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Vocabulary	
The news	The economy
Bad news	Crime
good news	Thief
Politicians	Steal
President	Hurricane
Prime Minister	Flood
Unemployment	Earthquake

Reading 4.1

4.1 Reading

H The figures show that unemployment has fallen to its lowest level in four years.

D The flood is the second natural disaster to hit the region in just 18 months. At the beginning of last year, an earthquake destroyed several buildings and a bridge.

F Experts say that it could take years to repair the damage caused by the hurricane.

A The government plan to cut food waste in hospitals has become a political hot potato.

B With the economy now growing, and inflation at 3%, interest rates may have to rise later this year.

E Airports have introduced stricter security checks after new warnings of possible terrorist attacks.

C THE THIEVES MANAGED TO STEAL RINGS AND NECKLACES WORTH APPROXIMATELY €700,000. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES, BUT THE CRIME WAS FILMED BY SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE STORE AND IN THE STREET.

G The President, Prime Minister and other politicians will meet on Thursday to discuss the crisis.

4.1 Follow-up

Compare the descriptions in A–H below with the matching newspaper clippings in Reading 4.1. Mark the descriptions that are not correct and change one word to correct them.

A The government wants hospitals to waste more food.
B The economic situation is getting better.
C Thieves took some rings and necklaces from a store.
D One and a half years ago, there was a big flood in the region.
E There is a danger of terrorist attacks, so airports have increased security.
F The damage was caused by a hurricane – that is, very strong rainfall.
G The politicians at the meeting will include the President and Prime Minister.
H The number of people looking for work has increased.

Practice Exercise 1

3 friends are discussing the news. Use the given words to complete the dialogue.

the news	bad news	good news	politicians	president
prime minister	unemployment	the economy	crime	thief
steal	hurricane	flood	earthquake	

Rahul: Have you heard the latest updates about *(1)* _____)?

Sanya: Yes, I did. Unfortunately, there's some really *(2)* _____about the recent *(3)* _____ in the coastal area. It has caused massive damage.

Japneet: That's awful! I also heard about the *(4)* _____in Bihar*.* It has destroyed several villages. *(Hint 4: an overflow of water on land)*

Rahul: It's been a tough year with all these natural disasters. On top of that, the *(5)* _____is still struggling with high *(6)* _____ , which doesn't help the situation. *(Hint 5: the system by which a country makes and uses goods and money)* (*Hint 6: no jobs)*

Sanya: True. And did you see what the *(7)*_____said in their recent speech? They're trying to improve *(8)*_____rates, but it seems like a challenging task .*(Hint 8: opposite of unemployment)*

Japneet: Yes, I did. The *(9)*_____also mentioned new policies to reduce *(10)*_____ in urban areas. I hope they work. *(Hint 10: unlawful activities)*

Rahul: Speaking of crime, did you hear about that famous *(11)*_____who got caught trying to *(12)*_____valuable artifacts from the museum? (*Hint 11: person who takes others things without permission and has no intention of returning them)*

Sanya: Yes, that's shocking. On a more positive note, some *(13)*_____ have been pushing for new reforms that might benefit the common people.

Japneet: Let's hope those reforms pass. Also, the *(14)*_____has proposed a new plan to boost the economy.

Rahul: That's some *(15)*_____amidst all the chaos. Let's stay hopeful.

Practice Exercise 2

government	flood	hurricane	politician
unemployment	economy	crime	

Complete the missing words in the sentences about the news.

1. After the heavy rain, there's a danger the river could _____ the valley.
2. The latest economic figures show that the _____ grew by 2.8%.
3. The police say that more officers are needed to help reduce the amount of _____ .
4. The latest _____ figures show that there are more people out of work than last year.
5. The President – as the country's most senior _____ – is responsible for the decision.
6. The wind reached force 12, which means it was a _____ .
7. The Prime Minister must now lead the _____ through this crisis.

ANSWERS

Follow-up 4.1

1. A Save (~~Waste~~)
2. D Earthquake (~~Flood~~)
3. F Wind/Storm (~~Rain~~)
4. H Decreased (~~Increased~~)

Practice Exercise 1

1. The news
2. Bad news
3. Hurricane
4. Flood
5. Economy
6. Unemployment
7. President/ Prime Minister
8. Employment
9. Prime Minister/ President
10. Crime
11. Thief
12. Steal
13. Politicians
14. Government
15. Good news

Practice Exercise 2

1. Flood
2. Economy
3. Crime
4. Unemployment
5. Politician
6. Hurricane
7. Government