

# The Big Payback

1

Write your own word list for the text. Write in your notebook.

2

The following statements are all false. For each statement, write a new one that contains correct information according to the text. Write in your notebook.

- 1 The events of April 20 came as a big surprise to Klebold and Harris.
- 2 Apparently, Klebold and Harris had nothing against students who made it into the sports teams.
- 3 59 students were killed and approximately 30 were wounded.
- 4 Klebold and Harris were arrested after the police had declared the area safe.
- 5 Klebold and Harris had stolen the weapons from a store.
- 6 Roughly, there is one gun to every ten people in the US.
- 7 It is very unusual for an American child to die from gunshot wounds.
- 8 Harris and Klebold were extremely isolated.
- 9 Before the shooting, neither Harris nor Klebold had done anything to suggest they might be capable of acting violently.
- 10 There is no reason to believe that Harris and Klebold's situation at school could have led to the shooting.

3



In this section five, people give you their views on American or Canadian high schools. For each interview, write one or two sentences about the main point of the interview.

Josh \_\_\_\_\_

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Timothy \_\_\_\_\_

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Jessica \_\_\_\_\_

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Anita \_\_\_\_\_

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Mary \_\_\_\_\_

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Choose one or more of the following exercises:

4 

*Can anything justify what they did? Or is there no excuse at all?* asks the text. What do you think? Write a short text and state your opinion.

5 

Could an incident like the Columbine shooting happen at your school? If no – why not? If yes – what makes you think so? Write a short text.

6

What can be done to prevent tragedies like the Columbine shooting from happening? Write a short text or give a talk to your class.

7

Are there dangers in showing violent acts on TV, on films and on the internet, in your opinion? If no – why not? If yes – what can these dangers lead to?