

Vocabulary Building

Deriving Meaning from Context

A. Observe the use of the underlined words in the two letters to the editor. Based on their usage in context, write the underlined words next to the definitions given below. (Write the base form of the word to match the definition.)

- E.g. snoozing In the process of sleeping or napping
1. _____ Full of energy or excitement
2. _____ Having or showing no interest in something
3. _____ It is true that...
4. _____ To accept something that is wrong or offensive
5. _____ To admit a truth
6. _____ To cause disorder or trouble
7. _____ To have too much to handle
8. _____ To make angry
9. _____ To meet face to face
10. _____ To have a lack of something
11. _____ To run into
12. _____ Unreasonable to the point of being silly

Name _____

Class _____ ()

B. Fill in the blank with the vocabulary words. Use each word only once. You may have to use a different tense or part of speech.

Dear Editor

It is 1. _____ that some teachers and parents 2. _____ the behaviour of students 3. _____ in class. In the short time that I have been a NET, I 4. _____ (already) problems with sleep 5. _____ students many times.

I refused to be 6. _____ and decided to 7. _____ a few teachers at my school about students sleeping in their classes. Some of them explained to me that their job is to teach. If students refuse to learn, it is their loss. I find this explanation 8. _____! Students are children. If students engage in inappropriate behaviour, we, as teachers, should not 9. _____ it.

I also talked to students to get at the causes of the problem. Some of the senior form students said they were kept up by an 10. _____ amount of school work. Most of them 11. _____ that they stayed up to chat with friends or play games online. This is parental neglect! The education of a child requires collaboration between home and school. To do their share, parents need to ensure that their children are ready to learn when they get to school.

The fact that the problem of students sleeping in class occurs in Hong Kong is 12. _____ to me. I demand teachers and parents to work together to care for their children.

Sincerely,
Andrea Smith