News & views



OBJECTIF

Dans ce premier module, tu te familiariseras avec la presse anglaise et américaine, la télévision, internet et les réseaux sociaux. Tu aborderas également différents sujets de l'actualité avant de te mettre dans la peau d'un journaliste, en réalisant des interviews et en rédigeant tes propres articles.

PROJET

A la fin de ce module, tu réaliseras un journal Web, PDF ou papier reprenant différentes rubriques et différents articles que tu auras rédigés. Tu agrémenteras ce journal de photos personnelles. (cf objectifs détaillés).



INTRODUCTION TO MEDIA



DO YOU LIKE TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT EVENTS ? DO YOU THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD? WHY? WHY NOT?

WHAT KIND OF MEDIA DO YOU PREFER: TV, RADIO, INTERNET, NEWSPAPER? WHY?

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WATCHED THE NEWS ON TV?

DO YOU/YOUR PARENTS SOMETIMES READ THE NEWSPAPER ? WHY ? WHY NOT ?

WHICH NEWSPAPER DO YOU/YOUR PARENTS READ? WHERE DO THEY BUY IT?

CAN YOU GIVE THE NAMES OF SOME BELGIAN NEWSPAPERS? WHICH SECTIONS CAN
WE FIND IN A
NEWSPAPER?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SECTION?
WHY?

DO YOU ALWAYS
BELIEVE EVERYTHING
YOU SEE AND HEAR ON
THE NEWS?
WHY? WHY NOT?

UK NEWSPAPERS



UK newspapers can generally be split into two distinct categories: broadsheets and tabloids. Match each element with the corresponding category.

A. BROADSHEET

B. TABLOIDS

Known as « The quality press »



Many large pictures.



Is divided into « Red tops » and « Middlemarket papers»

Mix fact and emotion.





Serious and formal language.

Large size newspaper.



The Daily Telegraph



Small size newspaper.

For « middle/upper class » reader.



More fact than emotion.



Daily Mail

Serious and intellectual newspaper.

Not many pictures.



Known as « The popular press ».



For « human-interest » reader.





Simple structure and sentences.

Focuses on famous people, private lives and scandal.

THE PRESS IN BRITAIN: LISTENING

Listen to the text and answer the questions IN FRENCH



1.	now often does neigh read the news :
2.	Why does Helen read the news ?
3.	What kind of press does she prefer ?
4.	Why?
5.	What is her favourite newspaper ?
6.	What does she read when she wants to relax ?

KIND	OF PRESS	QUALITY PRESS	TABLOID PRESS		
TITLE	s				
CONT	ENT				
CHAR	CHARACTERISTICS				
8.	8. According to Helen, why is it good to read many different newspapers ?				
9.	What did she use to do)?			
10.	What does she do now	, ?			
11.	Why does she like read	ling articles on the internet	?		
12.	Where did she work w	hen she was 16 years old ?			
13.	How do we call people	who deliver newspapers in	England ?		
14.	How can we say that t	ne press is an important part	t of British culture ?		

7. Complete the following table about the press in Britain:

NEWS STORIES

GUESSING THE HEADLINES

When people read a newspaper, they don't read all the articles. Usually, they check the headlines and just choose the articles that look interesting.



2- Now, look at the words on the board and modify your answer to get the correct headlines.

GUESSING THE NEWS STORY

Choose one of the headlines above and use the following keywords to imagine the story Work in pairs and present your story to your classmates.

- 1- padlocks / frightened / prison / injured / to steal / a zoo
- 2- the rescue service / broken / to drop / to stay stuck / a storm drain / a cell phone / a 16-year-old girl
- 3- an electric shock / hospital / a man / to repair / explosion / a hair-drier / his wife
- 4- the combination of the safe / a police officer / a bookshop / to call / the boss / to tell
- 5- the grandparents / to smash / to squeeze through / the key / to pack shopping / the back window / the police / a young boy dressed as Batman
- 6- the judge / to refuse / to take someone to court / five notices / to disagree / to order
- 7- Sotheby's auction house / wellknown / \$1.4 million / « Girl With Balloon » / British painter / more valuable

READING THE NEWS STORY

- 1- Glance through the news stories and guess which headlines goes with which article.
- 2- Associate each picture with a news story.



	3-	Underline	the verbs	of one of	the news	stories.
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Which tense is mainly used?

4- Make a mind map to show how to form this tense.

NEWS STORIES ARTICLES

A man who tried to steal a monkey at a New-Zealand zoo was sentenced for his crime.

Last week, John Owen Casford broke into the Wellington Zoo during the night. He entered the zoo through an unsecured gate and broke two padlocks to enter the animals' enclosure. He tried to steal a monkey to bring it home for his girlfriend but his attempts was not successful. The next day, the zoo keeper found the monkeys frightened in their cage. One of them was injured. The man, who also suffers from several injuries, was sentenced to two years and seven months in prison.

1

A man received a severe electric shock while he was repairing a plug at his home in Kendall, Baltimore. Mr. Ian Taylor, 42, spent the night at the Baltimore Hospital and then went home.

« I was trying to repair my wife hair-drier », he said « suddenly there was a flash and an explosion. I don't know what happened ».

Earlier this year, a New York

Judge ordered the 30-year-old man

to leave immediately. However,

Michael Rotondo disagreed and

said he needed at least 6 months to

get ready to leave the house. The

judje finally refused his demand.

3

Ella Birchenough, 16, was talking to a mate on the phone when she dropped it down a storm drain.

As she really wanted to get her phone back, she took off her wellies, lifted the grating and climbed in. She tried to reach it with her toes, but as the drain was just 45cm wide, she didn't manage and stayed stuck. By happy coincidence, one of the first people on the scene was mobile phone shop employee Tim Richard, 22. He was driving home when he saw Ella in Eaves Road, Dover, Kent. « She was more concerned about getting her phone back than getting herself out » he said. The Kent Fire and Rescue Service pulled Ella out a few minutes later. Unhappily, the phone was broken and she will need a new

2

The story happened one month ago. A young man walked into a bookshop in Chicago. 18-year-old Ruben Carate was wearing a mask. He was carrying a gun and looked very scary. Carate waved his gun at the employees behind the counter and asked them to open the safe and give him the money.

The employees looked nervously at each other and told the robber they couldn't do that because only their boss had the combination to the safe and he was not there yet.

One of the employee bravely suggested to call him when the boss arrives, and to everyone's amazement, Carate agreed and carefully wrote down his mobile number on a piece of paper. He told them not to forget to ask their boss to call him back.

Later that day, they called Carate back. They also phoned the Chicago police. When Carate returned to the shop, a Chicago police officer was waiting for him behind the counter.

4

The grandparents of Iris Adamski were packing shopping into their car when suddenly the car locked itself, with the keys inside along with the one-year-old baby.

On this hot day in Tesco car park in Uckfield, East Sussex, John and Caroline Penny called the police. The police officers were unable to hook the door open. They smashed the back window but couldn't reach the door because it was too small. Luckily, five-yearold Jimmy Venne dressed as Batman arrived at the scene with his little brother dressed as Superman. The little boy squeezed through the very small back window to get the keys from the dashboard. It took a few more minutes to free the baby.

Primary school pupil Jimmy said «I always feel like a superhero but that day was special!».

5

Even after five notices and an offer of cash, Michael Rotondo, from Camillus, N.Y., refused to leave his parents' home. As they were at the end of the rope, his loving parents took him to court.

A few minutes after it was sold for more than \$1.4 million, a painting from the mysterious British painter Banksy self destructed, leaving art fans speechless.

This happened at Sotheby's auction house in

This happened at Sotheby's auction house in London on 5th October 2018. The painting is a reproduction of « Girl With Balloon », one of the most wellknown graffiti murals of the artist. The artist later explained that he secretely built the shredder in the painting a few years before. Some people believe that this painting is more valuable now that it was while still intact.

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MINI-CONVERSATIONS PAST SIMPLE

This is a fun, communicative grammar activity for the entire class. See Activity Notes on Page 2.

Approximate Time: 15 minutes.



buy 100 cans	laugh a
of cat food	lot
run for almost	get a very
three hours	short haircut
study Italian	say 'Good-bye'
and Japanese	to my friend
drink six cups	sleep all
of coffee	day
watch TV for	make
ten hours	dinner
go to a police	sing 'Happy
station	Birthday'
take a photo of	read five books
my friend	about Iceland
eat some fries	lose my cell
and a burger	phone
see an	play
action movie	basketball
do	paint a
nothing	picture

Write this conversation model on your board.

PAST SIMPLE

A: What did you do yesterday?

B: I yesterday.

A: Where did you?

B: I (place).

A: Why did you?

B: I because *(reason)*.

A: Did you have a good time?

B: Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

A: Continue with your own Questions and Answers!

EDITING PRACTICE PAST SIMPLE

Question: Do you like to travel by plane? Why? / Why not?

• Correct the 30 grammar mistakes below. The first one is done for you.



My Flight to Canada

Last month is very special. I fly by myself for the first time! I am a little nervous but it is exciting. First, I take a taxi to the international airport terminal. Then, I check-in at the check-in counter and walk to the departure lounge at Gate B64. I am early, so I don't have to wait a long time to go through immigration and security. Then, I wait in the departure lounge for about 25 minutes before I get on the plane. After I board the plane, I walk along the aisle and find my seat. Then I sit down and

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fasten my seatbelt. I am lucky because my seat is a window seat, so I can look outside as the plane takes off. After a few hours, the flight attendants serve us dinner and then I talk to the passenger next to me. His name is Eduardo and I am surprised to find out that he is also travelling to Vancouver to study English for the summer. Finally, I watch an action movie and then our plane lands soon after that. I have a wonderful time in Canada. It is really fun and I make lots of new friends from all over the world. Next week, I will fly back to Mexico but I will never forget my time here.

NAME:	DATE:
GRAMMAR and WRITING	 Answer your friend on facebook.
PAST SIMPLE	Remember to use past tense in your answer!



Update



Your friend >> You

Hey, I didn't see you last weekend! Where were you? What did you do?

Like	Comment	Share →
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		Post

NAME:	DATE:

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CHATTING & GOSSIPING

Choose an article involving famous people, scandals, ...
Underline or jot down important parts of the article and go round the class to report it to your friends.
Use appropriate gestures and intonation!

These sentences can help you:

Α

- Have you heard about ...?
- Did you know that ... ?
- Guess what ... ?
- I read in a magazine / I heard it on the radio that \dots

В

- Really ? I don't believe it!
- Are you joking?
- How / When / Where did it happen?
- How do you know it?



LISTENING: « Everyone was cheering »

I. Listen to the text and answer the following questions IN FRENCH

PART 1 What is the text about? How do you know it? Make a list of English keywords Answer the following questions: WHERE, WHEN, WHO? Was she alone when it happened? Could they predict the accident? How do you know? How did the accident happen? 7. What did she do? (give 3 elements) What did she keep asking when she was recovering in hospital?

PART 2

9.	When did she go back on her surfboard?
10.	Explain the title "Everyone was cheering!"
11.	Find another title for the text
12.	Is it a happy end ? Explain.



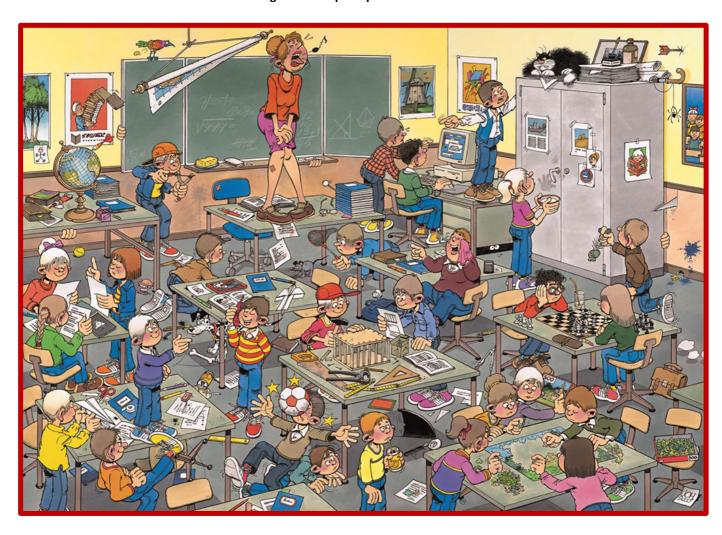
BETHANY HAMILTON'S STORY

Watch the video about Bethany Hamilton and Write IN FRENCH the information you already knew and some new information about her story.

Similar information	Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board Beiliany Hamilton
New information	

PAST CONTINUOUS

What were the students and the teacher doing when the principal entered the classroom?



PAST CONTINUOUS

Student 'A'

- Discuss the questions below with your partner.
- 1. What were you doing 10 minutes ago?
- 2. What were you doing at seven o'clock this morning?
- 3. Were you watching TV at ten o'clock last night?
- 4. What were you thinking about a few minutes ago?
- 5. What was our teacher saying a few minutes ago?
- 6. What were you doing yesterday afternoon at three o'clock?
- 7. Was it raining two hours ago?
- 8. Were we studying English two hours ago? If 'no', what were we doing?
- 9. What were you doing at noon yesterday?
- 10. What were we talking about one minute ago?



GRAMMAR DISCUSSION PAST CONTINUOUS

Student 'B'

- Discuss the questions below with your partner.
- 1. What were you doing one hour ago?
- 2. What were you doing at six o'clock this morning?
- 3. Were you watching TV at eleven o'clock last night?
- 4. Who were you talking to a few minutes ago?
- **5.** What were you doing yesterday afternoon at one o'clock?
- 6. Was it raining one hour ago?
- 7. Were we studying English an hour ago? If 'no', what were we doing?
- 8. What were you doing at midnight last night?
- 9. What was our teacher doing one minute ago?
- 10. What were we talking about five minutes ago?







MINI-CONVERSATIONS

PAST CONTINUOUS

This is a fun, communicative grammar activity for the entire class. See Activity Notes on Page 2.

Approximate Time: 15 minutes.



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2:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
6:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
6:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
7:45 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
8:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
11:15 a.m.	10:45 p.m.
noon	midnight

Write this conversation model on your board.

PAST CONTINUOUS

A: What were you doing at yesterday?

B: I was (verb + ing).

A: Where were you (verb + ing)?

B: I was *(verb + ing)* + *(place)*.

A: Why were you (verb + ing)?

B: I was (verb + ing) because (reason).

A: Were you having a good time?

B: Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

A: Continue with your own Questions and Answers!





Murder in the flats

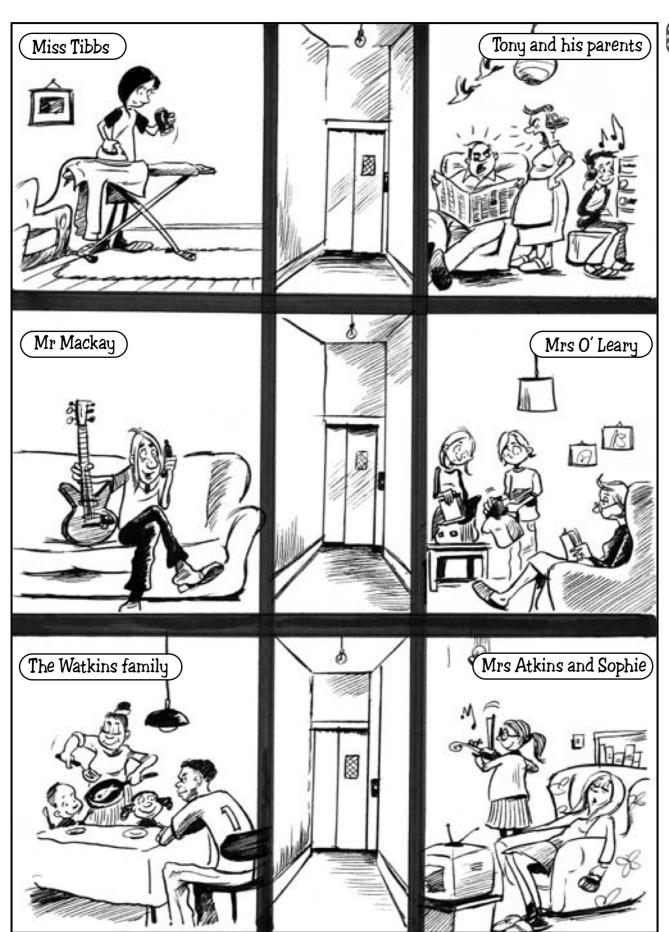
- 1 At 7 pm last night, there was a murder on the fourth floor of a block of flats. The police interviewed six witnesses.
 - Complete the witnesses' statements. Write the verbs in the past continuous.
 - But are the witnesses reliable?
 Look at the picture on sheet B and correct any wrong information.



I	(iron, drink) Miss Tibbs:	When I heard the gunshot upstairs, I was ironing some towels and a can of coke a cup of tea.
2	(do, begin)	
	Tony:	What at 7 pm? Well, I don't
		really remember. I think my parents the washing up
		and I to play a computer game.
3	(tune)	
	Mr Mackay:	No, I didn't hear anything. You see, I'm a musician and I
		my guitar when it happened.
4	(read, pack)	
	Mrs O'Leary:	Oh, I'm not sure. I think I a book on the sofa
		and I think my children their bags for school.
		But I could be wrong!
5	(have, serve)	
	Mr Watkins:	Well, we our evening meal. In fact, my wife
		the soup when we heard the noise from
		upstairs.
6	(watch, do)	
	Mrs Atkins:	I don't think I can help you. I was very tired yesterday evening. I
		TV and Sophie (that's my daughter)
		her homework, I think.
W	/ho is the most	reliable witness?
T	he most reliable v	vitness is

2







Pompeii



Read the text. Then, answer the questions.

Today is August 24, AD 79. We are in Pompeii, a small town in southern Italy, during the time of the Roman Empire. The town lies just below Mount Vesuvius, an ancient volcano. Farmers grow food on the slopes of the mountain.

People are busy in the town. Let's walk down the main street. First we pass a taverna. A young man is drinking a glass of wine at the bar. Next we smell fresh bread from the bakery. Two women are buying loaves and honey cakes. In the road a crowd of children are playing a game with stones. Maximus Minimus walks past - he lives behind the bakery. He invites us in. We follow him into his open air courtyard. His wife, Agrippina, is here, writing a letter. The workmen are painting pictures of the countryside on the walls. A dog is sleeping in the corner.

Suddenly there is an explosion. The sky goes dark. The ground shakes violently. There is lightning. Everybody thinks it is an earthquake, but they are wrong. It is the volcano. After 800 years, Mount Vesuvius has woken up. Fire and lava burst out of the top. Black clouds of hot ash fill the sky and the wind takes them over Pompeii. Maximus grabs Agrippina's hand and they run out of the house. The dog hides under a table. The children cry for their parents. Men, women, children and animals run through the streets. Most of them escape but two thousand die.

When it is over, the sky stays dark. Piles of ash cover everything. It looks like snow.

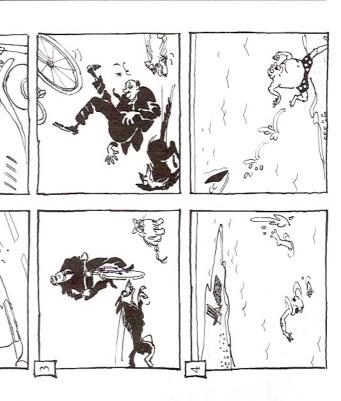
What was the young man doing when the volcano erupted?	6 What was the dog doing?
What were the two women doing?	What did Maximus do when the volcano erupted?
3 What were the children doing?	8 What did the dog do?
4 What was Agrippina doing?	9 What did the children do?
5 What were the workmen doing?	What happened to the people of Pompeii?

PAST SIMPLE Vs PAST CONTINUOUS

Ask and answer two questions about the man in each

ASSE AND AND AND AND ADOUT THE THE THE THE CACH	about the main in cach
pair of pictures. Use the past continuous, then the past	ntinuous, then the past
simple.	
QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1 he do when it start to	- hang out his washing
rain?	 take the washing insid
2 he do when his car	drive into town
break down?	 phone a garage
3 he do when the dog run	 cycle along the street
in front of him?	 fall off his bicycle
4 he do when he see the	 swim in the sea
shark?	 get out of the water

1 What was he doing when it started to rain? What did he do when it started to rain? – He was hanging out his washing -He took the washing inside.



Practice

Exercise 34B

1 A sad story

1 Look at the pictures. They tell the unfortunate story of Mrs Maisie Taylor and her cat, Billy.

The verbs and phrases opposite tell the events of the story but they are not in the right order. Put the correct picture number into the boxes.



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	Past Simple	Past Continuous
	ran up	was waiting
	killed	was watering the plants
	arrived	were leaving
	put up	was playing
	called	were having tea
	rang	
	rescued	
	ran him over	
	couldn't get down	
	invited them for tea	
	tried to tempt him dow	'n
2	the correct verbs and phr Yesterday evening, Mrs T in	ry about Mrs Taylor using ases from the boxes. aylor (a) her garden, while her cat, near her. Suddenly, Billy
	(c) a tree. Mrs	Taylor (d) t
	Billy, but he (e)	, so she
	(f) the Fire B	Brigade. While she
	(g)	for them to arrive, she
	(h)	with some fish.
	The Fire Brigade eventua	lly (i),
	(j) their ladde	er and (k)
	Billy. Mrs Taylor was so p	pleased that she
	(l)	. While they
	(m)	, they didn't see Billy go
	outside again, and ten mi	nutes later, as they
	(n)	, they (o)

and unfortunately they (p) _____ him.

2 Correcting facts

The following statements about the story are *all* incorrect. Correct each one first with a negative statement and then add the correct information.

Example

The story happened last month.

The story didn't happen last month, it happened yesterday evening.

Billy was sleeping in the garden.
Billy jumped over the wall.
Mrs Taylor rang the Police.
The Fire Brigade used a rope to get Billy down.



3 Past Simple or Past Continuous?

f Billy died when he fell from the tree.

Underline the correct verb form.

Example

We <u>met</u>/were meeting when we lived/were living in Italy.

- a She worked/was working quietly at her desk when suddenly the door opened/was opening and her daughter rushed/was rushing in.
- b He stood/was standing up, walked/was walking acrost the room, and closed/was closing the window.
- c A strange man walked/was walking into the room. He wore/was wearing red trousers and a pink shirt.
- d *Didn't you meet/Weren't you meeting* your wife whil you worked/were working in Chile?
- e I saw/was seeing you in the park yesterday. You sat/were sitting on a bench with your arm round Ton

- f As soon as I walked/was walking into the room, he handed/was handing me the letter.
- g His father was really angry with him because he *listened/was listening* to music while he *did/was doing* his homework.
- h Why didn't they visit/weren't they visiting me while they stayed/were staying in London?
- i As he *passed/was passing* the bank, a man in a mask *knocked/was knocking* him onto the ground.
- j What *did you writelwere you writing* when your computer *crashedlwas crashing*?

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4 A holiday in Madeira

T.17 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form, Past Simple or Past Continuous.

A special	
holiday in N	<i>Aadeira</i>
Last February, I (a)	(decide) to
go on holiday to the isl	and of Madeira. On the morning
I (b)	(leave) England it
(c)	_ (rain), but when I
(d)	_ (land) in Funchal, the capital
of Madeira, the sun (e)	(shine)
and a lovely, warm bre	eze (f)
(blow) from the sea. I (g) (take)
	(h) (sign)
the register, someone (i	(tap) me
on the shoulder. I (j) _	(not can)
believe my eyes! It was	
(k)	_ (stay) at the same hotel. The
next day, we (1)	(go) for a walk
together in the hills and	d we (m)
(see) hundreds of beau	tiful wild flowers. It
(n)	_ (get) dark when we
(o)	_ (return) to our hotel after a
	e (p)
(spend) the rest of the	week together; it was very
romantic. We (q)	(feel) very sad
when the holiday (r)	(end).

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5 What did he do? What was he doing? Read the stories and answer the questions.

Hero saves man's life

Thirty-eight-year-old Jack Easton was driving home from work at around 6.30 in the evening when he saw a yellow VW van, driven by Ken Sharpe, crash into a tree. Without thinking of his own safety, he pulled the young man out of the van and took him straight to hospital. Ken is making good progress.

V	What was Jack doing when he saw the
8	accident?
_	
-	
1	What did Jack do when
ŀ	ne saw the accident?
_	
_	

Lottery win for unemployed man

Unemployed painter, John Parrott, received a very pleasant surprise last night. He was at home repairing his car when a man from the lottery came to his house to inform him that he had won £300,000. He immediately gave his wife a big kiss and took his whole family out for a slap-up meal.

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		- 2
	en he he	n Parrott eard the
5 5	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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SHOCK FOR BANK CUSTOMERS

Customers in BARCLAYS BANK, Heston, received a terrible shock yesterday. People were standing in queues chatting to each other when two masked robbers burst into the bank. 60-year-old Martin Webb suffered a heart attack and was taken to hospital. The robbers escaped with £500.

e	What was happening in
	the bank when the
	robbers burst in?

f What happened to
Martin Webb when the
robbers burst in?

N.A	AME:		DATE:
G	RAMMAR QUIZ		
P	AST CONTINU	IC	OUS
•	Decide if each question or statement is	s corr	rect or wrong.
1.	I left home at six-thirty this morning and went to work. a) Correct b) Wrong	10.	(A) What were you doing?(B) We ate dinner.a) Correctb) Wrong
2.	He was doing his homework when I called him. a) Correct b) Wrong	11.	I didn't sleeping when my friend rang the doorbell. a) Correct b) Wrong
3.	Did the storm wake you up? It was raining heavily all night. a) Correct b) Wrong	12.	My friend was already eating lunch when I met him in the cafeteria. a) Correct b) Wrong
4.	Stewart wasn't careful. He hit a tree and he was falling off his bike. a) Correct b) Wrong	13.	No, she wasn't at the library yesterday afternoon. a) Correct b) Wrong
5.	I watched TV when I heard the phone ring. a) Correct b) Wrong	14.	(A) Did you watch the movie?(B) Yes, I was.a) Correctb) Wrong
6.	(A) Were you and John studying?(B) Yes, we were.a) Correctb) Wrong	15.	(A) Were you watch the movie?(B) No, I didn't.a) Correctb) Wrong
7.	Sarah found a new job at an office downtown. a) Correct b) Wrong	16.	It rained all day yesterday, so I stayed at home. a) Correct b) Wrong
8.	I was washing the dishes and Tom was sweeping the floor. a) Correct b) Wrong	17.	It was raining all day yesterday, so I stayed at home. a) Correct b) Wrong
9.	(A) Was the dog barking?(B) No, it didn't.a) Correctb) Wrong	18.	(A) Why are you laughing yesterday?(B) I was reading a funny book.a) Correctb) Wrong



TELLING A NEWS STORY

Tell a news story to your classmates.

Answer to the following questions:

- ✓ WHAT happened?
- ✓ WHY did it happen?
- ✓ WHO was involved?
- ✓ WHERE did it happen?
- ✓ WHEN did it happen?
- ✓ HOW did it end ? (Is it a happy end ?)



The following sentences will help you start your presentation:

- « I read a really sad / funny / odd news story in the newspaper yesterday ... It was about ... »
- « I heard a ... »
- « I saw a ... »

2- Role play - Make an interview.

Change your news story into a dialogue. Play it with your partner.



Calling 911

In this lesson, you will practice using English in an emergency situation. This lesson will help prepare you in case you ever need to call an emergency dispatcher in an English-speaking country.



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

- 1. Why might you need to call 911?
- 2. What questions do emergency dispatchers ask?
- 3. Why is it important to remain calm in an emergency situation?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

-	1.	unconscious	a)	a medical professional who specializes in emergency response
	2.	ambulance	b)	not mentally or emotionally alert
	3.	pulse	c)	to move around
	4.	CPR	d)	cardiopulmonary resuscitation (trying to revive someone by pressing on the heart and/or breathing into the mouth)
	5.	circulate	e)	relaxed in mind and body, not stressed
	6.	calm	f)	an emergency vehicle
	7.	speakerphone	g)	the application of pressure
	8.	paramedic	h)	a hands-free feature for communicating on a phone
	9.	heel of one's hand	i)	the vibration of blood pumping through the arteries (usually felt in the neck or wrist)
	10.	compression	j)	the bottom raised area of the palm



Dialogue Reading

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. Circle any new words or phrases that you need to practice.

Dispatcher:	911. What's your emergency?
Caller:	My roommate isn't breathing. I need help! Please send an ambulance.
Dispatcher:	Okay. What is your address?
Caller:	22 Meredith Court, New Jersey.
Dispatcher:	Please check for a pulse. Is your roommate unconscious?
Caller:	Yes! Please hurry. I don't know what happened to her.
Dispatcher:	We have an emergency vehicle on the way. Please try to remain calm.
Caller:	Okay. What should I do?
Dispatcher:	Are you alone, or is there anyone with you?
Caller:	We're alone. I found her in the living room. She was just lying here.
Dispatcher:	We need to start CPR. I will help you. Can you put me on speakerphone?
Caller:	Okay. I don't want to hurt her. I don't know what I'm doing.
Dispatcher:	Listen carefully. You will not hurt her. I'm going to instruct you in hands-only CPR. We need to keep the blood circulating until the paramedics arrive.
Caller:	Okay. I already flipped her onto her back. Is that right?
Dispatcher:	Yes. Now put the heel of your hand in the center of her chest, and put your other hand on top. Push hard and fast. We need deep chest compressions—about 100 per minute.



Practice

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue on page 2, substituting the different expressions below. Then switch roles.

1. What's your emergency?

- What's the reason for your call?
- How can I be of assistance?
- Do you have an emergency?

2. My roommate isn't breathing.

- My neighbor is unconscious.
- My teacher passed out.
- · My child fainted.

3. I need help!

- This is an emergency!
- · Send help quickly!
- · Please help me!

4. What is your address?

- Where are you calling from?
- · What's your location?
- Where are you right now?

5. Please try to remain calm.

- I need you to calm down.
- Take some deep breaths.
- I need you to concentrate.

6. We need to start CPR.

- We are going to try to resuscitate her.
- We need to get the blood circulating.
- · We need to keep the blood flowing.
- We need to start chest compressions.

7. I don't know what I'm doing.

- · I don't know how to do it.
- Can you walk me through it?
- Please tell me exactly what to do.

8. Listen carefully.

- Listen to exactly what I say.
- · Listen carefully to my instructions.
- I need you to stop talking/crying and listen.