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Warm Up

- A Look at the pictures. How are the people getting their news?
- **B** How do people you know get the news? How do you get the news?

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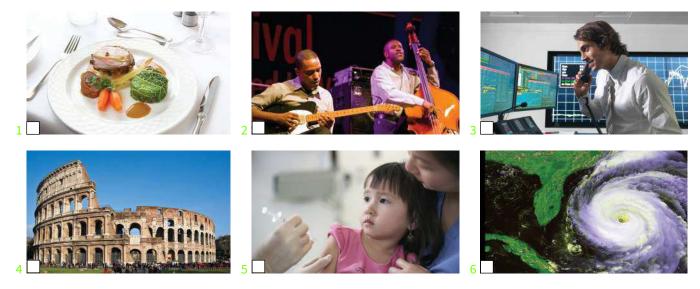
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Vocabulary News sections

A **(**) Listen to the names of news sections. In which news sections can you find the pictures? Compare your answers with a partner.

а	Business	c Health	<mark>e</mark> Local	g Technology / Science	i	Weather
b	Entertainment	🗸 d Lifestyle	f Sports	h Travel	j	World



"I think you can find the first picture in the Lifestyle section."

B PAIR WORK In which news section can you find these news stories? Discuss your ideas.

the best new applications for phonesa meeting among world leaderslast night's soccer scoresa new coffeehouse in your town

Language in context In the news

A ••• Read the headlines and the beginning of each story. Match the headlines to the news sections in Exercise 1A where you can find these stories.

PHOTOS SHOW ANCIENT MARTIAN LAKE

New photos suggest that Mars had a large lake billions of years ago.

Town Recovering from Storm _____

The town of Jasper is slowly recovering from last week's storm.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Hawaii hopes to attract more business travelers.

Jason Parker Debuts New Visual Album at Lucid's _____

Jason was playing his new songs and videos to an excited audience until 2:00 a.m.

B What about you? Are you interested in these stories? Rank them from 1 to 4 in the order you would read them.

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Grammar • Verb tenses – statements Simple present: Hawaii hopes to attract more business travelers. Present continuous: Jasper is recovering from last week's storm. Simple past: Mars had a large lake billions of years ago. Past continuous: Jason was playing songs all night. Present perfect: Café Bella has opened in Pelham. Future with will: The Winter Olympics will begin next Monday. Complete the news stories with the correct forms of the verbs. Then compare with a partner. 1. The Austin Sun Times

1	The Austin Sun Times	has closed	(close) its doors – for now. The	
	newspaper	(print	its last newspaper last Sunday, but it	
		(open) again next	month as an Internet-only paper. Staff	
	members	(learn) ;	about digital publishing now, so they	
		(be) ready next m	onth. Sadly, the Austin Gazette	
		(be) now the city'	s only "paper" newspaper.	
2 Pink (be) a playful color, and it			l color, and it	
	(make) people smile. But last night William Maddox			
	(not / smile) when he		(stop) a fight in his store. "Two	
	people	(argue) fo	r about five minutes over the last pink	
	T-shirt in my store. I		(ask) them to leave and then	
		(close) the store f	or the day," said Maddox.	
3	Fifteen-year-old Kate Moor	е	(be) the country's newest	
	coding champion. Last Tue	sday, she	(compete) against	
	20 other contestants and _		(win) \$50,000 for her fast	
	and accurate coding. Kate		(get) everything right.	
	"No one	(know) h	ow to solve one of the Math	
	problems, except me! Winn	ing	(mean) a lot to me.	
	My parents	(watcl	ı)."	

4 Speaking News stories

A PAIR WORK Think of a story from the news, or make one up. Complete the chart.

What happened?	
What else was happening at the time?	
What has happened since?	
What's happening now?	

B GROUP WORK Share your stories. What will happen in the future?



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I totally agree.

Interactions Agreeing and disagreeing

A Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

"The best place to get news is online."

- **B** Galaxies Listen to the conversation. Why can't Carl check the news headlines? Then practice the conversation.
 - Carl Hey, Jim. Catching up on the news?
 - Jim Oh, hi, Carl. Yeah, I like to know what's going on in the world.
 - **Carl** I feel exactly the same way. Do you read the paper every day?
 - Jim Every day. It's the best way to get the news.
 - Carl Really? I don't know about that. I get all my news online. I check the news several times a day, so I always know what's happening.
 - Jim Online news is OK, but I prefer reading an actual newspaper. So, what are the latest headlines online – right now?
 - Carl Let's see.... Oh, no! I can't get online. I guess there's no wireless signal here. Say, would you mind sharing your paper?
 - Jim No problem!



C Read the expressions below. Complete each box with a similar expression from the conversation. Then listen and check your answers.

Agreeing with an opinion	Disagreeing politely
I couldn't agree with you more.	I'm not sure about that. I'm not sure that's really true.

D PAIR WORK Check (✓) the statements you agree with. Then give your opinions and agree or disagree with your partner.

- It's important to read the news
- every day.
- The Internet is a better way to get news than newspapers.
- Social media is a good way to get news.
- There's not enough positive news these days.
- A: I think it's important to read the news every day.
- **B**: I totally agree. It's important to know what's going on.

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Pronunciation Reduced vowel sounds

A 🎧 Listen and repeat. Notice the reduced vowel sound /ə/ in unstressed syllables.

agree totally even happening

B 💫 Listen. Underline the reduced vowel sounds. Then practice with a partner.

signal about magazine travel section television

Listening Agree or disagree

A • Listen to Ted and Carrie discuss today's news. What news are they talking about? Number the pictures from 1 to 4.









- **B** 🔒 Listen again. Does Carrie agree or disagree with Ted? Circle the answers.
 - 1 agree / disagree 2 agree / disagree

3 agree / disagree

4 agree / disagree



Speaking What do you think?

A Check (✓) the statements you agree with, and mark an X next to the statements you disagree with. Then write a supporting sentence for your opinion.

Statement	Supporting sentence
News bloggers don't provide real news.	
International news stories don't affect me.	
It's important to follow local news.	
Getting news 24 hours a day is helpful.	
Newspapers hurt the environment.	

B CLASS ACTIVITY Walk around the class. Share your opinions with your classmates. Agree or disagree politely.

A: In my opinion, news bloggers don't provide real news. They write opinions, not facts.B: I'm not sure that's true. A lot of bloggers are really newspaper writers.

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Survival stories

Vocabulary Actions in the news

A 🞧 Match the news headlines and the pictures. Then listen and check your answers.

е

- a Shark Attacks Local Surfer
- b Bear Chases Hiker Up Tree
- c Pilot **Crashes** Plane No One Hurt
- d Lightning **Misses** Golfer by One Foot
- f Firefighter **Rescues** Family Cat
- g Hiker **Survives** Week in the Mountains

Boat Overturns - All Swim to Safety

h Fire **Threatens** Historic Town

















"Swimmer Survives Three Days in Ocean"

B PAIR WORK Use each verb in Part A in a new headline.

2 Conversation Shark attack!

A 🕟 Listen to the conversation. How did Wade stop the shark?

Reporter	Wade, what happened?
Wade	A shark attacked me! Can you believe it?
Reporter	How are you feeling? Are you OK?
Wade	Oh, I feel great! I survived a shark attack. That's pretty cool.
Reporter	What were you doing when it happened?
Wade	I was riding a killer wave.
Reporter	Did you actually see the shark?
Wade	Not at first. But then I fell off my board. The shark tried to bite me, so I hit it with my surfboard.
Reporter	Have you seen your surfboard?
Wade	Yeah. It has a big shark bite in it.
Reporter	Amazing! So, what will you do next?

B () Listen to the rest of the interview. What will Wade do next? When?



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Grammar 🙃 Verb tenses – questions

	Wh- questions	Yes / no questions
Simple present:	When do you plan on surf ing?	Do you plan on surfing today?
Present continuous:	How are you feeling ?	Are you feeling OK?
Simple past:	What did you see ?	Did you see the shark?
Past continuous:	What were you doing ?	Were you surfing?
Present perfect:	How long have you surfed ?	Have you surfed for a long time?
Future with will:	What will you do next?	Will you go back in the water soon?

A Look at the yes / no questions the reporter asked Wade. Complete the questions with the correct forms of the verbs. Then compare with a partner.

- _____ you ______ (go) surfing every day? 1 _____ anyone ____ _____ (see) the shark before 2
- it attacked you? 3 _____ other people _____ (surf) around you?
- ____you ______ (buy) a new surfboard soon? 4
- ______you ______(speak) with your family yet? 5 _ _you _____ (have) any advice for



other surfers?

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- **B** Read the answers. Write *Wh* questions about the underlined words. Then practice with a partner.
 - 1 Where did she crash the plane? She crashed the plane in a forest. 2 _____ He's been in the desert for a week. 3 _ The firefighter felt <u>very proud</u>. The fire will threaten the town center tonight. 4 5 They were fishing when the boat overturned. He's thinking about writing <u>a survival book</u>. 6

Speaking Tell me about it.

PAIR WORK Role-play a reporter and a survivor of one of the news stories in Exercise 1. Then change roles.

- Student A: Choose a headline from Exercise 1, and read it to your partner. Answer your partner's questions.
- Student B: Ask your partner five questions about what happened.
- A: Who were you sailing with?
- B: I was sailing with some friends.



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Questions

- 1. Who were you sailing with?
- 2. How exactly did the boat overturn?
- 3. How often do you go sailing?
- 4. Have you ever ...?
- 5.

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Creating news

Reading 🗛

A Look at the logos of the news websites in the article. Which websites have you looked at? What other news websites do you know?

B Read the article. Check (\checkmark) the main idea of the article.

- Traditional news organizations are upset with citizen journalists.
- Technology allows anyone to be a reporter, anytime and anywhere.

Citizen Journalism

Arpita has just updated her news blog.

The winners of a local election in Mumbai have just been announced, and she has listed their names on her blog. On the website of a local newspaper, Liat has recently posted a "digital story," a series of photos and descriptions of a whale rescue. And hundreds of people in the Dominican Republic are tweeting on their cell phones to describe a hurricane that is threatening the country.

What do these stories have in common? Technology is giving people the chance to be news reporters. More than ever before, technology is allowing everyone to share opinions, ideas, stories, photos, and videos from anywhere in the world. If there is breaking news, you can be sure that someone is reporting it.

GroundReport, CNN's iReport, and Blufftontoday.com are just a few of the websites where "citizen journalists" can post their articles, photos, or videos. More and more people are making Youtube channels, Instagram, or Snapchat profiles that get more than one million views!

They're sharing their personal thoughts and news reports with the world on these websites. And the increased prevalence of cell phones and cameras has made it even easier for people to share content.

Many media organizations such as CNN now have entire sections of these news stories on their websites. News editors used to decide what was news. Now you decide.

There has been some criticism of citizen journalism, however. For example, there are often mistakes in these stories, including incorrect facts, spelling, grammar, or even news that is fake! These stories may not be as reliable as regular news organizations' stories usually are. Moreover, when people instantly upload stories and images, they cannot know how other people will use them later. But it seems that news by the people and for the people is here to stay.

C Find the words in **bold** in the article. Circle the correct meaning.

- 1 breaking news
- 2 prevalence
- 3 criticism
- 4 reliable
- instantly

- a. (news happening now)
- a. lower cost of
- a. high costs
- a. written well
- a. immediately
- b. news about problems
- b. frequent use
- b. opinions on what's wrong
- b. trustworthy
- b. done without thinking
- D What's your opinion about citizen journalism? Do you think it's a good thing? Do you agree with the criticisms in the article? Do you have other ideas?



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2 Listening Photos of the day

A **(**) Listen to a TV newscaster discuss photos that four viewers have sent in. Number the photos from 1 to 4.





B () Listen again. Answer the questions.

- 1 When did Rafael take the photograph?
- 2 How much of a discount was the store offering?
- 3 How long does it usually take Yumiko to get home?
- 4 What did Arlo do when he saw the animal?
- **C** Which news stories in Part A interest you? Why? Where can you find out more about them?

3 Writing and speaking Become a citizen journalist

A Complete one of these headlines.

HUGE STORM TO ARRIVE ______ _____ Threatens High School LOCAL TEEN RESCUES _____ IN FOREST

Lightning Misses		
Technology Changes		
Students Ask	for	

B Write a short news blog. Use your headline from Part A and the model to help you.

Huge Storm to Arrive Friday

A huge storm is coming on Friday. Everyone is preparing for it. Most people have already bought food and water. . .

C GROUP WORK Share your news blogs. Ask questions to find out more information about each story.

I can discuss a news story. 🧭

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Wrap-up

Quick pair review

Lesson A Find out!

What are two sections of the news both you and your partner like to read? You and your partner have one minute.

A: I read the World section of the newspaper. Do you?

B: No, I don't. I read the Travel section. Do you?

A: Yes, I do.

Lesson B Do you remember?

Write A for expressions that show agreeing with an opinion and D for expressions that show disagreeing with an opinion. You have one minute.

- <u>A</u> 1 I feel exactly the same way. <u>4</u> I don't know about that.
 - _____2 I couldn't agree with you more. _____5 I totally agree.
- _____3 I'm not sure about that. _____6 I'm not sure that's really true.

Lesson C Brainstorm!

Write the question "Where do you shop?" in as many different tenses as you can. You have two minutes.

Lesson D Guess!

Describe something newsworthy for each item, but don't say where it happened. Can your partner guess the place? Take turns. You and your partner have three minutes.

something you did yesterday something you do every day something you will do tomorrow

A: Yesterday I ate at a great café. I had tacos and rice and beans.

B: Were you at Café Mexicana?

A: Yes, I was.

In the real world

What is a breaking news story in your area? Go online or read a newspaper, and find an article in English about it. Then write about it.

- What section did you find the article in?
- What happened?

Oil Spill Threatens Animals

The national news reported an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The oil will harm fish and birds.