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Level 2

Japanese school 'forces girl to dye hair black'

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THE READING

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An 18-year-old student is suing her local government after her school told her to dye her hair black. The third-year student attended a high school east of Osaka, Japan. She had naturally brown hair, but her school told her many times to dye it black to follow the school's rules. The 'Mainichi' newspaper reported that school staff told the girl to dye her hair every one to two weeks. This changed to once every four days. The girl's mother said her daughter got a rash on her head and that her hair was damaged. The girl also suffered from a lot of stress at school.

The student is suing for \$20,000 in damages. She told the court that the school bullied her for three years and that the school would not accept her hair colour was natural. She was banned from school trips and festivals because of her brown hair. She explained that teachers said things to her in front of the class that embarrassed her. This caused her psychological damage. She said that a teacher told her that she should not come to school with brown hair. The girl said that she was so stressed one day that she collapsed. She had to go to hospital by ambulance.

Sources: <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20171027/p2a/00m/0na/021000c>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. suing her | a. brown hair |
| 2. attended | b. lot of stress |
| 3. She had naturally | c. every four days |
| 4. follow the school's | d. a high school |
| 5. once | e. damaged |
| 6. her daughter got a rash | f. local government |
| 7. her hair was | g. on her head |
| 8. suffered from a | h. rules |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The student is suing for | a. come to school |
| 2. the school bullied | b. was natural |
| 3. her hair colour | c. by ambulance |
| 4. school | d. \$20,000 in damages |
| 5. psychological | e. her |
| 6. she should not | f. stressed |
| 7. she was so | g. damage |
| 8. go to hospital | h. trips |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An 18-year-old student (1) _____ local government after her school told (2) _____ her hair black. The third-year student attended a high school east of Osaka, Japan. She had naturally brown hair, but her school told (3) _____ to dye it black to follow the school's rules. The 'Mainichi' newspaper reported that school (4) _____ girl to dye her hair every one to two weeks. This changed to (5) _____ days. The girl's mother said her daughter got a rash on her head and that her hair was damaged. The girl also suffered (6) _____ of stress at school.

The student (7) _____ \$20,000 in damages. She told the court that the school (8) _____ three years and that the school would not accept her hair colour was natural. She (9) _____ school trips and festivals because of her brown hair. She explained that teachers said things to her in (10) _____ class that embarrassed her. This caused her psychological damage. She said that a teacher told her that she should (11) _____ school with brown hair. The girl said that she was so stressed one day (12) _____. She had to go to hospital by ambulance.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DYED HAIR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171031-dyed-hair-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Dyed hair 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

