Read UK: School discipline – exercises

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation
Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1…….. a pupil a. to not go to school, even though you don’t have permission to miss it
2…….. a contract b. a penalty that is given to somebody who did something bad
3…….. a punishment c. a schoolboy or schoolgirl
4…….. to play truant d. not serious or important
5…….. trivial e. to go to a judge because somebody has done something that hurt or harmed you
6…….. to take legal action (against somebody) f. a document that you sign when you agree to do something

1. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Pupils are allowed to play truant. True False
2. Cheating in exams is not seen as bad behaviour in the UK. True False
3. Teachers can hit pupils to punish them in Britain. True False
4. Lines and detention can be given at the same time. True False
5. Freya MacDonald said ‘no’ to detention at her school. True False
6. All schools in Britain now give parents a home/school contract to sign. True False
2. Check your vocabulary: grouping
Write the words in the correct group below.

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3. Check your grammar: gap fill
Write the -ing form of the verb.

1. smoke  
2. swear  
3. cheat  
4. run    
5. write  
6. hit    
7. wear   
8. give   

Discussion

How is the discipline in your school?
How does your school deal with discipline problems?
Have you ever been punished at school?