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Breakdown of words

government *gov ern ment*

petition *pet i tion*

comment *com ment*

politician *pol it ician*

discover *dis cov er*

insult *in sult*

acceptable *ac cept able*

Bullying

The government is set to bring in a new law by the end of this year which will make online bullying a crime. Under this law people found guilty of online bullying could spend up to five years in prison or face a fine of up to €2,500.

The new law which will be known as Coco's Law is named after a 21-year-old woman, Nicole Fox Fenlon known to her friends as Coco, who died by suicide in 2018 after suffering more than 3 years of online abuse by bullies. Nicole's mother Jackie started a petition in which she collected 35,000 names to put pressure on the government to do something about online abuse when she discovered that online bullies could not be brought to court.



Jackie with a photo of her daughter Nicole

A **troll** is the name given to a person who writes nasty and insulting messages to and about another person online. Many people in the public eye seem to have become victims of this. People on TV, sports people, singers and politicians have all suffered cruel and insulting comments posted about them on the internet. These comments not only refer to how they perform their jobs but also on how they look, what

they wear, their weight, lifestyle and their families.

Insults and hurtful comments about a person's body, race or personal life would not be allowed in newspapers or on TV but seems to have become acceptable when posted online. Last year those taking part in the TV show, *Dancing with The Stars*, all said they received nasty online comments mostly about their body image. Many GAA and other sports players have said they often receive terrible online abuse after matches.

Thousands of Irish people, many of them teenagers and children have become victims of bullying both online and in person. Young people can be targeted online by people they don't even know. In a survey last year it was found that 40% of Irish children speak to people they have never met in real life, when online and on games websites, so parents need to be aware of what websites and social media their children are using and who they are friends with.

Apart from online, bullying can take many forms. It can be physical or verbal abuse, it can include stealing, blackmail, spreading rumours, making fun of or leaving someone out of a group. Bullying can happen in your workplace, your school, your community or even in your own home.

We all need to be aware of what behaviour is acceptable in our workplace and in our homes. If my words or actions cause hurt to others then I must stop. If I find the attitude of a boss, work or school colleague is hurtful to me or to someone I know then I must not be afraid to report it to those in charge. We must all stand up to bullies.



Take 2 words each day and work on them using

achievement <i>ach ieve ment</i>	excitement <i>ex cite ment</i>	entertainment <i>en ter tain ment</i>	punishment <i>pun ish ment</i>	management <i>man age ment</i>
advertisement <i>ad vert ise ment</i>	encouragement <i>en cour age ment</i>	improvement <i>im prove ment</i>	payment <i>pay ment</i>	development <i>de vel op ment</i>

- **Look** at the word, break it into parts/syllables, what parts do you know already?
- **Say** each part 3 times , (ad vert ise ment)
- **Cover** the word
- **Write** the word
- **Check** if you have it spelt correctly

Then, use it in a sentence of your own.

Fill in the parts of the words that are missing in these sentences.

1. There was great ex _____ when the local team won the match.
2. The new shop put a big ad _____ in the paper.
3. When I rested my sore leg there was a big im _____.
4. The Irish soccer team is under new man _____.
5. I have to make a loan _____ ment at the credit union.
6. Children need lots of en _____ age _____.
7. Bullies need to get a pun _____.
8. Winning the All-Ireland was a great a _____ ieve _____.
9. There is a new building de _____ going on in our town.
10. There is lots of _____ ter _____ ment available on the internet.

Write the opposite of these by putting in **un dis** or **mis** before each word.

1. understood _____
2. fit _____
3. agree _____
4. known _____
5. heard _____
6. lead _____
7. obey _____
8. fair _____
9. common _____
10. dress _____
11. read _____
12. place _____

Maths work out the new price of all these items that are on sale



(Remember 25% is the same as $\frac{1}{4}$)

1. Coffee machine



old price €180
new price _____

2. Washing machine



old price € 360
new price _____

3 Fridge



old price € 644
new price _____

4. 44 inch Television



old price €996
new price _____

5 laptop



old price €560
new price _____

Answers:

4. €747	5. €420
1. €135	2. €270
3. €483	

Words ending in nch

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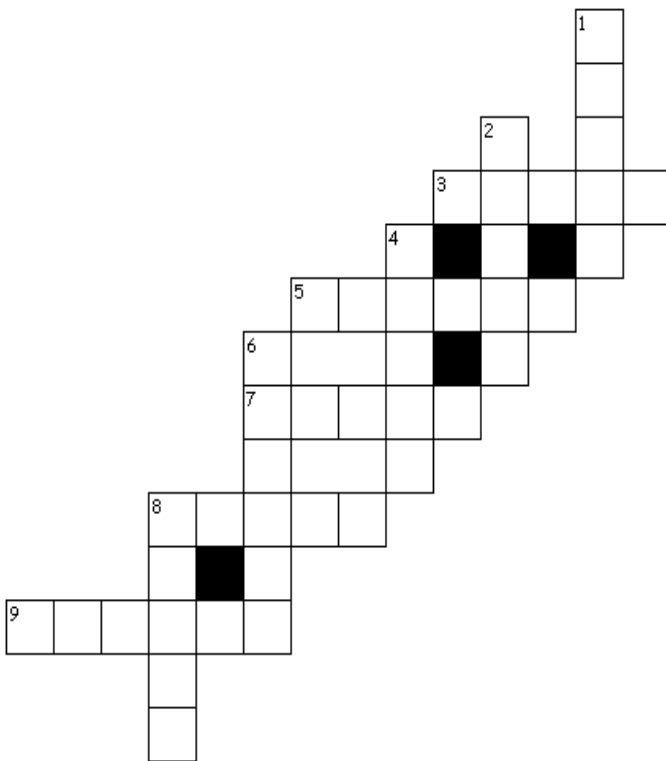
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inch

unch

ranch	bench	quench	inch	bunch	lunch	crunch
branch	drench	French	pinch	munch	punch	brunch

The answers to the crossword are all words from the list above



Across

3. To chew loudly
5. To put out a fire
7. Large farm
8. To hit with your fist
9. A part of a tree

Down

1. He gave me a _____ of flowers
2. You eat this in the middle of the day
4. Long wooden seat
6. Throw water on something
8. A _____ of salt

Fill in the blanks with words from the list.

1. If you go out in the rain, it will _____ you.
2. A meal eaten between breakfast and lunch is often called _____. Make sure you _____ the fire before you leave.
3. She lives on a large _____ in Australia.
4. The leaves on the ground make a _____ sound when you walk on them.
5. A person from France is _____.
6. I have a lovely garden _____ on my lawn.
7. I like to eat a small _____ of grapes after my dinner.
8. The boxer landed a _____ to the other fighter's body.
9. I had to cut a _____ off the tree as it was dangerous.
10. We must meet for _____ some day next week.