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Level 5 – 25th August 2025

El Salvador cracks down on discipline in schools

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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El Salvador is cracking down on school discipline. The president appointed a former army captain as education minister. She has started inspecting schools in army dress. She is also a physician and was head of the country's coronavirus pandemic vaccination rollout. She has required all school principals to become role models. They must greet students as they come to school each morning. They will also check pupils' haircuts and uniforms. She warned: "Failure to comply with these provisions...will be considered a serious breach of administrative responsibility."

The main focus of the new education initiative is on appearance and conduct. Boys must have closely-cropped, military-style haircuts, while all students must wear neat uniforms and greet all teachers. There has been a mixed reaction to the policy. A teachers' union called it a "regrettable militarization" of schools. It worried the country was going back to the days of military dictatorship. It is concerned abuses of power against students might increase. However, many parents support the new rules. One said: "That's how you straighten children out from a young age."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a former army | a. vaccination rollout |
| 2. education | b. models |
| 3. She has started inspecting | c. breach |
| 4. the country's coronavirus pandemic | d. minister |
| 5. school | e. students |
| 6. become role | f. captain |
| 7. They must greet | g. principals |
| 8. a serious | h. schools |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the new education | a. power |
| 2. closely-cropped, military- | b. initiative |
| 3. all students must wear | c. rules |
| 4. a regrettable militarization | d. style haircuts |
| 5. going back to the days of military | e. from a young age |
| 6. abuses of | f. of schools |
| 7. many parents support the new | g. neat uniforms |
| 8. straighten children out | h. dictatorship |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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El Salvador is cracking down on school discipline. The president appointed a (1) _____ as education minister. She has started (2) _____ army dress. She is also a physician and was head of the country's coronavirus (3) _____. She has required all school principals to (4) _____. They must greet students as they come to school each morning. They will also check pupils' haircuts and uniforms. She warned: "(5) _____ with these provisions...will be considered (6) _____ of administrative responsibility."

The (7) _____ the new education initiative is on appearance and conduct. Boys must (8) _____, military-style haircuts, while all students must wear neat uniforms and greet all teachers. There has been a (9) _____ the policy. A teachers' union called (10) _____ militarization" of schools. It worried the country was going back to the days of military dictatorship. It is concerned (11) _____ against students might increase. However, many parents support the new rules. One said: "That's how you (12) _____ from a young age."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCHOOL DISCIPLINE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about school discipline 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) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **school discipline** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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