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**ELEMENTARY: CORRECT THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE**

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6. Don Foster is the Liberal Democrats' medium spokesman.
7. Mr Foster says Mr Hunt did not 'rave through' the early Murdoch proposal.
8. He said 'We should remember that ultimately Jeremy Hunt [ ] took a decision that was contrary to what News Corporation wanted him to do.'
  
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12. Activists in Syria say nearly 17 people died in an attack by government forces yesterday.
13. They say the attack was on a bakery in the city of Hama.
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3. Links have emerged between Mr Hunt's father and Rupert Murdoch's media group. **between Mr Hunt's office and Rupert Murdoch's media group**
4. Mr Hunt's social advisor resigned yesterday. **his special advisor**
5. He admitted he'd gone to France in his dealings with News Corporation at one time. **he'd gone too far**
6. Don Foster is the Liberal Democrats' medium spokesman. **He's the Liberal Democrats' media spokesman.**
7. Mr Foster says Mr Hunt did not 'rave through' the early Murdoch proposal. **'wave through'**
8. He said 'We should remember that ultimately Jeremy Hunt [ ] took a decision that was contrary to what News Corporation wanted him to do.' **'We shouldn't forget...'**
9. The next story is about the trial of the former president of Libya. **Liberia, not Libya**
10. Mr Taylor is accused of murder, rape, mutilation and the use of Chechen soldiers during the civil war. **the use of child soldiers**
11. The civil war took place in neighbouring Sierra Leone in the 1970s. **in the 1990s**
12. Activists in Syria say nearly 17 people died in an attack by government forces yesterday. **nearly 70 people**
13. They say the attack was on a bakery in the city of Hama. **'on a building'**
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18. Barclays Bank has reported a pre-tax profit of £475 million in the first quarter of the year. **a pre-tax loss**
19. It blames the loss on 'security costs'. **'one-off costs'**
20. The bank's directors are expecting as many as half its shareholders to vote against a controversial executive pay deal tomorrow. **as many as 1 in 3 shareholders**
21. The shareholders meet every month. **'at their annual meeting tomorrow' i.e. They meet once a year.**



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**INTERMEDIATE: GAP-FILL**

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2. Links have emerged recently between the culture secretary's \_\_\_\_\_ and Rupert Murdoch's media \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The culture secretary's \_\_\_\_\_ advisor \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
4. He admitted that he'd gone \_\_\_\_\_ in his dealings with News Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ its proposed bid for BSkyB.
5. The culture secretary insisted he'd \_\_\_\_\_ 'scrupulously' in judging the bid.
6. The Lib-Dem media \_\_\_\_\_ is Don Foster.
7. He is \_\_\_\_\_ the culture secretary.
8. Mr Foster said we have to remember that the culture secretary didn't just \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ proposal from the Murdochs to \_\_\_\_\_ BSkyB.
9. He said we \_\_\_\_\_ that ultimately the culture secretary \_\_\_\_\_ a decision that was contrary to what News Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ him to do.
  
10. Judgement in the trial of the former \_\_\_\_\_ of Liberia, Charles Taylor, will take \_\_\_\_\_ in The Hague shortly.
11. Mr Taylor is accused of \_\_\_\_\_, rape, mutilation and the use of \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ the civil war with \_\_\_\_\_ Sierra Leone in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
12. Activists in Syria say nearly \_\_\_\_\_ people died in an attack by government forces \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Hama.
13. State TV is reporting that \_\_\_\_\_ people were killed in an explosion in a \_\_\_\_\_ where bombs \_\_\_\_\_.
  
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ operation covering Europe, the USA and \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ 36 criminal websites.
15. The websites were \_\_\_\_\_ credit card details and other \_\_\_\_\_ information.
16. Two people have been questioned in the \_\_\_\_\_ - one in \_\_\_\_\_ and one in \_\_\_\_\_.
  
17. Barclays Bank has reported a \_\_\_\_\_-tax \_\_\_\_\_ of £\_\_\_\_\_ million in the first \_\_\_\_\_ of the year.
18. It blamed the loss on '\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ costs'.
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4. He admitted that he'd gone too far in his dealings with News Corporation during its proposed bid for BSkyB.
5. The culture secretary insisted he'd behaved 'scrupulously' in judging the bid.
6. The Lib-Dem media spokesman is Don Foster.
7. He is supporting the culture secretary.
8. Mr Foster said we have to remember that the culture secretary didn't just wave through the early proposal from the Murdochs to take over BSkyB.
9. He said we shouldn't forget that ultimately the culture secretary took a decision that was contrary to what News Corporation wanted him to do.
  
10. Judgement in the trial of the former president of Liberia, Charles Taylor, will take place in The Hague shortly.
11. Mr Taylor is accused of murder, rape, mutilation and the use of child soldiers during the civil war with neighbouring Sierra Leone in the 1990s.
  
12. Activists in Syria say nearly 70 people died in an attack by government forces yesterday on a building in the city of Hama.
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15. The websites were selling credit card details and other private information.
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2. What does Mr Miliband say about the fact that the culture secretary is still in his job?
3. What have close links emerged between?
4. What did the culture secretary's special advisor do yesterday?
5. What did he admit he'd done during News Corporation's proposed bid for BSkyB?
6. What does the culture secretary insist he did in judging the bid?
7. Is the Lib-Dem spokesman Don Foster on Mr Hunt's side?
8. What did Mr not do with the early Murdoch proposal, according to Mr Foster? *He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.*
9. What did Mr Hunt do in the end, which showed his impartiality, according to Mr Foster?
  
10. What is the name of the former president of Liberia?
11. Name a crime he's accused of, in addition to murder, rape and mutilation:
12. Where and when did these alleged crimes take place?
  
13. According to activists in Syria, how many people were killed in an attack by government forces on Hama yesterday?
14. What is Syria state television reporting?
  
15. Where did the police operation take place?
16. What have been closed down as a result of the police operation?
17. What were the websites selling?
18. Where did the two arrests in the UK take place?
  
19. What has Barclays Bank reported for the first three months of the year?
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3. What have close links emerged between? **Jeremy Hunt's office/the culture secretary's office and Rupert Murdoch's media group**
4. What did the culture secretary's special advisor do yesterday? **He resigned.**
5. What did he admit he'd done during News Corporation's proposed bid for BSkyB? **He admitted he'd gone too far.**
6. What does the culture secretary insist he did in judging the bid? **He insisted he behaved scrupulously.**
7. Is the Lib-Dem spokesman Don Foster on Mr Hunt's side? **Yes. (He's 'supporting the culture secretary'.)**
8. What did Mr not do with the early Murdoch proposal, according to Mr Foster? **He didn't wave it through.**
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10. What is the name of the former president of Liberia? **Charles Taylor**
11. Name a crime he's accused of, in addition to murder, rape and mutilation: **the use of child soldiers**
12. Where and when did these alleged crimes take place? **in neighbouring Sierra Leone in the 1990s**
  
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20. What did the bank blame the loss on? **'one-off costs'**
21. What will shareholders be voting on tomorrow? **a controversial executive pay deal**
22. What is being held tomorrow? **the shareholders' annual meeting**
23. How many shareholders are expected to vote against the pay deal? **1 in 3**