

Time to read!

☀️ The newscaster Jessica Bones is presenting today's news. Read the news announcements.

Good morning. This is the seven o'clock news. Sally the crocodile escaped from the zoo yesterday morning. She **was spotted**¹ by a group of students waiting at a bus stop near the zoo, but she **wasn't seen** by anybody else.

5 Officers from the Department of Conservation **were sent** to look for her, without success. Please call the police on 2824 5000 if you have seen Sally.

In other news, soap opera star Harry Law, who is often called 'the star **with** the blue hat', **was arrested** last night at a convenience store. The actor **with** spiky² hair, from the popular daytime show *Days and Nights*, **was caught** trying to pay for a bottle of water using fake³ money. Law claimed that the money was a **prop** for the TV show. He found some in his pocket and used it **by accident**. The shop assistant did not recognise the star at first because he was **in** jeans and a plain T-shirt, **with** dark sunglasses.

It means in a way that is by mistake or not planned.

It is a small object used by actors in a drama.

15 Some breaking news has just come in — a volcano on the island of Marta has started to erupt⁴. Let's go to our foreign correspondent on the island. Nick, can you tell us what is happening? Do you have the latest updates on the situation?



Jessica Bones



Nick

Hi, Jessica. I'm now on the island of Marta. The volcano started to erupt half an hour ago, but I'm told that all the people in the danger zone **were evacuated**⁵ to safety earlier this morning. Another volcano on the other side of the island is also starting to **smoke**. It means to give out smoke.

¹spot (*verb*) – to see someone or something suddenly

²spiky (*adjective*) – (of hair) sticking up from the head

³fake (*adjective*) – not real

⁴erupt (*verb*) – (of a volcano) to send out rocks and flames

⁵evacuate (*verb*) – to move people from a dangerous place to a safer one

Thank you, Nick. We'll bring you all the live coverage as the reports come in.

It means strange or different from what is usual.

25 And now, some rather odd news about two children with a secret. Here is a picture of 11-year-old twins Katie and Kelly. Katie is the one with freckles⁶ and Kelly is in purple. What is their secret? A pet baby elephant! For several weeks, they hid a baby elephant called Bobo in a wardrobe. They fed Bobo bananas, cucumbers and nachos.



The elephant was not seen by the girls' busy parents. It was not heard by anyone either. It was discovered one day by the twins' mother when she opened the wardrobe to put away some clothes and, with unbelieving eyes, found the elephant with a scarf around its neck!

It means very difficult to make people believe.

And now the weather report with Charlie Frost.



40 Good morning. Let's look at the weather forecast for this week. Today, there'll be thunderstorms and heavy rain, so don't forget to take your umbrella or raincoat. The weather will improve by the end of the week. We expect the weekend to be hot and humid⁷ — good weather for elephants, perhaps!

Charlie Frost

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Worksheet 5
Dictionaries

Dictionary skill — Foreign words

Some commonly used English words are 'borrowed' from other languages. The words 'from ...' in some dictionaries tell you which language the word originally came from.

nachos *noun*

[plural] (from Spanish)

a Mexican snack consisting of tortilla chips served with cheese, beans and spices

⁶freckle (*noun*) – a small, light brown spot on the skin

⁷humid (*adjective*) – (of air) containing tiny drops of water

☀ Choose the best answers for questions 1–4 by blackening ● the circles. Then answer question 5.

Strategy: Guide students to read lines 3–4 to understand the meaning of ‘wasn’t seen by anybody else’ before answering.

① The crocodile was last seen by _____.

- a. police officers b. zookeepers
 c. students at a bus stop d. students on a school bus

② Which of the following is true about Harry Law?

- a. He often wears a blue hat. (line 8)
 b. He was arrested during the daytime in a convenience store. (lines 8–9)
 c. He caused an accident and was arrested by the police. (line 10)
 d. He was wearing colourful jeans and a fancy T-shirt when he was arrested. (lines 12–13)

Strategy: Guide students to read line 1 to find out when the news announcements started.

③ What time did the volcano in Marta start to erupt?

- a. around 6:00 a.m. b. around 6:30 a.m.
 c. around 7:00 a.m. d. around 7:30 a.m.
- Then guide students to read lines 18–19 to find out that the volcano started to erupt half an hour ago.

④ What things should Jessica take with her when she goes out on the coming Saturday?

Strategy: Guide students to read lines 41–42 to find out the weather at the weekend, i.e. Saturday and Sunday.



sunglasses and a scarf

a.



a handkerchief and a windbreaker

b.



an umbrella and a coat

c.



sunglasses and a handkerchief

d.

⑤ Which of the following comments might be found in the different news reports? Match them with the reports by writing A, B or C in the correct boxes.

Comment

- A ‘I didn’t know it wasn’t real.’
 B ‘We just wanted to play with it.’
 C ‘It was walking slowly across the road.’

News report

- (1) the escaped crocodile
 (2) soap opera star arrested
 (3) the pet elephant

☀ Answer the questions in complete sentences.

① Do you think Harry Law was guilty of using fake money? Why? (Suggested answers)

② Would you rather be a newscaster or a journalist? Why? (Students’ own answers)

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📖 e-Textbook (PowerPoint, Grammar Game)

🔗 A picture, a news article



passive voice in the simple past tense

past tense

Active: The foreign correspondent did an exclusive interview.

Passive: The exclusive interview **was done** by the foreign correspondent.

Use the passive voice when you want to **focus on an action**.

past tense

Active: The volcanic eruptions did not destroy the buildings.

Passive: The buildings **were not destroyed** by the volcanic eruptions.

Form the passive voice in the past tense like this:

I/He/She/It	was	(not)	photographed. (past participle)
You/We/They	were		



You can add the doer of the action if it is known or important. Add 'by' before the doer.

🌟 A newscaster is preparing a script for the news report. Help him match the two parts of the sentences. Then write the script using the passive voice. Use suitable conjunctions to link the sentences.

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| ① Two swimmers | ▶ | ◀ pulled the baby whale out to sea. |
| ② The baby whale | ▶ | ◀ trapped between some giant rocks. |
| ③ Some kind people | ▶ | ◀ examined the baby whale. |
| ④ An animal expert | ▶ | ◀ found a baby whale at Sunshine Beach this morning. |
| ⑤ Two boats | ▶ | ◀ fed special food to the baby whale. |

(Accept all reasonable answers)

A baby whale _____ by two swimmers at Sunshine Beach this morning.

It _____

