

Reading & Speaking

1 Look at the headlines. Read the first line of each story and match them to the headlines.

A
DOG BITES STUDENT £7M LOTTERY WINNER

B
Police threaten teenager with bill after massive party

C
California Teenagers Face Prison for Hacking Into School Computers

True life stories

1

Two high school students from Orange County, California could go to prison for crimes that some people might think are trivial. Prosecutors told the court that Omar Khan and Tanvir Singh, both 18, had broken into Tesoro High School to steal tests and had changed their own and others' grades on the school computer network. While Singh allegedly only tried doing it once, Khan apparently did it several times. Khan could get more than 38 years in prison. Singh could get three years. 'These are very serious crimes,' said prosecutor Chuck Lawhorn. Defence lawyer Carol Lavacol told *The Los Angeles Times* that Khan was 'a really nice kid. He's only 18 years old, it's just a very sad situation.' Tesoro High School, with 2800 students, is one of the country's best.

2

An Australian teenager could be fined 20,000 AU\$ for having a party while his family was on holiday. 'It was just a get-together with a couple of mates at first and then we thought, why not have a bit of a party,' 16-year-old Corey Delaney told reporters. 'But it got a bit out of control.'

More than 500 people came to Corey's house in Melbourne and police were called when neighbours complained about the noise. No one was arrested but 30 police officers, a helicopter and a dog squad were needed to break the party up. Police chief Christine Nixon said that Corey would have to pay for damage to neighbours' cars and gardens. 'He needs to be taught a lesson and one way or another, we'll do that,' she said. Corey's mother, Jo Delaney, said: 'We're a good family. I'm just horrified that this has actually happened.'



3

A teenage student was bitten by her dog as she celebrated a £7m lottery win. 18-year-old Ianthe Fullagar was shocked when she heard the news. 'I was screaming so loudly with excitement that my dog, Brock, didn't know what was happening. So he bit me!' Ianthe is currently on a gap year between school and university, and has been working as a part-time waitress at a hotel near her home in Ravenglass, Cumbria. She said she was planning to organise a holiday in Egypt for herself, her family and friends, and to buy her first car. After that, she said she was still planning to go to university to study law. 'I just plan to live like a normal student and not like a millionaire,' she told reporters.



Reading comprehension

1) Match the phrases to the headlines A/B/C in the reading comprehension.

To get out of control ----- Headline.....

A prison sentence ----- Headline.....

A fine----- Headline.....

To change grades----- Headline.....

Damage----- Headline.....

To complain ----- Headline.....

To break in----- Headline.....

Prize money-----Headline.....

To scream with excitement. --- Headline.....

2) Read the three stories. Choose the correct answer.

1) Singh and Khan

- a- Only changed their own grades.
- b- Only hacked into the school computer once.
- c- May get very different punishments.

2) The prosecutor in California thinks

- a- These crimes are trivial
- b- Omar and Tanvir are nice boys.
- c- These are serious crimes.

3) Corey originally planned to

- a- Have a small party
- b- Have a big party
- c- Do a lot of damage

4) Corey's mother

- a-thinks her son is horrible
- b-can't really believe what has happened

d- Thinks her son has learnt a lesson

5) Janthe's dog

a-was probably frightened by her neighbour

b-was excited that she had won.

c-is always noisy

3) Listen to some people A-B-C discussing the stories. Who talks about what.

Speaker A. STORY.....

Speaker B. STORY....

Speaker C. STORY.....

4) Listen to the story again and write Y (for yes) or N (for no) next to each phrase if they are mentioned.

Phrases **2** know 4.8

Asking other people's opinion

- ☐ Do you think this punishment is fair?
- ☐ Do you feel sorry for him?
- ☐ What would you do in that situation?

Giving and explaining your opinion

- ☐ Personally I don't think ...
- ☐ I definitely think she should ...
- ☐ Obviously you shouldn't ...
- ☐ It's not fair that ...
- ☐ She's completely right.
- ☐ I think he's wrong because ...
- ☐ I don't feel sorry for them because ...
- ☐ She probably feels ...
- ☐ Personally, I'd ...
- ☐ In that situation, I wouldn't ...