

EXERCISES IN CONNECTION WITH "HANGED SCHOOLGIRL..." from The TIMES

Dictation

1. Lynette had to see a doctor after being physically sick.
2. He acknowledged that bullying had gone on to some degree.
3. People should examine their consciences and see if they have anything to reproach themselves for.

Discuss

4. What do you think made Lynette take her own life?
5. Is it possible to blame anyone in this case? Who? Why?
6. Why do you think that some people ignore that bullying exists?
7. Why *does* bullying exist? Do you have any personal experience, either as bullied or bully?

Explain the phrases and rephrase them. Use only English.

8. She was found hanging by her **dressing-gown cord**.
9. One girl had been **suspended** four days **from school**.
10. The **verdict** said that Lynette had not **expressed any intention of harming herself**.
11. Bullying is an **emotive subject** which is easy to **exaggerate**.
12. At home, Lynette had gone to her room **after being reprimanded for smoking**.
13. What was going on in her mind may not have been **apparent to all concerned**.
14. It is unclear whether she had **determined to commit suicide**.