is an 18-year-old girl suing?
 - a) her teachers
 - b) her local government
 - c) her school
 - d) the national government
- 2) What colour is the girl's real hair?
 - a) white
 - b) red
 - c) blonde
 - d) brown
- 3) What did the girl have to follow?
 - a) school rules
 - b) orders
 - c) teachers
 - d) other students
- 4) How often did the school tell the girl to dye her hair in the second grade?
 - a) once in a blue moon
 - b) twice a month
 - c) once every four days
 - d) two times every three weeks
- 5) What did the girl suffer from at school?
 - a) nerves
 - b) stress
 - c) panic attacks
 - d) poor grades
- 6) How much is the girl suing the school for?
 - a) \$20,000
 - b) \$30,000
 - c) \$40,000
 - d) \$50,000
- 7) What was the girl stopped from attending?
 - a) English classes
 - b) sports days
 - c) school trips
 - d) a hair salon
- 8) Where did teachers embarrass her?
 - a) in front of class
 - b) in a shopping mall
 - c) everywhere
 - d) at her home
- 9) What kind of damage did the girl say her treatment caused her?
 - a) psychological damage
 - b) physiological damage
 - c) physical damage
 - d) physics damage
- 10) How did the girl get to hospital?
 - a) by car
 - b) by bicycle
 - c) by taxi
 - d) by ambulance

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

Role A – Hair Dye

You think hair dye is the most important hair product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): conditioner, a hair brush or hair spray.

Role B – Conditioner

You think conditioner is the most important hair product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): hair dye, a hair brush or hair spray.

Role C – Hair Brush

You think a hair brush is the most important hair product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): conditioner, hair dye or hair spray.

Role D – Hair Spray

You think hair spray is the most important hair product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): conditioner, a hair brush or hair dye.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

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

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| hair | dye |
|-------------|------------|

- 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">• third• east• follow• staff• once• badly | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• three• accept• trips• front• should• taken |
|--|---|

DYED HAIR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dyed hair 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.

DYED HAIR DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'dye'?
3. What do you think of dyed hair?
4. Are you happy with your hair colour?
5. Should people keep their natural hair colour?
6. Is the girl right to sue the local government?
7. What do you think of the girl's school?
8. How important is it for school students to follow rules?
9. Should all school students wear tidy uniforms and hair styles?
10. Should the girl get the \$20,000 in damages?

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DYED HAIR DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'hair'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What should schools do about bullies?
15. What advice would you give to the girl?
16. Are school rules too strict?
17. What colour hair would you like?
18. Should schools treat students in a kinder way?
19. What is your favourite hairstyle and why?
20. What questions would you like to ask the girl?

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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The student is suing the local government for \$20,000 in (7) _____. She told the court on October 27th that the school bullied her for three years to dye her hair. She said that the school would not (8) _____ her hair was naturally brown. She was banned from school trips and school festivals because of her brown hair. The girl told the (9) _____ that teachers said things to her in front of the class that caused great embarrassment to her. This caused her (10) _____ damage. She said that a teacher told her that she should not come to school if she didn't dye her hair. The girl said that she was (11) _____ stressed one day that she collapsed and had to be (12) _____ to hospital by ambulance.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) using | (b) sewing | (c) suing | (d) acing |
| 2. | (a) attended | (b) attention | (c) attending | (d) attend |
| 3. | (a) repeatedly | (b) repeat | (c) repeats | (d) repeating |
| 4. | (a) follow | (b) chase | (c) pursue | (d) stalk |
| 5. | (a) once | (b) only | (c) ones | (d) one |
| 6. | (a) blandly | (b) bad | (c) baldly | (d) badly |
| 7. | (a) damages | (b) damaging | (c) damage | (d) damaged |
| 8. | (a) receipt | (b) concept | (c) except | (d) accept |
| 9. | (a) court | (b) curt | (c) count | (d) create |
| 10. | (a) psychology | (b) psychological | (c) physics | (d) physically |
| 11. | (a) thus | (b) so | (c) such | (d) through |
| 12. | (a) taken | (b) taking | (c) took | (d) takes |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. local ervmtnengo
2. atdetned a high school
3. she had aluynrta brown hair
4. the school dayleeertp told her
5. odepdvele a rash on her scalp
6. utrghuotoh her three years

Paragraph 2

7. the school lubeild her
8. school isvfatsle
9. psychological gaadme
10. she was so eresdsst
11. she esolladpc
12. taken to hospital by maenlcbua

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () damaged. The girl also suffered from stress throughout her three years at high school.
- () embarrassment to her. This caused her psychological damage. She said that a teacher told her that she should
- () not come to school if she didn't dye her hair. The girl said that she was so stressed one
- () day that she collapsed and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance.
- () black. The third-year student attended a high school in the city of Habikino, just east of Osaka. Even though she had
- () accept her hair was naturally brown. She was banned from school trips and school festivals because
- () of her brown hair. The girl told the court that teachers said things to her in front of the class that caused great
- (**1**) An 18-year-old girl in Japan is suing her local government after her school told her to dye her hair
- () naturally brown hair, the school repeatedly told her to dye it black. She said she had to dye her hair black to follow
- () the school's rules. Japan's 'Mainichi' newspaper reported that school staff started telling the girl to dye her hair every
- () on October 27th that the school bullied her for three years to dye her hair. She said that the school would not
- () The student is suing the local government for \$20,000 in damages. She told the court
- () one to two weeks. In her second year, this changed to once every four days. The student's mother said
- () her daughter eventually developed a rash on her scalp and that her hair became badly

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

1. 18- suing old An is government Japan year- local in her girl .
2. third The city the in school high a attended student year - .
3. told black her The to school dye repeatedly it .
4. school's the follow to black hair her dye to had She rules .
5. eventually her developed scalp a Her rash daughter on .
6. for government \$20,000 local the suing is student The .
7. not hair brown would her naturally school accept was The .
8. her The girl told the court that teachers said things to .
9. teacher told her that she should not come to school A .
10. be taken to hospital by ambulance She collapsed and had to .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair.html>

An 18-year-old girl in Japan is *using / suing* her local government after her school told her to dye her hair black. The third-year student *attention / attended* a high school in the city of Habikino, *just / justly* east of Osaka. Even though she had *naturalness / naturally* brown hair, the school *repeatedly / repeated* told her to dye it black. She said she had to dye her hair black to *follow / chase* the school's rules. Japan's 'Mainichi' newspaper reported that school staff started telling the girl to dye her hair *every / ever* one to two weeks. In her second year, this changed to once every four days. The student's mother said her daughter *event / eventually* developed a rash on her scalp and that her hair became *bad / badly* damaged. The girl also suffered from stress *throughout / thoroughly* her three years at high school.

The student is suing the *local / locally* government for \$20,000 *in / on* damages. She told the court on October 27th that the school *bully / bullied* her for three years to dye her hair. She said that the school would not *accept / except* her hair was naturally brown. She was *binned / banned* from school trips and school festivals because of her brown hair. The girl told the court that teachers said things to her in front *as / of* the class that caused great *embarrassment / embarrassed* to her. This caused her *psychology / psychological* damage. She said that a teacher told her that she should not come to school if she didn't dye her hair. The girl said that she was *such / so* stressed one day that she collapsed and had to be *took / taken* to hospital by ambulance.

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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_n 18-y__r-_ld g_rl _n J_p_n _s s__ng h_r l_c_l
g_v_rnm_nt _ft_r h_r sch__l t_ld h_r t_dy_ h_r h__r
bl_ck. Th_ th_rd-y__r st_d_nt _tt_nd_d _ h_gh sch__l
n th c_ty _f H_b_k_n_, j_st __st _f _s_k_. _v_n
th__gh sh_ h_d n_t_r_lly br_wn h__r, th_ sch__l
r_p__t_dly t_ld h_r t_dy_ _t bl_ck. Sh_ s__d sh_ h_d
t_dy_ h_r h__r bl_ck t_f_ll_w th_ sch__l's r_l_s.
J_p_n's 'M__n_ch_' n_wsp_p_r r_p_r_t_d th_t sch__l
st_ff st_r_t_d t_ll_ng th_ g_rl t_dy_ h_r h__r _v_ry_n_
t_tw_ w__ks. _n h_r s_c_nd y__r, th_s ch_ng_d t_
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d__ght_r _v_nt__lly d_v_l_p_d _r_sh_n h_r sc_lp_nd
th_t h_r h__r b_c_m_ b_dly d_m_g_d. Th_ g_rl _ls_
s_ff_r_d fr_m str_ss thr__gh__t h_r thr__ y__rs _t
h_gh sch__l.

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th_ sch__l b_ll__d h_r f_r thr__ y__rs t_dy_ h_r h__r.
Sh_ s__d th_t th_ sch__l w__ld n_t _cc_pt h_r h__r
w_s n_t_r_lly br_wn. Sh_ w_s b_nn_d fr_m sch__l tr_ps
_nd sch__l f_st_v_ls b_c__s _f h_r br_wn h__r. Th_
g_rl t_ld th_ c__rt th_t t__ch_rs s__d th_ngs t_h_r_n
fr_nt _f th_ cl_ss th_t c__s_d gr__t _mb_rr_ssm_nt t_
h_r. Th_s c__s_d h_r psych_l_g_c_l d_m_g_. Sh_ s__d
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sch__l _f sh_ d_dn't dy_ h_r h__r. Th_ g_rl s__d th_t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the student is suing the local government for \$20000 in damages she told the court on october 27th that the school bullied her for three years to dye her hair she said that the school would not accept her hair was naturally brown she was banned from school trips and school festivals because of her brown hair the girl told the court that teachers said things to her in front of the class that caused great embarrassment to her this caused her psychological damage she said that a teacher told her that she should not come to school if she didn't dye her hair the girl said that she was so stressed one day that she collapsed and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance

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 this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DYED HAIR: Make a poster about dyed hair. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SCHOOL RULES: Write a magazine article about school students dying their hair. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 dyed hair. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on students dying their hair. 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 T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. suing | a. taking to court |
| 2. dye | b. colour |
| 3. attended | c. went to |
| 4. repeatedly | d. again and again |
| 5. throughout | e. all over |
| 6. damages | f. compensation |
| 7. banned | g. forbidden |
| 8. embarrassment | h. shame |
| 9. psychological | i. mental |
| 10. collapsed | j. fainted |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The local government
2. Brown
3. The school rules
4. Once every four days
5. Stress
6. \$20,000
7. School trips and festivals
8. In front of the class
9. Psychological damage
10. By ambulance

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 ;-)