Term 2 Revision

Reading, listening and speaking

Activity 1 Read about rights at school

1 Read the story about rights at school aloud to a partner.

Human rights, my rights

I'm Zukiswa and I want to tell you what happened at my school. Things were so bad. The girls were scared to go the toilets because the older boys would try to kiss them. Young boys were being beaten up by older children. My friend, who has a limp, stopped coming to school because he was teased and shoved. The children from other countries were bullied too. The teachers didn't seem to know or care. Everyone was too scared to speak out. Then one day there was a writing competition with a lovely prize. The title was *Human rights, my rights*. Human rights are the rights that all people have to live safe, healthy lives. These rights say that all people are equally important and should be treated with respect, even children. Even everyone at my school!

So what do you think happened? Well, my friend, Dana, decided to enter. She worked really hard – dictionaries, the library, she even got my sister to type her essay. She wrote about school. She described everything! And guess what? She won. And what's more, her essay was printed – right there in the weekend paper for everyone to read.

You can guess what happened next! The principal, teachers and the parents were so shocked. They started checking what was happening at break; prefects guarded the toilets and they punished bullies. Well, now my school is the safest, happiest place in the world.

Activity 2 Reading comprehension

1 Answer the following questions:
   a Who is telling the story?
   b Who was being treated unfairly?
   c What was the title of the essay?
   d What happened? Summarise the story in your own words.

2 Complete the sentences by finding the correct definition in a dictionary.

a Racism is _____ .

b Bullying is _____ .

c Sexual harassment is _____ .

Activity 3 Reading comprehension, listening and speaking

1 Read the article, then answer the question:

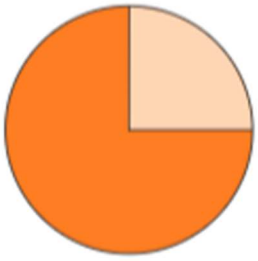
Schools of shame

In a shocking survey it was found that 1 in 4 girls was scared to go to school because of sexual harassment or abuse. The survey also found that 1 in 5 children at primary school started the morning without breakfast and only ate one meal a day.

2 Discuss with a partner. The following is a list of rights: which rights are the people in the article not getting? Use a dictionary to help you.

safety freedom from violence education
privacy shelter a healthy diet

3 The graph shows one of the facts in the article. On your own, copy and label the graph.



Activity 4 Write

Write three paragraphs describing your school, what you would like to see changed and your reasons.

Activity 5 Language

Rewrite the following conversation. Use punctuation correctly:
its not hard to know if something is wrong said dana
what do you mean zukiswa asked