

Reading

1 Read the text quickly. What is it about? Don't worry about the gaps.

- 1 a new type of banknote
2 a man who tried to steal something
3 a problem with the police



(fake)



The wrong note

A man was in a Berlin police station last night after he tried to steal (1) a 1,000-euro note from (2) the car.

The man, a twenty-eight-year-old tourist, noticed (3) the note inside the car in a Berlin street. The thief broke into (4) the car and took (5) the note, but people saw him and called the police. They arrived quickly, caught (6) the man and put him in a cell in the police station for the night.

Unfortunately for the man, the note wasn't even a real euro note – euro notes only go up to 500 euros, not 1,000. The note was in fact (7) an advertisement for (8) a local business. (9) The business made the fake 1,000-euro notes to advertise (10) a competition – people could win 1,000 euros as the top prize. The thief didn't understand that the note wasn't real!

2 Read the text again and put the events in the correct order.

- a The police caught the man.
b A business in Berlin made some fake 1,000-euro notes.
c They took him to the police station.
d He broke into the car and tried to steal the note.
e The man spent the night in a cell in the police station.
f A man noticed one of the 1,000-euro notes in a car.



Lifelong learning | understanding a story

3 a Look at the text again and complete the table.

	Words before	Words after	Noun, verb or adjective?
steal	he tried to	1,000 euro note	verb
thief	The	broke	noun
broke into	the thief	the car	verb
cell	put him in a	the police	noun
fake	made the	notes	noun

b Match the words in exercise 3a with the meanings.

false, not real

fake

- 1 went into a house/car to take something
broke into
2 a person who takes things and doesn't ask
thief
3 to take something from someone and not ask
to steal
4 a room in a police station
cell

4 Answer the questions.

What did the man see?

A 1,000-euro note.

1 Where was the note?

In the car

2 Did he know it was a fake note?

No, he didn't

3 What did he do?

He broke into the car

4 Why did the police come?

People saw him

5 Where did they take the man?

To the police station

6 Where did he sleep in the police station?

In a cell

7 How long did the man stay in the cell?

A night

8 Who made the notes?

Local business

9 Why did they make the notes?

To advertise a competition

10 What was the top prize in the competition?

It was 1000 EUR

5 The police picked up the clues and worked out who the thief was.

6 We always tell people to put together their rubbish in the park and put it in the bin.

b There is one phrasal verb in the text in exercise 1. What is it? break into

Grammar | articles

6 Match the articles with their uses.

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|--------|---|
| 1 a/an | a when we mention something for the first time |
| 2 the | b when we mention something for the second time |

7 Read the story. Choose the correct article in *italics*.

I won a the competition last week; the prize was (1) a the digital camera. (2) A The competition was in a newspaper, and it asked people to take photos that showed 'happiness' and send them to (3) a the newspaper by email.

Two or three days later I was in (4) a the park with my two children. I sat on a seat in (5) a the park and at one point I looked up and saw the children. They looked so happy! I remembered (6) a the competition. I had my camera with me, so I took (7) a the photo of the children. When we got home, I decided to send (8) a the photo to (9) a the newspaper. I heard last week that my photo won (10) a the prize! It's very exciting, but why do they give a prize of a digital camera when you need a digital camera to enter the competition?

8 Complete the text in exercise 1 with *a/an* or *the*.

Vocabulary | phrasal verbs

5 a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs from the box.

give back hand in look at pick up
pull out put together set off

Look at these flowers. Aren't they lovely?

1 We set off very early on our holiday this morning. We left home at 5:30.

2 The thief gave back all the jewellery when the police caught him.

3 I always pull out the nuts from chocolate and cakes; I don't like nuts.

4 We went to the police and handed in a leather coat yesterday. We found it in the street.

