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## More scandal hits Pakistan cricket team

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Pakistani cricket is in more trouble after fresh news reported by British newspapers. Britain's 'News Of The World' reported one of Pakistan's players telling them that some of his colleagues cheated regularly. He allegedly told reporters that players took money in exchange for helping the team lose matches. The paper did not name the player but the report has made other players angry. Batsman Yasir Hameed is quoted as saying: "It makes me angry because I'm playing my best and they are trying to lose." British police are staying quiet.

Pakistani cricket is already in crisis. Three of its top players are accused of bowling no balls in another gambling scam. The players include the team's captain Salman Butt and bowlers Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Amir. All three deny any wrongdoing. These scandals do not just affect Pakistani cricket. Cricket lovers everywhere are shocked the image of their game is being dragged through the mud. Cricket is so often thought to be the game of gentleman. It is the national sport in Pakistan and Pakistanis are in shock at the recent news.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100905-cricket.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Pakistani cricket is in | a. me angry          |
| 2. some of his colleagues  | b. to lose           |
| 3. helping the team        | c. cheated regularly |
| 4. It makes                | d. more trouble      |
| 5. they are trying         | e. quiet             |
| 6. police are staying      | f. lose matches      |

## Paragraph 2

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. cricket is already      | a. any wrongdoing     |
| 2. Three of                | b. the mud            |
| 3. All three deny          | c. its top players    |
| 4. Cricket lovers          | d. at the recent news |
| 5. dragged through         | e. everywhere         |
| 6. Pakistanis are in shock | f. in crisis          |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Pakistani cricket is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ more trouble after fresh news reported by British newspapers. Britain's 'News Of The World' reported one of Pakistan's players telling them that some of his (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cheated regularly. He allegedly told reporters that players took money in exchange (3) \_\_\_\_\_ helping the team lose matches. The paper did not name the player but the report has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ other players angry. Batsman Yasir Hameed is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as saying: "It makes me angry because I'm playing my best and they are trying to lose." British police are staying (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Pakistani cricket is already in (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Three of its top players are accused (8) \_\_\_\_\_ bowling no balls in another gambling scam. The players include the team's captain Salman Butt and bowlers Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Amir. All (9) \_\_\_\_\_ deny any wrongdoing. These scandals do not just (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Pakistani cricket. Cricket lovers everywhere are shocked the image of their game is being dragged through the mud. Cricket is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ often thought to be the game of gentleman. It is the national sport in Pakistan and Pakistanis are in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ at the recent news.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                |              |              |
|-----|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) in         | (b) on       | (c) an       |
| 2.  | (a) colleagues | (b) colleges | (c) collages |
| 3.  | (a) from       | (b) for      | (c) by       |
| 4.  | (a) done       | (b) given    | (c) made     |
| 5.  | (a) quotation  | (b) quoted   | (c) quotes   |
| 6.  | (a) quite      | (b) quit     | (c) quiet    |
| 7.  | (a) crises     | (b) crisis   | (c) crisp    |
| 8.  | (a) of         | (b) by       | (c) at       |
| 9.  | (a) four       | (b) two      | (c) three    |
| 10. | (a) effect     | (b) affect   | (c) reflex   |
| 11. | (a) so         | (b) as       | (c) such     |
| 12. | (a) shocking   | (b) shocked  | (c) shock    |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100905-cricket.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. in more rbluoet
2. cedthea regularly
3. told rrtsrepoe
4. lose tecmsah
5. doueqt as saying
6. police are yaginst quiet

## Paragraph 2

7. already in isircs
8. ggmlanib scam
9. the team's anpctia
10. aftcfe Pakistani cricket
11. dragged hgtohru the mud
12. the tcreen news

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100905-cricket.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) reporters that players took money in exchange for helping the team lose matches. The paper did not name the
- ( ) player but the report has made other players angry. Batsman Yasir Hameed is quoted as
- ( ) scam. The players include the team's captain Salman Butt and bowlers Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Amir. All
- ( ) saying: "It makes me angry because I'm playing my best and they are trying to lose." British police are staying quiet.
- ( ) Pakistani cricket is already in crisis. Three of its top players are accused of bowling no balls in another gambling
- ( ) gentleman. It is the national sport in Pakistan and Pakistanis are in shock at the recent news.
- ( ) World' reported one of Pakistan's players telling them that some of his colleagues cheated regularly. He allegedly told
- ( ) the image of their game is being dragged through the mud. Cricket is so often thought to be the game of
- ( **1** ) Pakistani cricket is in more trouble after fresh news reported by British newspapers. Britain's 'News Of The
- ( ) deny any wrongdoing. These scandals do not just affect Pakistani cricket. Cricket lovers everywhere are shocked

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. in trouble Pakistani is more cricket.

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2. regularly colleagues of cheated his Some.

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3. helping lose Money for team exchange the matches in.

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4. because my It angry playing me I'm best makes.

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5. staying are police British quiet.

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6. is in cricket already crisis Pakistani.

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7. players the captain The include team's.

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8. deny three All wrongdoing any.

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9. through game the is mud being dragged Their.

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10. Pakistan in sport national the is It.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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. CRICKET:** Search the Internet and find more information about cricket. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about cricket. Include imaginary an interview with the Pakistan captain. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Pakistan's cricket captain. Ask him three questions about cricket. Give him three of your opinions on cricket. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.