

Fighting for Freedom

Read the news stories below.



Two years ago an American high school student started an online group about her English teacher called 'Mrs Taylor is the worst teacher I've ever met!' When her teacher saw it, the girl wasn't allowed to go to school for a week. The student protested and now a court¹ in Florida has decided that even students must be able to voice their opinions openly online, outside of school, if it doesn't start problems at school. Why should students be any different from adults?

It is expected that Prince William's girlfriend will win £10,000 from two British picture agencies for photos that were taken of her at Christmas. The pictures were taken while she was playing tennis at her family's private holiday home. The British media chose not to use them because the Queen has asked for privacy². But the photos were put in a German newspaper. The royal family wants to choose when they are seen by the public.



A family from Ireland won €13 million in the European Lottery last night. This makes them some of the richest people in Ireland. In the past, some lottery winners have found that their lives became harder with so much money. Mr and Mrs Davis believe that won't happen to them. "We will be happy because we won't have to worry about money any more. We will be able to do anything we want," Mr Davis told our newspaper.

A Mexican was arrested while he was trying to cross the border back to Mexico yesterday. He had been living and working in the U.S. for more than five months although he wasn't allowed to be there. In his statement to the police he said there weren't any good jobs in Mexico. In five months he had made enough money to support his family for three years at home. Of course immigration rules are important, but shouldn't everybody have the same chances?



¹court [kɔ:t] – Gericht • ²privacy ['prɪvəsi] – Privatsphäre

- Each story is about a different kind of freedom. What are the people fighting for?
- Which kind of freedom do you think is most important? Why? What would you do if it was you?
- Finish the sentence 'To me freedom means ...'

Lösungsvorschlag: a) The American high school student is fighting for the freedom of speech. Prince William's girlfriend is fighting for the freedom to keep her life private. The family from Ireland would like the freedom that money gives them to do what they want. The Mexican man would like the freedom to work and make money in the U.S., so that he can support his family. b) + c) eigene Schülerlösung