



Stretch and challenge

Obedience in the news

- 1 In an article in *The Independent* (9 July 2002) Barrie Clement described how a Russian pilot followed orders given by air traffic control, even though his on-board instrumentation told him this would result in a collision. Try to locate a report about this event (e.g. at <http://www.findarticles.com>).
- 2 Use Milgram's findings to explain why the pilot obeyed the orders from the air traffic control crew on the ground, even though they had less information about the situation than he had himself.

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- 3 Recent news reports have suggested that schoolchildren are becoming less obedient. Think about the factors that Milgram identified which affect obedience, and suggest ways in which parents and schools might change to bring about a return to more obedient behaviour by young people.

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