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## India to sue web over obscene content

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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This latest situation is not the first time big Internet companies may be in Indian courts. Last month Communications Minister Kapil Sibal promised to try and stop "unacceptable" online content. He asked the companies to try harder to monitor what is on their sites. The High Court in Delhi told website bosses: "You must have a strict check, otherwise, like in China, we may pass orders banning all such websites." A spokesman for Google India said it would be impossible to check all of its site.

# PHRASE MATCH

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## Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. allow a court case to go    | a. on their pages  |
| 2. because of obscene material | b. the government  |
| 3. complained to               | c. were harmful    |
| 4. many sites                  | d. social problems |
| 5. religious                   | e. ahead           |
| 6. lead to many                | f. hatred          |

### Paragraph 2

- |                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. This latest            | a. their sites |
| 2. promised to            | b. orders      |
| 3. monitor what is on     | c. situation   |
| 4. a strict               | d. try         |
| 5. pass                   | e. to check    |
| 6. it would be impossible | f. check       |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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India's government will (1) \_\_\_\_ a court case to go ahead against the world's biggest Internet companies. It says it could ban 21 sites because (2) \_\_\_\_ obscene material on their pages. These (3) \_\_\_\_ Facebook, Google, Yahoo! and YouTube. It is (4) \_\_\_\_ the Indian directors of these companies will go to court. Journalist Vinay Rai complained (5) \_\_\_\_ the government that many sites were harmful to India. He said they led to religious (6) \_\_\_\_ and could lead to many social problems.

This latest (7) \_\_\_\_ is not the first time big Internet companies may be in Indian courts. Last month Communications Minister Kapil Sibal promised to (8) \_\_\_\_ and stop "unacceptable" online content. He asked the companies to try (9) \_\_\_\_ to monitor what is on their sites. The High Court in Delhi told website bosses: "You must have a strict check, (10) \_\_\_\_, like in China, we may (11) \_\_\_\_ orders banning all such websites." A spokesman for Google India said it would be impossible to check (12) \_\_\_\_ of its site.

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

- |     |                 |               |                   |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) allow       | (b) allowable | (c) allowing      |
| 2.  | (a) for         | (b) from      | (c) of            |
| 3.  | (a) include     | (b) including | (c) inclusive     |
| 4.  | (a) possibility | (b) possible  | (c) impossibility |
| 5.  | (a) as          | (b) by        | (c) to            |
| 6.  | (a) hates       | (b) hated     | (c) hatred        |
| 7.  | (a) sites       | (b) situation | (c) sighting      |
| 8.  | (a) try         | (b) effort    | (c) attempt       |
| 9.  | (a) heard       | (b) softer    | (c) harder        |
| 10. | (a) others      | (b) otherwise | (c) other         |
| 11. | (a) mass        | (b) pass      | (c) lass          |
| 12. | (a) all         | (b) every     | (c) whole         |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. India's nmtvrgnoee
2. go dahea
3. These cdulein Facebook
4. directors of these imacnpoes
5. religious ardeht
6. social eopsrlbm

## Paragraph 2

7. This asetlt situation
8. roidsepm to try
9. iotonmr what is on their sites
10. have a crtsi check
11. pass errsod
12. bimsoiespl to check

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) This latest situation is not the first time big Internet companies may be
- ( **1** ) India's government will allow a court case to go ahead against the world's
- ( ) material on their pages. These include Facebook, Google, Yahoo! and YouTube. It is
- ( ) try and stop "unacceptable" online content. He asked the companies to try harder to monitor
- ( ) check, otherwise, like in China, we may pass orders banning all such websites." A spokesman
- ( ) in Indian courts. Last month Communications Minister Kapil Sibal promised to
- ( ) biggest Internet companies. It says it could ban 21 sites because of obscene
- ( ) to the government that many sites were harmful to India. He said they led to religious
- ( ) for Google India said it would be impossible to check all of its site.
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- ( ) hatred and could lead to many social problems.
- ( ) what is on their sites. The High Court in Delhi told website bosses: "You must have a strict

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

1. government will allow a court case to go ahead. India's

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2. material obscene of because sites 21 Ban.

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3. companies will Directors go of to these court.

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4. were to sites harmful India Many.

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5. led they said He hatred religious to.

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6. situation time is not This the latest first.

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7. and unacceptable content Try stop online.

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8. what their Try monitor on to is sites harder.

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9. orders banning We all may such pass websites.

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10. check all of its site It would be impossible to.

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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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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. INTERNET CONTENT:** Search the Internet and find more information about Internet content. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about obscene Internet content. Include an imaginary interview with someone who wants it all off the Web. 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 an Internet expert. Ask him/her three questions about Internet content. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.