

UNIT 4 8B NEWS



OR THE UNIT WHERE WE TALK ABOUT 31
MINUTOS

STUPID NEWS

Group 1
Lost
Tourist

Group 2
Dog
calls for
help

Group 3
Chicken
fight

Lost tourist finds herself

More than 50 people were involved in a search and rescue operation in the volcanic region of Eldgjá in south Iceland on Saturday.

Police were called to the area after it was reported that a female member of a tour group that was traveling around the region had failed to return to the bus.

The tourist was described as being “of Asian origin, aged 20–30, and about 5 feet 3 inches.” She was wearing “dark clothing” and spoke fluent English. The police asked for a helicopter to assist the rescue operation, but it was too foggy for it to fly. So the police, helped by the tourists themselves, began to look for the missing woman on foot.

The search continued through the night, but at 3:00 in the morning the search was called off when it was discovered that the missing woman was not only alive and well, but was actually assisting in the search.

What had happened was that the woman had gotten off the bus for some fresh air and had changed her clothes. Because of that, other people didn't recognize her and thought that she was missing. The tour organizer had counted the tourists, but had miscounted. Police said that the woman had not recognized that the description of the missing person was her. The police said, “She did not realize that she was the person everybody (including herself) was searching for until several hours later.”

CHICKEN FIGHT

Two chefs got into a fight last week after Andrew Palmer ¹accused Geoff Lewis of stealing one of his recipes and publishing it in a local newspaper.

Andrew Palmer, 28, claimed that he had invented the dish of cold chicken with strawberry mayonnaise at his gastropub, The Pine Tree Tavern. However, restaurant chef Geoff Lewis, 30, who writes a weekly newspaper column on cooking, ²denied copying the recipe and said the dish was his own creation.

So, the local newspaper, the *Beacon Gazette*, ³invited both chefs to prepare the dish at their offices to see whose recipe it really was. They ⁴agreed to come, and the “cook-off” took place yesterday. Newspaper staff tried both dishes and unanimously declared Andrew’s to be the winner. Geoff’s dish was said to be “lacking in flavor.” He later ⁵admitted having seen the dish on the menu at Andrew’s pub, and he has ⁶offered to publish an apology in the following issue of the *Gazette*. “In any case,” he said later, “I’ve decided that it works better with raspberries.”

Dog calls for help

Dogs are often called “Man’s best friend” because they sometimes help save their owner’s life. But George, a two-year-old basset hound in Yorkshire in the north of England, managed to save his own life by dialling 999.

George had been left at home on his own and had knocked the phone on the floor. He became entangled with the cord of the phone and was choking. Somehow he must have touched the number 9 key of the phone with his paws a few times, and as a result, he dialed the UK emergency number: 999. All the operator could hear was the the sound of somebody choking and breathing heavily, so she sent the police to the house. The police got in with the help of a neighbor, Paul Walker, who had a spare key. To their amazement they found George with the cord around his neck. He was absolutely terrified, and couldn't free

himself. They quickly pulled the phone cord out of the wall. Mr. Walker said, “It was incredible. You could see his paw print on the key of the phone. He literally saved his own life.”

George's owners, Steve Brown and his daughter Lydia, 18, were as amazed as everybody else. Lydia said, “It's not as if George is particularly smart. In fact, he's really foolish – he just likes to chew socks most of the time.”

REPORTING VERBS

1 + infinitive	agree offer promise	refuse threaten	(not) to do something
2 + person + infinitive	advise ask convince encourage invite	persuade remind tell warn	somebody (not) to do something
3 + -ing form	apologise complain congratulate convinced somebody recommend admit regret warn somebody deny		(not) doing something

Y + to inf	Y + sb + to inf	Y + ing	Phrasals
agree offer promise refuse threaten	advise ask convince encourage invite persuade remind tell warn	recommend admit regret suggest deny	Apologize FOR Insist ON Accuse sb OF Blame sb FOR Y _{ing}

REPORTING VERBS

- In negative sentences, use the negative infinitive (*not to do*) or the negative gerund (*not doing*), e.g., *He reminded me not to be late. She regretted not going to the party.*

She reminded me **NOT** to be late

She regretted **NOT** going to the party



To be or **NOT**
to be

REPORTING VERBS



Verbs that use a *that* clause

With *agree*, *admit*, *deny*, *promise*, *regret*, you can also use *that* + clause.

Leo admitted stealing the watch.

Leo admitted that he had stolen the watch.

REPORTING VERBS

Let's practice!



1 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Complete with the gerund or the infinitive of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 The girl refused to dance with my friend. (dance)
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- 3 My parents told me _____ late. (not be)
- 4 The tour guide recommended _____ the Picasso Museum. (visit)
- 5 I agreed _____ in front of my neighbor's garage. (not park)
- 6 The police accused him of _____ them the truth. (not tell)
- 7 My boyfriend asked me _____ him to the train station. (take)
- 8 The teacher threatened _____ them extra homework if they didn't stop talking. (give)
- 9 Jane promised _____ my book the next day. (return)
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REPORTING VERBS

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b Report the direct speech using one of the reporting verbs from the box.

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offer remind suggest warn

- 1 "Don't forget to sign the documents," my boss told me.
My boss reminded me to sign the documents.
- 2 "I really don't think you should leave your job," Jack's friend told him.
Jack's friend _____ his job.
- 3 "Why don't we go for a walk?" said Katie.
Katie _____ for a walk.
- 4 "I'll make lunch," her husband said.
Her husband _____ lunch.
- 5 "Don't park on this street," the man said to us.
The man _____ there.
- 6 "I'm sorry I was so rude," I said.
I _____ so rude.
- 7 "Would you like to have dinner with me?" Andy asked Sarah.
Andy _____ with him.
- 8 "I'm going with you to the doctor's," Alice said to me.
Alice _____ to the doctor's with me.

HOMework

a Complete with the gerund or infinitive of the verb in parentheses.

The auto mechanic advised me to buy a new car. (buy)

- 1 Jamie insisted on _____ for the meal. (pay)
- 2 Lauren has agreed _____ late next week. (work)
- 3 I warned Suki _____ through the park at night. (not walk)
- 4 The man admitted _____ the woman's bag. (steal)
- 5 The doctor advised Luisa _____ drinking coffee. (give up)
- 6 The boss persuaded Ji-Su _____ the company. (not leave)
- 7 Freya accused me of _____ to steal her boyfriend. (try)
- 8 I apologized to Sofia for _____ her birthday. (not remember)
- 9 Were you able to convince your parents _____ tonight instead of tomorrow? (come)
- 10 My neighbor denies _____ my car, but I'm sure it was him. (damage)

ANSWER KEY

1. PAYING
2. TO WORK
3. NOT TO WALK
4. STEALING
5. TO GIVE UP
6. NOT TO LEAVE
7. TRYING
8. NOT REMEMBERING
9. TO COME
10. DAMAGING

HOMework

- b Complete using a reporting verb from the list and the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use an object where necessary.

accuse invite offer promise recommend refuse remind
suggest threaten

Diana said to me, "I'll take you to the train station."

Diana *offered to take* (take) me to the train station.

- 1 Ryan said, "Let's go for a walk. It's a beautiful day."

Ryan _____ (go) for a walk.

- 2 "You copied Anna's exam!" the teacher said to him.

The teacher _____ (copy) Anna's exam.

- 3 Sam's neighbor told him, "I'll call the police if you have another party."

Sam's neighbor _____ (call) the police if he had another party.

- 4 The children said, "We're not going to bed. It's too early."

The children _____ (go) to bed.

- 5 Ramon said to me, "Would you like to have dinner with me?"

Ramon _____ (have) dinner with him.

- 6 Molly said to Jack, "Don't forget to call the electrician."

Molly _____ (call) the electrician.

- 7 Ricky said, "I'll never do it again."

Ricky _____ (do) it again.

- 8 Sarah said, "You have to try Giacobazzi's. It's a fantastic restaurant."

Sarah _____ (try) Giacobazzi's. She said it was fantastic.

ANSWER KEY

B.

1. suggested going
2. accused him of copying
3. threatened to call
4. refused to go
5. invited me to have
6. reminded jack to call
7. promised never to do
8. recommended trying



VOCABULARY

a Match the words and definitions.

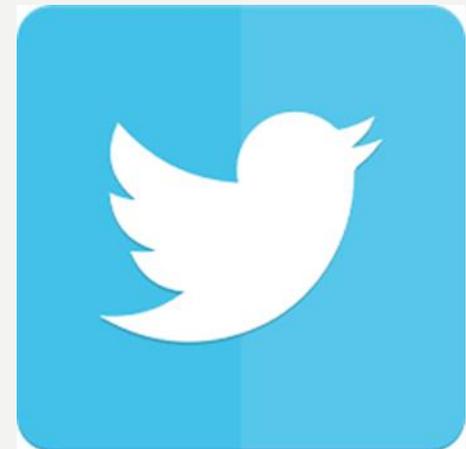
advice columnist /əd'vaɪs 'kɒləmnɪst/ critic /'krɪtɪk/ editor /'edɪtər/ freelance journalist /'friːləns 'dʒərnəlɪst/ news anchor /nuz 'æŋkər/
newscaster /'nuːzkæstər/ paparazzi (pl) /pəpə'rɑːtʃi/ reporter /rɪ'pɔːtər/ sports commentator /spɔːts 'kɒmənˌteɪtər/

- 1 critic _____ a person who writes (a **review**) about the good / bad qualities of books, concerts, theater, movies, etc.
- 2 _____ a person who describes a sports event while it's happening on TV or radio
- 3 _____ a person who collects and reports news for newspapers, radio, or TV
- 4 _____ a person in charge of a newspaper or magazine, or part of one, and decides what should be in it
- 5 _____ a person who hosts or is the main person who introduces the news on a TV or radio news program
- 6 _____ a person who writes articles for different papers and is not employed by any one paper
- 7 _____ a person who reads the news on TV or radio
- 8 _____ photographers who follow famous people around to get photos of them to sell to newspapers and magazines
- 9 _____ a person who writes in a newspaper or magazine giving advice to people in reply to their letters



ANSWER KEY

1. Critic
2. Sports commentator
3. Reporter
4. Editor
5. News anchor
6. Freelance journalist
7. Newscaster
8. Paparazzi
9. Advice Columnist



2 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE THE MEDIA

a Match the sentences.

- 1 The reporting in the paper was very **sensational** /sɛn'seɪʃənl/.
- 2 The news on channel 12 is really **biased** /'baɪəst/.
- 3 I think *The New York Times* is the most **objective** /əb'dʒɛktɪv/ of the Sunday papers.
- 4 The movie review was very **accurate** /'ækjərət/.
- 5 I think the report was **censored** /'sɛnsərd/.



- A It said the plot was poor but the acting good, which was true.
- B It bases its stories just on facts, not on feelings or beliefs.
- C The newspaper wasn't allowed to publish all the details.
- D It made the story seem more shocking than it really was.
- E You can't believe anything you hear on it. It's obvious what political party they support.

THE MEDIA

Let's practice



2 VOCABULARY the media

a Complete the sentences with jobs in the media.



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GAME
Time

Step 1 : Listen to the video carefully

Step 2 : Report the conversation using the reporting verbs reviewed in class. (Verbs can be used once)

Step 3: Get together with your group and write as many sentences as possible (Choose a secretary)

Step 4 :The secretary reports the sentences to the class.The group with more correct sentences is the winner



VERBS YOU CAN USE

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Spock **encouraged** Sheldon **to open** the box
and play with the Transporter.



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Step 1 : Guess the correct word for each picture

Step 2 : Raise your arms and say “I love my English class”

Step 3 : The first student in providing the correct answer gets the point



Italo Passalacqua was a very popular
Chilean _____

ROUND 1



CRITIC



ROUND 1

Balon Bombola is 31 minutos' _____

SPORTS COMMENTATOR



ROUND 1

For some people La Cuarta might be considered as a _____ type of newspaper.

SENSATIONAL



Rotten Tomatoes reviews are almost all the time really _____

ROUND II

ACCURATE



ROUND II

Tulio Triviño is 31 minutos' _____

NEWS ANCHOR



ROUND II

Back in the 1960's the Beatles were
_____ by The Soviet government.

CENSORED



BONUS

CHILEAN TV

Many _____ used to work in the TV shows portrayed in the pictures above.

PAPARAZZI



CHILEAN TV

Perdona nuestros pecados and Pacto de Sangre have been the most successful _____ from the last years.

SOAP OPERAS/TELENOVELAS



Mario Kreutzberger aka Don Francisco is Channel 13's _____ and the most popular _____ in South America.

CHILEAN TV

ANCHORMAN /TV PRESENTER

SPEAKING 1

- 1 Do you have a favorite...?
 - a newscaster
 - b movie or TV critic
 - c sports writer or commentator
 - d TV or radio host
 - e newspaper journalist

What do you like about them? Are there any that you can't stand?

- 2 Which newspapers, TV channels, or radio stations in your country do you think are...?
 - a biased
 - b reliable
 - c sensational
- 3 Is there much censorship in your country?



- c Who do the paparazzi follow a lot in your country? Why? Are there any celebrities who rarely appear in the press?

SPEAKING 2

It's not acceptable for journalists to listen in on politicians' phone calls and hack into their email accounts.

The print newspaper is dead. We will soon read all our news online.

Celebrities have to accept that the media publishes stories and photos about their private lives. That is the price they pay for being rich and famous.



Useful language: saying what you think (2)

In my opinion / view...

If you ask me...

Personally, I think...

celebrities should...

Agreeing / disagreeing

I completely agree. / I don't agree at all.

I think / don't think you're right.

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- 2. EATING**
- 3. NOT TO BE**
- 4. VISITING**
- 5. NOT TO PARK**
- 6. NOT TELLING**
- 7. TO TAKE**
- 8. TO GIVE**
- 9. TO RETURN**
- 10. STEALING**

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ANSWER KEY

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2. advised him not to leave his job
3. suggested going for a walk/invited her to go for a walk
4. offered to make lunch
5. told us not to park on this Street
6. apologized for being so rude
7. invited her to have dinner
8. suggested going to the doctor with me

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Vietnam!

The media

Objective

TV show

Censorship

Journalist

Tv channel

Tv host/hostess

Free lance

Critic

Accurate

Biased

To be censored

Sports commentator

editor

The media

Headline

Panels

Reliable

Anchor man/ woman

To be banned

Panelist

Anchor man/woman

Interviews

A piece of news

Front page

Journalist

Breaking news

Review

Reporters



CARD 4

GETTING INFORMED

- How do you usually find out about the latest news? Why do you prefer that way and not others?
- Which newspapers, TV channels or radio stations in Chile do you think are the most reliable and the most biased? Support your point of view.
- If you had had access to relevant details about chat GPT and its impact on society before its release (e.g. fear of job losses, privacy and the potential to circulate misleading information), what would you have done with this information?