

Unit 10: In the news

1 Reading

Our desire for unrestricted travel

Read the three letters from exercise 39, page 134 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 gives an example of
3	Andy Semple misses the aspect of
4	Chris Jeynes explains that in today's world
5	Chris Jeynes thinks that the writer overlooked the fact that

0	E
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A	changes in the world of work have a negative impact on the environment and workers.
B	today's generation can travel the world cheaply.
C	a local shop outperforming large retail chains.
D	many people commute long distances.
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 involves security risks.
H	many people move close to their workplace.

2 Listening

News

Listen to the three news items from around the world from exercise 42, page 135 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	Many people are on strike because of announced salary cuts and pension changes _____ .	in the public sector
1	In contrast, people's income who work 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 based in Mumbai has secured the screening rights of <i>Priya</i> , a film produced by a group of _____ .	
5	The film <i>Priya</i> sparked the idea of a Bollywood film co-production between _____ .	

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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.

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Language

Understanding news stories

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

- 1 She had never charged with an offence before. (been)
She had never been charged with an offence before.
- 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 Many people smoking in all public buildings, including hotels and offices. (oppose)

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

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

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

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

5 Language

Understanding news stories

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

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

6 Language

Understanding news stories

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

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

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.

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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.

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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 (verb or adjective) of the words in the box.

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.

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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

Key

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- Bert:** Yes, that **9 makes** sense. I'll call her now.

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Language

Passives

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