

JUNIOR LEVEL

Vocabulary bank

Replace the highlighted words with words from the news article.

The Territory-wide System Assessment has become a **1. contentious** issue in the local community. Parents do not want to see their children being subjected to **2. intense training** for the assessment. The government promised not to **3. admonish** schools for poor assessment results so schools would not have to drill students. But educators said this will not help as drilling is **4. ingrained** into Chinese culture. A parents' advocate accused officials and headmasters of **5. fooling** the public.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

ADVANCED LEVEL

A. Fill in the blanks

Please complete the table below:

Issue	Whether drilling of students will 1. _____ if the TSA is abolished or its form is changed.
Government	Promised not to 2. _____ schools for turning in unsatisfactory TSA results.
Educators' opinion	<p>-- A headmistress thinks drilling would continue regardless as in 3. _____ people treat any assessment as an examination.</p> <p>-- Another primary school head said thinking about why many 4. _____ schools choose to take part despite having a choice would throw light on the problem.</p>
Parent opinion	Drilling will continue as schools do not want to fall below the general 5. _____.

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B. CRITICAL THINKING

1. Do you do a lot of drilling? For what purpose?
2. Do you find drilling helpful in learning? Why or why not?
3. Do you think schools will stop drilling students for the school assessments?
4. Do you agree with the idea that drilling is rooted in Chinese culture?
5. Do you feel that there is too much drilling for local students?

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[Answers]

Junior level

1. controversial; 2. drilling; 3. censure; 4. rooted; 5. deceiving

Advanced level

A. Fill in the blanks

1. persist; 2. censure; 3. traditional Chinese culture; 4. private; 5. standard