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El Salvador cracks down on discipline in schools

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

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The main focus of El Salvador's new education initiative is on appearance and conduct. In particular, boys are required to have closely-cropped, military-style haircuts, while all students must wear tidy uniforms and greet all teachers respectfully. There has been mixed reaction to the new policy. A leading teachers' union called it a "regrettable militarization" of schools. It was concerned that the country was veering back to the days of military dictatorship. It said: "We are concerned that the already [endemic] abuses of power against students will increase." However, many parents are supportive of the new rules. One said: "That's how you straighten children out from a young age."

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WARM-UPS

1. SCHOOL DISCIPLINE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about school discipline. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

El Salvador / school discipline / army captain / education minister / logistics / haircut / focus / initiative / uniforms / teachers / militarization / students / abuses / parents

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. STRONGER DISCIPLINE: Students A **strongly** believe all schools need stronger discipline; Students B **strongly** believe they don't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RULES: What rules are needed in these places? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What	Why
Schools		
Trains		
The army		
Prisons		
Malls		
Offices		

5. HAIRCUT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "haircut". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SCHOOL RULES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important school rules at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Arrive on time
- Do your homework
- No bullying
- Participate in class
- Wear the uniform
- Keep your hair short
- No running
- Be polite

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. cracking down | a. A doctor. |
| 2. inspecting | b. Using strong action to stop something bad. |
| 3. fatigues (noun) | c. Special clothes soldiers wear for work. |
| 4. physician | d. Look at something very closely. |
| 5. logistics | e. Do what a rule or order says. |
| 6. scrutinize | f. Looking at something carefully to check it. |
| 7. comply | g. The planning of moving and supplying things. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 8. initiative (noun) | h. Changing direction. |
| 9. conduct (noun) | i. Correct someone's bad behaviour. |
| 10. cropped | j. Something common in a certain place or group. |
| 11. veering | k. Cut very short. |
| 12. dictatorship | l. A government where one person has all the power. |
| 13. endemic | m. A new plan or action to solve a problem. |
| 14. straighten out | n. The way someone behaves. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. El Salvador's education minister used to be an army captain. **T / F**
2. El Salvador's education minister visits schools dressed in army uniform. **T / F**
3. El Salvador's education minister wants all students to be models. **T / F**
4. School principals must check students' haircuts every morning. **T / F**
5. Schoolboys and girls in El Salvador must have very short hair. **T / F**
6. A teachers' union is fully behind El Salvador's new education policy. **T / F**
7. The teachers' union is concerned schools are being militarized. **T / F**
8. A parent said it is not the job of schools to straighten students out. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. cracking down on | a. planning |
| 2. former | b. misuses |
| 3. logistics | c. violation |
| 4. greet | d. unfortunate |
| 5. breach | e. strategy |
| 6. initiative | f. one-time |
| 7. cropped | g. in favour |
| 8. regrettable | h. trimmed |
| 9. abuses | i. getting tough on |
| 10. supportive | j. welcome |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. wearing army | a. of power |
| 2. head of the country's vaccination | b. with these provisions |
| 3. They will also scrutinize | c. of schools |
| 4. Failure to comply | d. fatigues |
| 5. a serious | e. children out |
| 6. closely-cropped, military- | f. pupils' haircuts |
| 7. a regrettable militarization | g. style haircuts |
| 8. veering back to the days | h. breach |
| 9. abuses | i. logistics |
| 10. That's how you straighten | j. of military dictatorship |

GAP FILL

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uniforms
former
breach
logistics
inspecting
through
comply
edicts

The main (9) _____ of El Salvador's new education initiative is on appearance and conduct. In particular, boys are required to have closely-(10) _____, military-style haircuts, while all students must wear (11) _____ uniforms and greet all teachers respectfully. There has been mixed (12) _____ to the new policy. A leading teachers' union called it a "regrettable militarization" of schools. It was (13) _____ that the country was veering back to the days of military dictatorship. It said: "We are concerned that the already [endemic] abuses of (14) _____ against students will increase." However, many parents are (15) _____ of the new rules. One said: "That's how you (16) _____ children out from a young age."

cropped
straighten
focus
power
reaction
supportive
tidy
concerned

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

- 1) She has started inspecting schools _____
 - a. wearing army fatigue
 - b. wearing army fatigued
 - c. wearing army fatigues
 - d. wearing army batiks
- 2) Ms Trigueros is also a physician and was head of the _____
 - a. country's vaccination logisticians
 - b. country's vaccination logics
 - c. country's vaccination lodge sticks
 - d. country's vaccination logistics
- 3) One of her first edicts was to require all school principals to _____
 - a. become role models
 - b. become roll models
 - c. become real models
 - d. become reel models
- 4) School heads will be required to greet students as they come through _____
 - a. the school gaits
 - b. the school grates
 - c. the school gates
 - d. the school agates
- 5) Failure to comply with these provisions will be considered _____
 - a. a serious breach
 - b. a serious bleach
 - c. a serious beach
 - d. a serious beech
- 6) The main focus of El Salvador's new education initiative is on _____
 - a. appearance end contract
 - b. appearance and conduct
 - c. appearance and con duct
 - d. appearance and conned duct
- 7) In particular, boys are required to have closely-cropped, _____
 - a. milita-styled haircuts
 - b. milita-style haircuts
 - c. military-stylish haircuts
 - d. military-style haircuts
- 8) It was concerned that the country was veering back to the days _____
 - a. of military dictatorship
 - b. of military dictators' ship
 - c. of military dictators' hip
 - d. of military dictate a ship
- 9) We are concerned that the already endemic abuses of power against _____
 - a. student swill increase
 - b. students willing crease
 - c. students will increase
 - d. students will ink crease
- 10) That's how you straighten children out from _____
 - a. a young aged
 - b. a young adage
 - c. a young gauge
 - d. a young age

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The main focus of El Salvador's new (7) _____ on appearance and conduct. In particular, boys are required to have closely-cropped, (8) _____, while all students must wear tidy uniforms and greet all teachers respectfully. There has (9) _____ to the new policy. A leading teachers' union called it (10) _____ of schools. It was concerned that the country was veering back to the days of military dictatorship. It said: "We are concerned that the already (11) _____ power against students will increase." However, many parents are supportive of the new rules. One said: "That's (12) _____ children out from a young age."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

1. What was the education minister's former role in the army?
2. What did the education minister wear when she visited schools?
3. What does the education minister want school principals to become?
4. What will principals check as they greet students at the school gates?
5. What will failure to follow the new rules be a serious breach of?
6. What kind of haircut are schoolboys required to have?
7. What kind of reaction has there been to the new rules on discipline?
8. Who likened the rules to a "regrettable militarization of schools"?
9. What is a union worried the country is veering back towards?
10. What did a parent say the rules will do to children?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

- 1) What was the education minister's former role in the army?
 - a) sergeant
 - b) major
 - c) captain
 - d) general
- 2) What did the education minister wear when she visited schools?
 - a) army fatigues
 - b) a suit
 - c) a professor's gown
 - d) jeans and a t-shirt
- 3) What does the education minister want school principals to become?
 - a) happy
 - b) future government ministers
 - c) leaders in IT
 - d) role models
- 4) What will principals check as they greet students at the school gates?
 - a) attendance
 - b) haircuts and uniforms
 - c) homework
 - d) student lunches
- 5) What will failure to follow the new rules be a serious breach of?
 - a) the law
 - b) the rules
 - c) administrative responsibility
 - d) morality
- 6) What kind of haircut are schoolboys required to have?
 - a) fashionable haircuts
 - b) closely-cropped, military-style haircuts
 - c) nice haircuts
 - d) any styles the boys like
- 7) What kind of reaction has there been to the new rules on discipline?
 - a) plenty of reaction
 - b) furious reaction
 - c) none
 - d) mixed reaction
- 8) Who likened the rules to a "regrettable militarization of schools"?
 - a) the army
 - b) a leading teachers' union
 - c) a parents' association
 - d) school principals
- 9) What is a union worried the country is veering back towards?
 - a) military dictatorship
 - b) the Stone Age
 - c) the turn of the century
 - d) a lack of education
- 10) What did a parent say the rules will do to children?
 - a) make them sad
 - b) make them study harder
 - c) make them rebel
 - d) straighten them out

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

Role A – Wear the Uniform

You think wearing the uniform is the most important school rule. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rules. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): keeping your hair short, no bullying or arriving on time.

Role B – Keep Your Hair Short

You think keeping your hair short is the most important school rule. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rules. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): wearing the uniform, no bullying or arriving on time.

Role C – No Bullying

You think no bullying is the most important school rule. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rules. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): keeping your hair short, wearing the uniform or arriving on time.

Role D – Arrive on Time

You think arriving on time is the most important school rule. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their rules. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): keeping your hair short, no bullying or wearing the uniform.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'school' and 'discipline'.

school	discipline

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• appointed • inspecting • logistics • role • gates • serious	• main • cropped • greet • back • power • age
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SCHOOL DISCIPLINE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school discipline in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'discipline'?
3. What was school discipline like when you were a student?
4. Are army captains well suited to instill discipline in schoolchildren?
5. What message does an education secretary wearing fatigues send?
6. How can school principals be good role models?
7. What rules should there be on haircuts and uniforms?
8. What should happen to principals whose schools fail to comply?
9. Are you a good disciplinarian?
10. What rules do you not like to follow?

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SCHOOL DISCIPLINE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'school'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is discipline in schools?
15. What difference does it make if students have closely-cropped hair?
16. To what degree are the new rules a move towards militarization?
17. What new disciplinary rules would you introduce in your country?
18. How good are you at self-discipline?
19. What do you think children think about school discipline?
20. What questions would you like to ask a school principal?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) pointed | (b) appointed | (c) disappointed | (d) appoints |
| 2. | (a) physical | (b) physics | (c) physique | (d) physician |
| 3. | (a) rustic | (b) logistics | (c) caustic | (d) elastics |
| 4. | (a) edits | (b) editors | (c) edicts | (d) editions |
| 5. | (a) is | (b) has | (c) as | (d) was |
| 6. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) at | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) all | (b) them | (c) new | (d) English |
| 9. | (a) combined | (b) mixed | (c) stirred | (d) linked |
| 10. | (a) forward | (b) up | (c) back | (d) towards |
| 11. | (a) supporting | (b) supporter | (c) supportive | (d) supports |
| 12. | (a) from | (b) out | (c) of | (d) as |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. taodinppe a former army captain
2. wearing army siufateg
3. the country's vaccination cotsisigl
4. One of her first cdetis
5. They will also treuczsiin pupils' haircuts
6. Failure to comply with these visonospir

Paragraph 2

7. El Salvador's new education tiaineviit
8. There has been mixed nceoriat
9. the country was eenrigv back
10. the days of military pcothstrdiai
11. eemincd abuses of power
12. parents are prpotvusei of the new rules

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () back to the days of military dictatorship. It said: "We are concerned that the already [endemic] abuses
- () captain, Karla Trigueros, as education minister. She has started inspecting schools wearing army
- () comply with these provisions...will be considered a serious breach of administrative responsibility."
- () conduct. In particular, boys are required to have closely-cropped, military-style haircuts, while all students must wear tidy
- (**1**) El Salvador is cracking down on school discipline. President Nayib Bukele has appointed a former army
- () fatigues. Ms Trigueros is also a physician and was head of the country's vaccination logistics during the coronavirus
- () models. School heads will be required to greet students as they come through the school gates each
- () morning. They will also scrutinize pupils' haircuts and uniforms. Trigueros warned schools that: "Failure to
- () of power against students will increase." However, many parents are supportive of the new
- () pandemic. One of her first edicts was to require all school principals to become role
- () rules. One said: "That's how you straighten children out from a young age."
- () The main focus of El Salvador's new education initiative is on appearance and
- () uniforms and greet all teachers respectfully. There has been mixed reaction to the new policy. A leading teachers'
- () union called it a "regrettable militarization" of schools. It was concerned that the country was veering

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. El Salvador cracking discipline on school is down .
2. She fatigues inspecting has wearing army schools started .
3. Require to become role all principals models school .
4. Greet through gates they students come as the .
5. They scrutinize uniforms also haircuts pupils and will .
6. Boys haircuts to closely-cropped, are required military-style have .
7. Wear greet respectfully and tidy all teachers uniforms .
8. There been mixed has policy the to reaction .
9. Veering dictatorship military of days the back to .
10. Straigten young a children out from age .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

El Salvador is cracking *down* / *up* on school discipline. President Nayib Bukele has appointed a *firmer* / *former* army captain, Karla Trigueros, as education minister. She has started *inspection* / *inspecting* schools wearing army *fatigued* / *fatigues*. Ms Trigueros is also a physician and was head of the country's vaccination logistics *during* / *while* the coronavirus pandemic. One of her first edicts was *for* / *to* require all school principals to become role models. School heads will be required to greet students *has* / *as* they come through the school gates each morning. They will also *scrutinize* / *excoriate* pupils' haircuts and uniforms. Trigueros warned schools that: "Failure to comply *at* / *with* these provisions...will be considered a serious *breach* / *broach* of administrative responsibility."

The *mainly* / *main* focus of El Salvador's new education initiative is *in* / *on* appearance and conduct. In particular, boys *are* / *be* required to have closely-cropped, military-style haircuts, *what* / *while* all students must wear tidy uniforms and greet *them* / *all* teachers respectfully. There has been mixed reaction to the new policy. A leading teachers' union called it a "regrettable militarization" *to* / *of* schools. It was concerned that the country was veering *back* / *forward* to the days of military dictatorship. It said: "We are concerned *this* / *that* the already [endemic] abuses of power against students will increase." However, many parents are supportive *of* / *to* the new rules. One said: "That's how you *straight* / *straighten* children out from a young age."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_l S_lv_d_r _s cr_ck_ng d_wn _n sch__l d_sc_pl_n_.
Pr_s_d_nt N_y_b B_k_l_ h_s _pp__nt_d _ f_rm_r _rmy
c_pt__n, K_rl_ Tr_g__r_s, _s _d_c_t__n m_n_st_r. Sh_
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r_q__r_ _ll sch__l pr_nc_p_ls t_ b_c_m_ r_l_ m_d_ls.
Sch__l h__ds w_ll b_ r_q__r_d t_ gr__t st_d_nts _s
th_y c_m_ thr__gh th_ sch__l g_t_s __ch m_rn_ng.
Th_y w_ll _ls_ scr_t_n_z_ p_p_ls' h__rc_ts _nd
_n_f_rms. Tr_g__r_s w_rn_d sch__ls th_t: "F__l_r_ t_
c_mply w_th th_s_ pr_v_s__ns...w_ll b_ c_ns_d_r_d _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

el salvador is cracking down on school discipline president nayib bukele has appointed a former army captain karla trigueros as education minister she has started inspecting schools wearing army fatigues ms trigueros is also a physician and was head of the countrys vaccination logistics during the coronavirus pandemic one of her first edicts was to require all school principals to become role models school heads will be required to greet students as they come through the school gates each morning they will also scrutinize pupils haircuts and uniforms trigueros warned schools that failure to comply with these provisions will be considered a serious breach of administrative responsibility

the main focus of el salvadors new education initiative is on appearance and conduct in particular boys are required to have closely cropped military style haircuts while all students must wear tidy uniforms and greet all teachers respectfully there has been mixed reaction to the new policy a leading teachers union called it a regrettable militarization of schools it was concerned that the country was veering back to the days of military dictatorship it said we are concerned that the already [endemic] abuses of power against students will increase however many parents are supportive of the new rules one said thats how you straighten children out from a young age

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **school discipline** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250825-school-discipline.html>

Discipline in all schools should be very strict. Discuss.

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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: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SCHOOL DISCIPLINE: Make a poster about school discipline. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HAIRCUTS: Write a magazine article about requiring all schoolchildren to have very short haircuts. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on school discipline. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to create better discipline in schools. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. f	3. a	4. j	5. c
6. e	7. h	8. d	9. b	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Captain
- Army fatigues
- Role models
- Haircuts and uniforms
- Administrative responsibility
- Closely-cropped, military-style haircuts
- Mixed reaction
- A leading teachers' union
- Military dictatorship
- Straighten them out

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- El Salvador is cracking down on school discipline.
- She has started inspecting schools wearing army fatigues.
- Require all school principals to become role models.
- Greet students as they come through the gates.
- They will also scrutinize pupils' haircuts and uniforms.
- Boys are required to have closely-cropped, military-style haircuts.
- Wear tidy uniforms and greet all teachers respectfully.
- There has been mixed reaction to the policy.
- Veering back to the days of military dictatorship.
- Straighten children out from a young age.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)