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## Student kills 15 people at his school

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

In Germany something terrible happened at a school. An old student of the school went back and killed 15 students and teachers. He also injured lots of people. He was only 17 years old. He died too. He hijacked a car and drove to a shopping centre. There was a shootout between the police in a supermarket car park and the police shot him. No one knows why he did it. His father had a lot of guns in his house. The killer took one of the guns. His dad is in trouble with the police now.

Why did he do it? I don't understand why people shoot other people. It happens everywhere today. Every time I turn on the news there is another shooting. Sometimes I get worried. Maybe someone in my school will go crazy. Usually someone wants revenge. But if you are angry with someone, you should talk to them. People should talk more in this world. When I get angry with someone, everything is alright after we talk about things. I feel sorry for the dead students. They just wanted to go to school to learn.

# PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

## Paragraph 1

- |                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. something terrible     | a. lots of people  |
| 2. An old student         | b. with the police |
| 3. He also injured        | c. happened        |
| 4. a shootout between the | d. he did it       |
| 5. No one knows why       | e. of the school   |
| 6. His dad is in trouble  | f. police          |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. I don't understand why people | a. more in this world |
| 2. I turn on                     | b. the dead students  |
| 3. someone in my school          | c. shoot other people |
| 4. People should talk            | d. after we talk      |
| 5. everything is alright         | e. the news           |
| 6. I feel sorry for              | f. will go crazy      |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

In Germany something \_\_\_\_\_ a school. An old student of the school \_\_\_\_\_ killed 15 students and teachers. He also injured lots of people. He was only 17 years old. He died too. He \_\_\_\_\_ drove to a shopping centre. There was a shootout between the police in a supermarket car park and \_\_\_\_\_. No one knows why he did it. His father had a lot of guns in his house. The killer took one of the guns. His dad \_\_\_\_\_ the police now.

Why did he do it? I don't understand \_\_\_\_\_ other people. It happens everywhere today. Every time I turn on the news there \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes I get worried. Maybe someone in my \_\_\_\_\_. Usually someone wants revenge. But if you are angry with someone, you should talk to them. People should talk more in this world. When I get angry with someone, \_\_\_\_\_ after we talk about things. \_\_\_\_\_ the dead students. They just wanted to go to school to learn.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

In Germany something (1) \_\_\_\_\_ happened at a school. An old student of the school went back and killed 15 students and teachers. He also (2) \_\_\_\_\_ lots of people. He was only 17 years old. He died too. He hijacked a car and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to a shopping centre. There was a shootout between the police in a supermarket car park and the police (4) \_\_\_\_\_ him. No one knows why he did it. His father had a lot of guns in his house. The killer took one of the guns. His dad is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ trouble with the police now.

Why did he do it? I don't understand why people shoot (6) \_\_\_\_\_ people. It happens everywhere today. Every time I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on the news there is another shooting. Sometimes I get worried. Maybe someone in my school will go (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Usually someone wants revenge. But if you are angry with someone, you should talk to them. People should talk (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in this world. When I get angry with someone, everything is alright after we talk about things. I feel sorry for the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ students. They just wanted to go to school to learn.

### Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |              |               |              |
|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) terrible | (b) terribly  | (c) terrible |
| 2.  | (a) injury   | (b) injuries  | (c) injured  |
| 3.  | (a) driving  | (b) drove     | (c) driver   |
| 4.  | (a) shot     | (b) shoot     | (c) shooting |
| 5.  | (a) in       | (b) an        | (c) on       |
| 6.  | (a) another  | (b) other     | (c) others   |
| 7.  | (a) turn     | (b) twist     | (c) get      |
| 8.  | (a) crazily  | (b) craziness | (c) crazy    |
| 9.  | (a) most     | (b) many      | (c) more     |
| 10. | (a) dead     | (b) die       | (c) died     |

# SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

## Paragraph 1

1. something rtrbelie happened
2. He also eunijrd lots of people
3. He cahjdiek a car
4. There was a suhootot
5. No one ksonw why
6. His dad is in lbetrou

## Paragraph 2

7. I don't tnndresuad
8. I turn on the ensw
9. I get rodierw
10. someone wants eegnrev
11. I get yrag
12. go to school to aelnr

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) today. Every time I turn on the news there is another shooting. Sometimes I get worried. Maybe someone in my
- ( ) park and the police shot him. No one knows why he did it. His father had a lot of
- ( ) about things. I feel sorry for the dead students. They just wanted to go to school to learn.
- ( **1** ) In Germany something terrible happened at a school. An old student of the school went back and
- ( ) killed 15 students and teachers. He also injured lots of people. He was only 17 years old. He died
- ( ) talk to them. People should talk more in this world. When I get angry with someone, everything is alright after we talk
- ( ) guns in his house. The killer took one of the guns. His dad is in trouble with the police now.
- ( ) school will go crazy. Usually someone wants revenge. But if you are angry with someone, you should
- ( ) too. He hijacked a car and drove to a shopping centre. There was a shootout between the police in a supermarket car
- ( ) Why did he do it? I don't understand why people shoot other people. It happens everywhere

# SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. terrible at school Something happened a.

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2. He injured of also lots people.

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3. years was 17 old He only.

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4. between shootout a was There police the.

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5. trouble His with dad the is police in.

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6. people why people I shoot don't other understand.

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7. news the on turn I time Every.

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8. crazy my school Maybe will someone go in.

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9. talk should People world this in more.

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10. I students dead the for sorry feel.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMWORK

**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 more information about guns. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about guns. Include imaginary interviews with two people who are for and against guns.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a gun owner. Ask him/her three questions about guns. Tell him/her your opinion on guns.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.