

4 In The News

Vocabulary News and media

★ 1 Label the pictures with these words and news.

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|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|
| flash paper | international presenter | local website | national |
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| 1 local news | 5 |
| 2 | 6 |
| 3 | 7 |
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★ 2 Match these words to the definitions (1-7).

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| blog | current affairs programme | headline |
| interview | journalist | podcast |
| | report | |

- When one person asks someone else a lot of official questions. *interview*
- Personal news and comments from an individual on a webpage.
- This is the person who finds and presents information for a newspaper.
- This is the name for the information which they present.
- This is the title for a newspaper story.
- News in the form of audio files for downloading from the internet.
- Where people present and comment on events in the news.

★ 3 Match the sentence beginnings (1-8) to the endings (a-h).

- My sister loves clothes e
 - I don't know all the details
 - We heard about a tsunami
 - She often uses her smartphone
 - My father always reads news stories
 - Opinion articles are not the same
 - I love our local newspaper
 - Sean has no time to read newspapers
- a but he often listens to podcasts.
 b written by the same journalist.
 c to access a news website.
 d because I recognise people and places in it.
 e and reads a fashion blog every week.
 f on a newsflash this morning.
 g because I only read the headlines.
 h as serious news reports.

★★ 4 Put the letters in the correct order to complete the text.

I don't mind watching the news on TV, like my parents, but I'm not interested in those ¹ *current affairs* (truncer frasifa) programmes, where the news ² (erserpent) introduces a topic and then ³ (winevestir) people who know more about it. And then they all give their opinions. I only look at the newspaper for the football, but my uncle's a ⁴ (jolisaturn), and he says I should read the ⁵ (delihsane), and then the full ⁶ (perrot) if I want to. But it's easier for me to access a news ⁷ (ebistew): they've got the news in pictures, on video and in audio files, too. And the best part is the ⁸ (globs), because you can always find one on a topic you like.

Reading

Brain Trainer

Underline these words in the text in Exercise 1:

the news
 blog
 social networks
 newspapers

Now do Exercise 1.

★ 1 Read the texts quickly and match the people (1-3) to their news priorities (a-c).

- Esther
 - her brother
 - her parents
- a current affairs
 b pop culture
 c sports

★ 2 Match the phrases (1-6) with the gaps (a-f) in the text.

- on his mobile phone as well
- blogs if they have them
- you can't even talk to them
- just a few things
- that's boring for us
- Billy reads that regularly, too

★★ 3 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- Esther prefers cartoons to news. T
- Her parents are only interested in the news at weekends.
- Her brother buys a special sports magazine.
- Billy follows his friend's news from New Delhi.
- Esther enjoys reading a friend's blog.

interview with ESTHER

We asked Esther to tell us how her family get their news. This is what she said.



My mum and dad are still kind of traditional. They've always watched the news on TV at lunchtime. I mean, ^a .5. , because we can't watch the cartoons on the other channel. Plus at the weekends, they've always bought the Sunday newspapers. Then they spend half the morning reading them, so ^b !

My elder brother Billy is studying Biology at university, and he's always been keen on sports, like football, cycling and swimming. He gets all his sports news from a specialised website, and at the weekends he gets updates on the football ^c Oh, and his best friend from school is living abroad and has started a blog on life in New Delhi. So ^d



As for me, I'm in my last year of high school. I've never been interested in the news, like in current affairs programmes. I've hardly ever watched it on TV, ^e , like the September 11th attacks. What's important for me is my favourite singers and actors, so I follow them on the social networks, and ^f I've also started my own blog at school, so we can all keep in touch next year if we want to.

Grammar Present perfect

- ★ 1 Match the sentence beginnings (1–6) to the endings (a–f).
- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 I've been to France | a put your dad's newspaper? |
| 2 She's had that toy | b done with your gym bag? |
| 3 We've had | c had a bad dream? |
| 4 Have you ever | d some very bad weather recently. |
| 5 What have you | e since she was five. |
| 6 Where have you | f but I've never been to Austria. |

- ★ 2 Complete the first lines of newspaper reports with the correct form of these verbs.

appear arrive discover escape
interview open present record

- 1 **A grey-haired monkey has escaped from the zoo.**
- 2 **A local schoolgirl has a podcast at the radio station.**
- 3 **The mayor has the new theme park in the city.**
- 4 **The high school drama club has on the national news.**
- 5 **An American journalist has an award to the city.**
- 6 **Local History teachers have a Viking ship in the river.**
- 7 **A local schoolboy has Adele about her new album.**
- 8 **25 Swedish schoolchildren have in town on an exchange visit.**

- ★ 3 Complete the questions with the Present perfect form of these verbs. Then add the correct verb in the answers.
- 1 *Have you ever climbed* (you/ever climb) a volcano? No, I *haven't*.
 - 2 (your brother/ever do) the housework? No, he
 - 3 (your parents/ever travel) to the USA? No, they
 - 4 (your family/ever visit) Paris? Yes, they
 - 5 (you/ever buy) an expensive present? Yes, I
 - 6 (your friend/ever lose) a mobile phone? Yes she

- ★ 4 Put the words in the correct order.
- 1 America / wanted / Maite / has / to / visit / always
Maite has always wanted to visit America.
 - 2 written / you / English / ever / someone / to / Have / in / ?
.....
 - 3 interested / comics / always / in / has / Paul / manga / been
.....
 - 4 the / have / camping / weekend / gone / often / at / We
.....
 - 5 tried / a / Have / face / draw / you / person's / ever / to / ?
.....
 - 6 gone / parents / without / Have / holiday / your / ever / on / you / ?
.....
 - 7 been / on / your / ever / family / Has / TV / ?
.....
 - 8 competition / Has / a / team / ever / your / football / won / national / ?
.....

- ★★ 5 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs.
- A Why don't you write a report for our school blog?
B Me? I *'ve never written* (never/write) a report in my life!
A Not even in the English class?
B I don't think so!
A ² (you/ever interview) someone?
B No. I'm not a news presenter! Have you?
A Yes, I ³ (interview) three or four people.
B And how many reports ⁴ (you/do)?
A Three.
B Well, you would have to help me, then.
⁵ (you/think) about a person to interview?
A The school bus driver must have some interesting stories!
B OK. I'll think of the questions. Can you show me how to organise the report?
A Sure! I ⁶ (prepare) that for you already. Here you are!

Vocabulary Adverbs of manner

- ★ 1 Match the questions (1–6) to the answers (a–f).
- 1 Does Carlos write well? *d*
 - 2 How fast can you run?
 - 3 Do your friends work hard?
 - 4 How well can you speak German?
 - 5 Could you speak more slowly, please?
 - 6 How early do you want to leave?
- a Sorry, I didn't realise I was speaking so fast.
b Yes, they do. Very hard!
c About 7.00 a.m., so we don't arrive late!
d I think he writes very clearly.
e I can do a kilometre in ten minutes!
f Not so well, but I'm getting better all the time.
- ★ 2 Complete the sentences with the opposite adverb.
- 1 Jim plays the guitar well, but he sings *badly*.
 - 2 She always drives carefully, but last night she drove
 - 3 The children played happily on the floor, but their mother looked at the news flash.
 - 4 Magda reads fast in her own language, but she reads in English.
 - 5 I like to get home early – but sometimes the bus is!
 - 6 Mum! Don't speak so loudly on the phone! We're trying to work in our room.
- ★ 3 Choose the correct options.
- A So, Alan. What's it like to be a blog writer?
B It's a lot of fun! I can be sitting ¹ *carelessly* / *quietly* at the computer when my mobile phone rings ² *slowly* / *loudly* and it's a friend with a good idea for a story. So I check the details ³ *early* / *carefully*, and then upload my comments. I don't like to work too ⁴ *fast* / *angrily*, because that's when I make mistakes.
A So do a lot of people write back?
B It depends, really. Sometimes I can wait ⁵ *patiently* / *sadly* at the computer and nothing happens. Other times people will ⁶ *happily* / *late* upload a dozen comments in ten minutes!
- ★★ 4 Complete the text with the adverb form of the words.
- I was waiting ¹ *patiently* (patient) for a bus the other day, when a dog appeared and started barking ² (loud). I'm usually a bit scared of dogs, and there was no one else around. I thought ³ (hard) for a moment, and then remembered I had a biscuit in my pocket. So I took it out ⁴ (careful) and gave it to the animal. It stopped barking at once and wagged its tail ⁵ (happy). So then I touched it and talked to it, and ⁶ (slow) we became friends. The dog's been at home now for three weeks!

Speaking and Listening

★ 1 **16** Choose the correct options. Then listen and check.

- 1 A I've just seen Matt Damon at the airport!
B *Come on then! / You're joking!*
A Oh yes? Switch on the TV!
- 2 A Have you heard the news?
B What?
A Scotland have won the European Cup!
B *That's impossible! / Go ahead!* They didn't even qualify!
- 3 A Hey! Our History teacher has written a book!
B *I don't mind. / I don't believe it!*
A She has! There's a copy in the library.
- 4 A Hi guys! Have you seen this?
B What is it?
A An autograph from Rihanna.
B *No problem! / No, really?*
A It is! My cousin works at the stadium.
- 5 A Brilliant! We've got a holiday tomorrow!
B *That's strange! / That's a shame!*
Tomorrow's Wednesday. Why don't you check the calendar?
- 6 A Have you read the paper?
B What's happened?
A They're closing the local gym!
B *I'd like that! / That's ridiculous!* They only opened it last year!

★ 2 **17** Put the sentences in the correct order. Then listen and check.

- a What news?
- b No, I'm not! Look, here's a photo!
- c Why not?
- d Have you heard the news? *1.*
- e Yes, but it says they can't sell them.
- f Because they don't have enough factories to build them!
- g You're joking!
- h They've invented a car that runs on hydrogen!

★ 3 **18** Complete the conversation with these phrases. Then listen and check.

Are you sure I don't believe it ~~something scary~~
strange lights that's not all the best part

- A Have you seen this story about a camel?
B No! What happened?
A This tourist was driving along when he saw ¹ *something scary* on the road ahead, and made an emergency stop.
B So? That sounds normal!
A In the desert, in the middle of the night? There were ² moving as well!
B No, really?
A Yes, but ³! He thought it was an alien from space!
B You're joking!
A No – that's what it says here. So he called the police.
B ⁴!
A Yes, but ⁵ is still to come!
B What's that?
A They told him that police put light strips on many camels in order to prevent traffic accidents!
B Amazing! ⁶ that's a real story?!

★★ 4 **18** Listen to the conversation in Exercise 3 again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The driver was a local man. *F*
- 2 The story took place in a desert.
- 3 He was very confused about what he saw.
- 4 He phoned his wife.
- 5 The police explained the strange phenomenon.

★★ 5 Write a conversation. Use expressions from Exercises 1–3 and this information:

You tell a friend an amazing story you heard on TV. Your friend isn't sure if the story is real. Remember to include your friend's responses.

Grammar Present perfect vs Past simple

★ 1 Match the beginnings of the news reports (1–6) to the endings (a–f).

- 1 A cat has attacked a large dog. *d*
 - 2 A local family has reported seeing UFOs near the river.
 - 3 The high school's website has reached 5,000 visits.
 - 4 A local girl has won a national blog-writing competition.
 - 5 High school students have recorded a podcast for the town council.
 - 6 The local newspaper has introduced a news section for teenagers.
- a The school's principal said last year's maximum was only 2,400 visits.
 - b The paper said the section was requested by teens.
 - c They made the recording in English for tourists.
 - d When the cat found itself in a corner, it jumped on the dog.
 - e Elena Márquez got first prize for her fashion blog last weekend.
 - f Both parents and children said they saw strange shapes in the sky.



Family sees UFOs.

★ 2 Choose the correct options.

- 1 Steve *has broken* / *broke* his arm last weekend.
- 2 My bicycle *has disappeared* / *disappeared*.
- 3 Firemen *have rescued* / *rescued* three people from a lift yesterday.
- 4 My grandmother *has had* / *had* an operation!
- 5 A teenager *has won* / *won* this year's national chess contest.
- 6 Five thousand people *have attended* / *attended* the local music festival.
- 7 We *have lost* / *lost* our suitcases!
- 8 A young woman *has had* / *had* a baby in a taxi last night.

★★ 3 Write the correct form of the verbs.

- A What's the most amazing newspaper story ¹ *you've ever read* (you/ever read)?
- B I ² (not read) very many, but I ³ (hear) a lot of stories from other people!
- A For example?
- B Well, it's the silly ones I remember the best. A player ⁴ (have) to stay in hospital with head injuries after a cricket match.
- A What happened?
- B He ⁵ (hit) the ball really hard, the ball ⁶ (go) up into the sky and ⁷ (kill) a passing duck.
- A You're joking!
- B No, no! And then the duck ⁸ (fall) out of the sky and ⁹ (strike) the player on the head!
- A I don't believe it! That's the most amazing story anyone ¹⁰ (ever tell) me!
- B Imagine that!

★★ 4 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

receive recommend say send
start take ~~win~~ write

Local teen wins national blog contest

Elena Márquez, a 15-year-old from GBS High School, ¹ *has won* first prize in a national contest for school blogs. Elena ² writing the blog two years ago when she ³ a camera as a present. She ⁴ over a thousand photos of teenagers in the street, and she ⁵ a fashion report every month in that time. Her design teacher at school ⁶ that she enter the contest, and the organisers ⁷ her a text message last Monday to tell her about the prize. Her family ⁸ they are very proud of her.

Reading

1 Read the text quickly and choose the best headline.

- a Amusing pet monkeys
- b Man versus monkey
- c Winemaking in South Africa

AnimalNews.netcom

HOME NEWS BLOG FEATURES PHOTOS

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by Wayne Chapman

There are many stories about conflicts between people and wild animals. We have heard about elephants in Africa eating village people's plants. There have also been reports of foxes living in people's gardens in the UK. As towns and cities use more and more land, animals have less land to live on. Usually it's the animals which lose the competition. But in some places the animals are slowly winning.

I've discovered an amazing story from South Africa. In one part of the country, people grow a lot of grapes for making wine. A few years ago, they began to have problems with large groups of monkeys which live in the mountains nearby. The monkeys love the sweet fruit. They ate all the grapes they wanted, and then ran off to the mountains to sleep. The farmers reacted angrily, but some people defended the monkeys. 'The monkeys have always lived here,' they said.



But recently, the monkeys have become difficult, because they get into people's homes to steal food. And they're not friendly like the monkeys on TV! One day, they even frightened a ten-year-old boy when he heard strange noises in the kitchen. People call the police, but they're not allowed to hurt the animals. So nowadays, many families are selling their homes and moving away.

Imagine that! If you have any good animal stories from your town, please send them to me!

2 Complete the sentences with a word from the text.

- 1 Wild animals living near human beings often create *conflicts*.
- 2 The problem is often the which humans use.
- 3 The monkeys in South Africa enjoy eating
- 4 The farmers were very with the monkeys.
- 5 Nowadays, the monkeys are more
- 6 Many people are of the monkeys, and sell their homes.

Listening

1 19 Listen to the recording and choose the best answer.

The main subject of the interview is Steve Black's

- a preferences in music
- b career as a musician
- c concert performances

2 19 Listen again and choose the correct option.

- 1 Steve Black plays the guitar / drums.
- 2 His parents *played* / *didn't play* a lot of music.
- 3 When he was at school, he was a *good* / *bad* student.
- 4 He *writes* / *doesn't write* most of the lyrics.
- 5 His group has recorded *six* / *sixteen* albums.

Writing A profile

1 Find and correct the mistakes in these phrases. (S= spelling, G= grammar, P= punctuation)

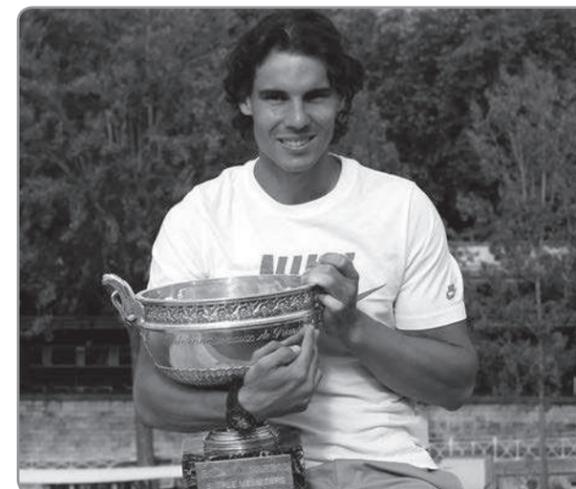
- 1 winning tennis titles, and turned proffesional at fifteen (S)
winning tennis titles, and turned professional
- 2 he did not lose his ability (G)
.....
- 3 in 2008 he has also started a foundation (G)
.....
- 4 which is one of the balearic islands in spain (P)
.....

2 Read the text. Match the phrases (1-4) from Exercise 1 with the gaps (a-d).

Rafael Nadal is one of the greatest tennis players of all time. He was the first player to win the French Open seven times, and he is currently number 2 in the world. I admire him for his skill and his character, and also for the work he does through his foundation.

Nadal was born in 1986 on the island of Mallorca, ^a 4. . He went to school in his home town of Manacor. At the age of 12, he was already ^b He did not move to Barcelona to train, but stayed in Manacor in order to finish school. In 2005 at the age of 19, he won his first French Open title.

Nowadays he continues playing tennis and winning competitions, but ^c to help children and young people locally and abroad. In 2010 he visited different educational projects in India, to show his support for the projects and help other people become aware of them. Nadal has become internationally famous, but ^d to understand and help other people.



3 Put these ideas in column A, according to the paragraph they appear in.

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| achievements | career | conclusion |
| early life | education | introduction |
| recent activities | reasons for admiring | |

	A Rafael Nadal's profile	B
Paragraph 1	<i>introduction</i>	
Paragraph 2		
Paragraph 3		

4 Think of a person you would like to write about. Add information about that person to column B.

5 Write a profile of the person you have chosen in three paragraphs. Use your ideas and information from Exercises 3 and 4.

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Present perfect

Regular verbs: affirmative				
I/You/We/They	've (have) cleaned			the house.
He/She/It	's (has) cleaned			
Regular verbs: negative				
I/You/We/They	haven't (have not) cleaned			the house.
He/She/It	hasn't (has not) cleaned			
Irregular verbs: affirmative				
I/You/We/They	've (have) done			the work.
He/She/It	's (has) done			
Irregular verbs: negative				
I/You/We/They	haven't (have not) done			the work.
He/She/It	hasn't (has not) done			
Regular verbs				
Have	I/you/we/they	ever	visited	Arizona?
Has	he/she/it			
Irregular verbs				
Have	I/you/we/they	ever	seen	a snake?
Has	he/she/it			
Short answers				
Yes, I/you/we/they have . / No, I/you/we/they haven't .				
Yes, he/she/it has . / No, he/she/it hasn't .				

Use

We use the Present perfect to talk about:

- actions or events that happened at an unspecified time in the past.
*John **has visited** China.* (but we don't know when)
- with *ever*, we ask questions about personal experiences.
***Have you ever listened** to a podcast?*
- with *never*, we talk about experiences we have not had.
*No, I **haven't**. I've never listened to a podcast – but I've visited news websites!*

Present perfect vs Past simple

Present perfect	Past simple
A helicopter has landed in the jungle.	A plane crashed in the mountains <i>last Saturday</i> .
Have you ever seen a helicopter?	Did it crash because of the weather?
I've never flown in a helicopter.	Rescue teams located the plane on <i>Sunday morning</i> .

Use

We use the Past simple to talk about:

- actions or events that happened at a specific time in the past.

Time expressions

Present perfect: *ever, never, before, recently, in my life*

Past simple: *last night/week/year, five hours/days/months ago, in 2012*

Grammar practice

Present perfect

- 1 Rewrite the sentences. Put the words in brackets in the correct place.

- Have you been to North America? (ever)
Have you ever been to North America?
- Which African countries he visited? (has)
.....
- Has your brother something for the school blog? (written)
.....
- We've watched a current affairs programme. (never)
.....
- They answered all today's emails. (have)
.....
- I'm sorry, but I finished my report. (haven't)
.....

- 2 Write questions for the underlined answers.

- He's made some sandwiches.
What has he made?
- They've been to France.
.....
- I've won a prize in the lottery!
.....
- My aunt has had a baby boy!
.....
- Patricia's gone to Italy.
.....
- He's interviewed Lady Gaga.
.....
- We've finished reading the news.
.....
- They've written an excellent report.
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Present perfect vs Past simple

- 3 Match the questions (1–6) to the answers (a–f).

- Have you ever been to Madrid? f
 - Have you ever written a blog?
 - Have you ever been on TV?
 - Have you ever recorded a podcast?
 - Have you ever bought a newspaper?
 - Have you ever watched the local news?
- a Yes, I wrote a travel blog for my class trip in March.
b No, because I read the news on a website.
c Yes, I have. We recorded it in Science class.
d No, but my friend was on a talent show last year.
e Yes, I've seen it on TV and on my laptop.
f Yes, my family spent a weekend there last year.

- 4 Choose the correct options.

- Kathy *has written* / wrote a letter to the newspaper last weekend.
- That's my mum's new car. She *bought* / *has bought* it in March.
- Where's Isabel? I *haven't seen* / *didn't see* her recently.
- My parents *have gone* / *went* home half an hour ago.
- Axel says he *never had* / *has never had* a pet.
- What time *did you get up* / *have you got up* this morning?
- I don't know this man! I *never met* / *'ve never met* him before.

- 5 Write sentences.

- I / go to / beach / but / I / never go to / mountains.
I've been to the beach but I've never been to the mountains.
- In 2006 we / visit Scotland / and / write / travel blog.
.....
- We / download / podcast / but / not be / very interesting.
.....
- In Science class / we / write / three reports / this week.
.....
- Amy / interview / two local journalists / for the school magazine.
.....
- We read / headlines / on a news website / then / choose / a report to read.
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- 6 Complete the conversation with the correct form of these verbs.

can not	catch	find	never hear
print	read	switch on	think

- A ¹ *Have you read* this report in the paper?
B I don't know! What's it about?
A A man was out fishing in the sea one day when he ² a fish.
B And?
A On the way home, he ³ he heard some strange music in the car.
B Wasn't the car radio on?
A No! That's why he ⁴ understand where the music was from.
B So what happened?
A When he cut the fish open, he ⁵ an MP3 player in its stomach!
B That's impossible! I ⁶ such a silly story! ⁷ the fish the MP3 player?!!
A This paper ⁸ some very strange reports recently.

Doubt and disbelief

Speaking

- 1 51 Put the sentences in the correct order. Then listen and check.
- a What are you reading? .1.
 - b And what does it say?
 - c Let me check. Oops! I've sent 45!
 - d It says that high school students send about 30 text messages a day.
 - e A magazine report about young people and mobile phones.
 - f I don't believe it! I've only sent about 20 messages today. And you?

- 2 52 Complete the conversation with these phrases. Then listen and check.

a strange figure	believe	impossible
joking	just a statue	No, really
That's strange		

- A Have you read this report about a ghost in the local museum?
 B I don't ¹ believe it!
 A It's been in the national news as well.
 B ²? What's the story?
 A It says people have seen ³ in the museum. And that there have been reports like this for many years.
 B Well, I've never heard of them! Does the figure move or is it ⁴?
 A They say it moves round different parts of the museum.
 B That's ⁵ You would see it on the video cameras!
 A But there aren't any video cameras!
 B ⁶ Most museums have them. Listen! Why don't we spend the night there with a camera?
 A You're ⁷! They wouldn't let us do that!

Listening

- 3 53 Listen and match the key words (1-5) to words (a-e).

- | | |
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| 1 vampire | a dates |
| 2 Germany | b Happy Birthday |
| 3 lose | c semi-finals |
| 4 dog | d trailer |
| 5 concert | e match |

- 4 53 Listen again. Put the phrases in the order you hear them.

- a What about France?
- b You're joking!
- c Anything else?
- d I don't know.
- e I expected that! .1.
- f I don't believe it!



In The News

Unit vocabulary

1 Translate the words.

News and media

- blog
- current affairs programme
- headline
- international news
- interview (v)
- journalist
- local news
- national news
- news flash
- newspaper
- news presenter
- news website
- podcast
- report (v, n)

2 Translate the words.

Adverbs of manner

- angrily
- badly
- carefully
- carelessly
- early
- fast
- happily
- hard
- late
- loudly
- patiently
- quietly
- sadly
- slowly
- well

Vocabulary extension

3 Match the photos and pictures to these words. Use your dictionary if necessary. Write the words in English and your language.

- cartoon strip entertainments guide front page
proudly quickly



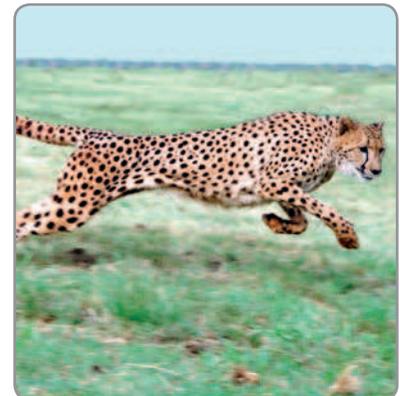
1



2



3



4 *quickly*



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