

Unit 10: In the news

1 Language: Understanding news stories

Complete the short news stories with the words from the box.

arrested ■ at the scene ■ charged with ■ firefighters ■ introduced ■ motorists ■ oppose
rescued ■ residents ■ was injured ■ were evacuated from ■ were involved in

Police 1 _____ three adults from a car which drove off the road into a stream this morning. Fortunately, no one 2 _____. Police have asked 3 _____ to drive carefully during this foggy weather.

The government has 4 _____ a law to stop companies building factories or warehouses in the countryside. Although many businesses 5 _____ the new law, it has great support from the public.

Police were called to a fight at the Brooke Hotel on Saturday night. Five people 6 _____ the incident and police officers 7 _____ them for disturbing the peace. It is not known if they'll be 8 _____ an offence.

9 _____ of Pineview 10 _____ their homes this afternoon due to a suspected gas leak. Police and 11 _____ were 12 _____ for three hours but found no sign of a leak.

2 Put the words in brackets in the correct place in each sentence.

1 She had never charged with an offence before. (been)

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2 A few people were injured in the accident but are expected to recover soon. (slightly)

3 People living along the coast have been evacuated their homes before the hurricane. (from)

4 Residents of the town were in an argument with the construction company. (involved)

5 He was arrested for murder at scene but police soon discovered they had made a mistake. (the)

6 Firefighters say are tired of rescuing cats from trees. (they)

7 Politicians are talking about introducing a law to internet use. (control)

3 Language: Understanding news stories

Read the news headlines A–H. Find a word or expression that describes:

- 1 a serious disagreement: _____
- 2 stops: _____
- 3 no war or violence: _____
- 4 new information: _____
- 5 influenced (adjective): _____
- 6 promised: _____
- 7 gets in by force: _____
- 8 hits: _____

A **EARLY MORNING EARTHQUAKE STRIKES CITY**

B **PEACE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW**

C **LATEST UPDATE ON TRAIN DELAYS**

D **TEENAGER BREAKS INTO GRANDPARENTS' HOME**

E **FLOOD WARNINGS: FULL LIST OF AFFECTED AREAS**

F **TROPICAL STORM CEASES AFTER FOUR DAYS**

G **CONFLICT BETWEEN FACTORY BOSSES AND WORKERS**

H **REWARD OFFERED FOR STOLEN PAINTING**

4 Complete the news stories with these expressions in the correct form.

- affected areas
- break into
- cease
- conflict
- latest updates
- offer a reward
- sign a peace agreement
- strike

NEWS

Thieves **1** _____ Bateman’s Department Store in the early hours of Saturday and stole more than a million pounds worth of jewellery and watches. Police have **2** _____ for any information about this incident.

The long **3** _____ in the western part of the country **4** _____ yesterday evening after leaders on both sides **5** _____.

Hurricane Andy is approaching the coast of Florida and is expected to **6** _____ within a week. People in the **7** _____ should check our Hurricane Andy webpage for the **8** _____ on its progress.

5 Language: Present and past participle clauses

Circle the correct participle in each sentence.

- 1 Alain Such, the cyclist suspended / suspending from Ingotel, had only been with the team for a month.
- 2 The actress done / doing advertisements for Tilman's goes shopping at a different supermarket actually.
- 3 Two police officers come / coming to arrest a 14-year-old were attacked by the boy's parents.
- 4 Firefighters arrived / arriving at the scene of the blaze attacked the fire with water and hoses.
- 5 Houses swept / sweeping away by the tsunami have been rebuilt on higher ground.
- 6 A violin made / making by Stradivari is expected to fetch more than \$15 million at today's auction.
- 7 My favourite possession is a little book with watercolour paintings done / doing by my grandmother.

6 Language: Evaluating and selecting

Three journalists on a newspaper are discussing the entries in a competition for a short piece of travel writing. Complete their conversation using the correct form of the words in the box. Remember you can use the past or present participle to turn a verb into an adjective.

convince ■ go ■ have got ■ interest ■ know ■ look ■ make ■ understand ■ want

- Alice:** OK, so this one 1 _____ promising.
- Bert:** Yes, it 2 _____ potential. I agree.
- Chris:** Hmm, I'm not 3 _____. Personally, I'd 4 _____ for this one.
- Alice:** Yeah, that sounds 5 _____.
- Chris:** What I 6 _____ to 7 _____ is if we can choose more than one winner.
- Alice:** Yes, I don't really 8 _____ that, either. Maybe we should check with the boss before we make a decision.
- Bert:** Yes, that 9 _____ sense. I'll call her now.

7 Language: Passives

Put the words in order to make passive sentences.

1 completely/replaced/by/have/email/letters/been

2 by/given/me/my/my/to/was/watch/mother

3 are/made/my/of/plastic/shoes

4 built/my home/in the/was/1980s

5 used/computers/since/been/2000/have/in my school

6 was/dad/born/1970/my/in

8 Reading: Our desire for unrestricted travel

Read the three letters from exercise 39, page 125 again. Match the beginnings of the sentences (1–5) with the sentence endings (A–H). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

0	Alice Prince thinks that _____ .
1	Alice Prince concedes that _____ .
2	Andy Semple misses the aspect of _____ .
3	Andy Semple gives an example of how _____ .
4	Chris Jeynes explains that in today’s world _____ .
5	Chris Jeynes thinks the writer overlooks the fact that _____ .

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A	changes in the world of work have a negative impact on workers and the environment
B	today’s generation can travel the world cheaply
C	a local shop outperformed large retail chains
D	many people have to travel to get to work
E	getting to know other countries is a vital part of young people’s lives
F	supporting local shops in the original article
G	hitch-hiking can also be dangerous
H	many people move close to their workplace

9 Listening: News

Listen to the three news items from around the world from exercise 42, page 126 again. First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice. While listening, complete the sentences (1–5) using a maximum of four words. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

0	Public sector workers are on strike because of announced changes to _____ .	salaries and pensions
1	In contrast, the income of employees in the private sector are _____ .	
2	In Afghanistan heavy snowfalls have led to devastating _____ .	
3	Over 2,000 people have already been rescued according to the _____ .	
4	A satellite television company has secured the screening rights of Priya, a film produced by a group of _____ .	
5	The film <i>Priya</i> sparked the idea of a Bollywood film co-production between _____ .	

Key

exercise 1

1 rescued, 2 was injured, 3 motorists, 4 introduced, 5 oppose, 6 were involved in, 7 arrested, 8 charged with, 9 Residents, 10 were evacuated from, 11 firefighters, 12 at the scene

exercise 2:

2 A few people were injured slightly / were slightly injured in the accident ..., 3 People ... have been evacuated from their homes ..., 4 Residents of the town were involved in an argument ..., 5 He was arrested for murder at the scene ..., 6 Firefighters say they are tired ..., 7 ... a law to control internet use

exercise 3

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| 1 a serious disagreement: conflict | 5 influenced (adjective): affected |
| 2 stops: ceases | 6 promised: offered |
| 3 no war or violence: peace | 7 gets in by force: breaks into |
| 4 new information: updates | 8 hits: strikes |

exercise 4:

1 broke into, 2 offered a reward, 3 conflict, 4 ceased, 5 signed a peace agreement, 6 strike, 7 affected areas, 8 latest updates

exercise 5:

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exercise 6: 1 looks, 2 has got, 3 convinced, 4 go, 5 interesting, 6 want, 7 know, 8 understand, 9 makes

exercise 7:

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| 1 Letters have been completely replaced by email. | 4 My home was built in the 1980s. |
| 2 My watch was given to me by my mother. | 5 Computers have been used in my school since 2000. |
| 3 My shoes are made of plastic. | 6 My dad was born in 1970. |

exercise 8, Reading: Our desire for unrestricted travel

1 G, 2 C, 3 F, 4 D, 5 A

exercise 9, Listening: News

1 (still) increasing / growing, 2 avalanches (and road blocks), 3 authorities, 4 (Australian) university students / (university) students in Australia, 5 India and Australia