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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ON THE RISE

By John Lawson

The National Statistical Service (NSS) reports that the number of juvenile criminals has doubled in the last four years to 75,000 offenders. Commenting on the annual report, NSS chief Tony Klymenko said the results show a need for more police and surveillance, and tougher sentences. He also said that...



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Judith Monroe

From: Judith Monroe

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to (1) _____ my opinion about John Lawson's article on juvenile delinquents, which I saw in yesterday's online newspaper.

I feel that Mr Klymenko's (2) _____ for 'more police and surveillance, and tougher sentences' do not provide a real solution to juvenile delinquency. The way I see it, children today are victims of various (3) _____ problems. These problems include lack of parental guidance, poverty, violence in the home or at school, substance abuse and peer pressure. To my mind, these are the reasons for (4) _____.

To prevent it, we need to get to the (5) _____ of the problem. This involves improving the way children interact with their families and (6) _____. A community in which older members take a(n) (7) _____ interest in younger members and provide them with support and guidance is obviously better than one that merely (8) _____ them when they lose their way.

Thank you for giving me this (9) _____ to share my opinion. I look forward to reading other readers' (10) _____ of view.

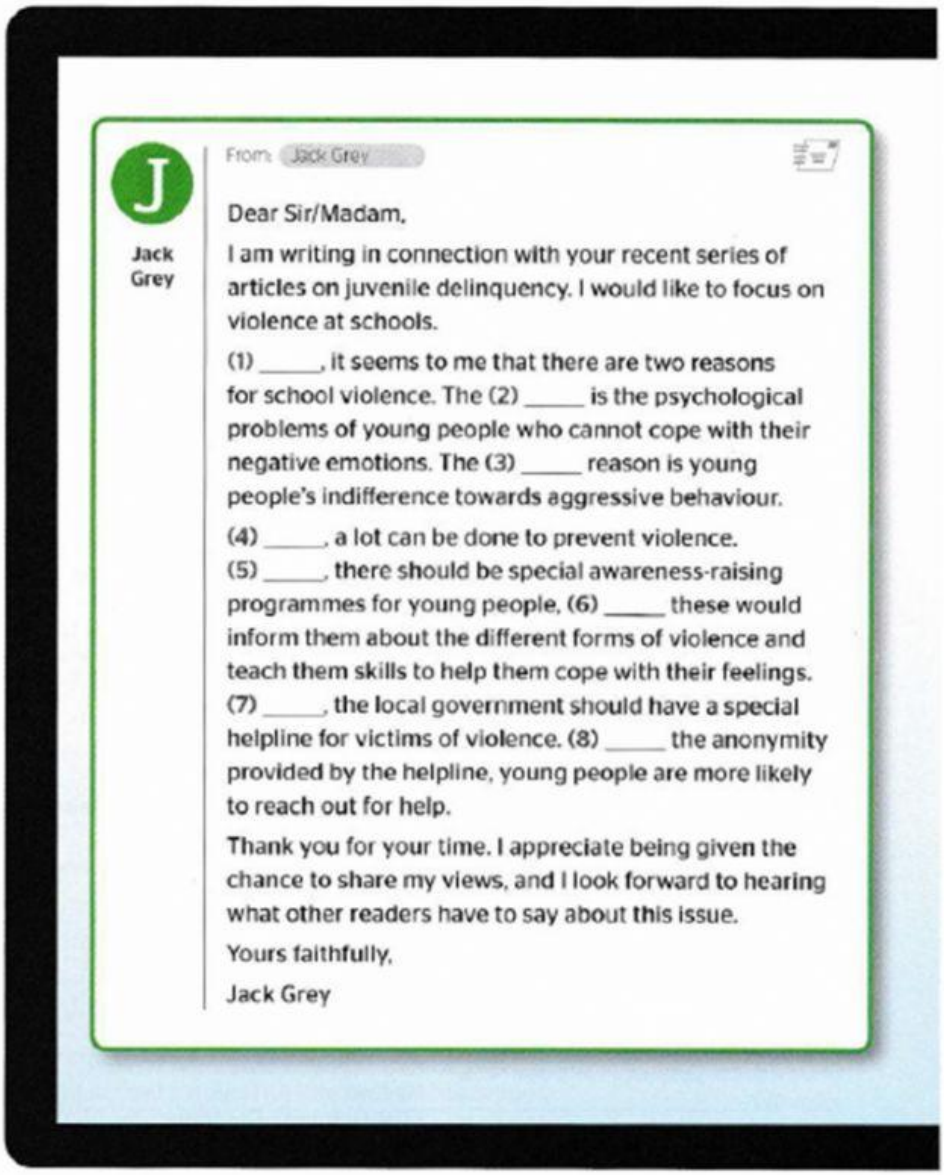
Yours faithfully,

Judith Monroe

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B Complete the gaps in the email using the linking words/phrases in the box. There are some words/phrases which you do not need to use.

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Jack Grey

From: Jack Grey

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in connection with your recent series of articles on juvenile delinquency. I would like to focus on violence at schools.

(1) _____, it seems to me that there are two reasons for school violence. The (2) _____ is the psychological problems of young people who cannot cope with their negative emotions. The (3) _____ reason is young people's indifference towards aggressive behaviour.

(4) _____, a lot can be done to prevent violence. (5) _____, there should be special awareness-raising programmes for young people, (6) _____ these would inform them about the different forms of violence and teach them skills to help them cope with their feelings. (7) _____, the local government should have a special helpline for victims of violence. (8) _____ the anonymity provided by the helpline, young people are more likely to reach out for help.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate being given the chance to share my views, and I look forward to hearing what other readers have to say about this issue.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Grey

C Which words or phrases in the box above are used to:

1. express opinion?
2. list points?
3. express contrast?
4. give the reason?
5. give an example?

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