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Newspaper admits hacking celebrity phones

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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One of Britain's biggest selling newspapers has admitted it hacked people's mobile phones to get stories. The police have been investigating the "News of the World" paper for many years, without success. Recent pressure from politicians and celebrities put the spotlight once again on this case. The paper apologized on Friday and said it would pay millions of dollars in compensation to ten people. It also said it regretted the actions of its journalists for their "past behavior".

The reporters who did the hacking could now go to prison. In 2007, the News of the World's royal correspondent Clive Goodman was sentenced to jail for his part in hacking into the mobile phone messages of Princes William and Harry. He was trying to find a top story. Other journalists believe it is wrong to send reporters to prison. They believe this should not happen in a country that has freedom of speech. They also say many of the stories are in the public interest, especially when finding corrupt politicians.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Britain's biggest | a. pressure |
| 2. The police have | b. behavior |
| 3. Recent | c. selling newspapers |
| 4. The paper apologized | d. of its journalists |
| 5. it regretted the actions | e. on Friday |
| 6. past | f. been investigating |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. go to | a. a top story |
| 2. royal | b. prison |
| 3. trying to find | c. interest |
| 4. freedom of | d. politicians |
| 5. in the public | e. speech |
| 6. finding corrupt | f. correspondent |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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One of Britain's biggest selling newspapers _____
hacked people's mobile phones to get stories. The police have
_____ "News of the World" paper for many
years, without success. Recent pressure from politicians and
celebrities _____ once again on this case. The
paper apologized on Friday and said it _____
dollars in compensation to ten people. It _____
the actions of its journalists for _____".

The reporters who did the hacking _____ prison.
In 2007, the News of the World's royal correspondent Clive
Goodman was _____ for his part in hacking into
the mobile phone messages of Princes William and Harry. He was
trying to _____. Other journalists believe it is
wrong to send reporters to prison. They believe this should not
happen in a country that has _____. They also
say many of the stories are _____, especially
when finding _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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One of Britain's biggest selling newspapers has (1) _____ it hacked people's mobile phones to (2) _____ stories. The police have been investigating the "News of the World" paper for many years, without (3) _____. Recent pressure from politicians and celebrities put the (4) _____ once again on this case. The paper apologized on Friday and said it would (5) _____ millions of dollars in compensation to ten people. It also said it regretted the actions (6) _____ its journalists for their "past behavior".

The reporters who did the hacking could (7) _____ go to prison. In 2007, the News of the World's royal correspondent Clive Goodman was sentenced to jail for his (8) _____ in hacking into the mobile phone messages of Princes William and Harry. He was (9) _____ to find a top story. Other journalists believe it is wrong to send reporters to prison. They (10) _____ this should not happen in a country that has (11) _____ of speech. They also say many of the stories are in the public interest, especially (12) _____ finding corrupt politicians.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) admits | (b) admitted | (c) admitting |
| 2. | (a) get | (b) got | (c) getting |
| 3. | (a) successful | (b) successive | (c) success |
| 4. | (a) highlight | (b) spotlight | (c) lights |
| 5. | (a) say | (b) pay | (c) lay |
| 6. | (a) for | (b) from | (c) of |
| 7. | (a) now | (b) there | (c) from |
| 8. | (a) party | (b) parted | (c) part |
| 9. | (a) trying | (b) try | (c) tries |
| 10. | (a) belief | (b) believing | (c) believe |
| 11. | (a) free | (b) freedom | (c) freed |
| 12. | (a) when | (b) why | (c) which |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. biggest lleinsg newspapers
2. get oteisrs
3. without sucecss
4. The paper gadpiolzeo
5. it retrdegte the actions
6. past habeoivr

Paragraph 2

7. go to poisrn
8. loary correspondent
9. mobile phone eassgsem
10. frmeeod of speech
11. in the public seitetrn
12. ocruprt politicians

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () messages of Princes William and Harry. He was trying to find a top story. Other journalists
- () the actions of its journalists for their "past behavior".
- () The reporters who did the hacking could now go to prison. In 2007, the News of the World's royal
- () correspondent Clive Goodman was sentenced to jail for his part in hacking into the mobile phone
- (**1**) One of Britain's biggest selling newspapers has admitted it hacked people's mobile phones to get
- () compensation to ten people. It also said it regretted
- () case. The paper apologized on Friday and said it would pay millions of dollars in
- () stories are in the public interest, especially when finding corrupt politicians.
- () happen in a country that has freedom of speech. They also say many of the
- () stories. The police have been investigating the "News of the World" paper for many years, without
- () believe it is wrong to send reporters to prison. They believe this should not
- () success. Recent pressure from politicians and celebrities put the spotlight once again on this

WORD JUMBLE

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

1. One Britain's selling of biggest newspapers.

2. phones mobile people's hacked It.

3. this Celebrities spotlight on the again case put once.

4. of It dollars would in pay compensation millions.

5. of actions the regretted It journalists its.

6. The who the reporters did hacking.

7. top trying story to find He a was.

8. send It reporters is to wrong prison to.

9. freedom a of country speech that has In.

10. Many stories the the in interest of are public.

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. _____

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. PHONE HACKING: Search the Internet and find more information about phone hacking. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about phone hacking. Include imaginary interviews with a reporter and someone whose phone was hacked. 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 the head of the News of the World. Ask him three questions about his reporters phone hacking. Give him three of your opinions on what his paper should do about it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.