

# 8A | Breaking news

## Can do (tick✓)

- ☐ I can understand general topics and details in a radio interview.
- ☐ I can understand the connections between newspaper headlines and articles.
- ☐ I can understand the main ideas in short newspaper articles.
- ☐ I can use *would* + infinitive to give an opinion about hypothetical future situations.

## News

Are you someone who likes to keep up with the latest news? How often? Where do you get your news from?

the internet    television    radio    friends & family  
national newspaper    local newspaper    I'm not interested

## Big news story

Write about an important news story that you particularly remember, either from your country or around the world.

## Tabloid or broadsheet?

What should a newspaper be like? Circle the words you agree with.

serious    informative    fun    varied    simple    colourful  
full of pictures    topical    educational    provocative

## Diary

What is easy or difficult about reading newspaper articles in English? Which of the British newspapers from lesson 8A would you choose to read? Why?

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## Jobs

Circle the newspaper job that would most interest you.

editor    news journalist    photographer    feature writer

Would you be a good newspaper person? Why or why not?

## Famous newspapers from around the world

Can you match the newspapers to the countries?

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1 Le Monde            | a Germany |
| 2 Die Welt            | b Spain   |
| 3 The Herald Tribune  | c Italy   |
| 4 El Pais             | d Russia  |
| 5 Pravda              | e USA     |
| 6 Corriere della Sera | f France  |

## Which page?

Which page do you look at first in the newspaper?

sports    domestic news    foreign news  
TV page    small ads    games & puzzles  
weather    crime

Do you start reading at the front of the newspaper, in the middle or at the back?

## Newspaper headlines

Here are some genuine newspaper headlines with two possible meanings. Can you see both meanings? Check your ideas on page 64.

1 POLICE FOUND DRUNK  
IN SHOP WINDOW

3 20-YEAR FRIENDSHIP  
ENDS WITH WEDDING

2 MINERS REFUSE TO  
WORK AFTER DEATH

4 STOLEN PAINTING  
FOUND BY TREE

*It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in  
the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.*

Jerry Seinfeld (American comedian)

# 8B | Speeding

## Can do (tick ✓)

- ☐ I can understand details of a conversation between two friends.
- ☐ I can talk about driving.
- ☐ I can offer to help someone.
- ☐ I can discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a hypothetical situation.

## Speeding

What do you think about speeding? Is it OK to speed – or not?  
Do you think speed cameras are a good thing? Do you think  
men speed more than women?



*'What makes you think we  
were speeding, officer?'*

## Driving vocabulary

Match the verbs to the noun phrases.

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 be caught by           | a your seat belt     |
| 2 put on                 | b your driving test  |
| 3 drive the wrong way up | c a speed camera     |
| 4 stop at                | d the speed limit    |
| 5 pass                   | e a one-way street   |
| 6 break                  | f the traffic lights |

## Diary

What do you find difficult when listening to English being spoken? What helps you to listen more successfully?

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# 8c | Bank robbers

## Can do (tick✓)

- ☐ I can understand reasons for action in a newspaper article.
- ☐ I can describe film plots.
- ☐ I can use conditional clauses to talk about imaginary situations.
- ☐ I can use a set of words related to law and order.



## Stop thief!

Match the people to the pictures.

burglar  
robber  
pickpocket  
mugger



A lawyer defended a man accused of burglary with this argument, 'My client just put his arm into the window and took a few things. It would not be fair to punish the whole person for a crime committed by his arm.'

'Then following your logic,' the judge replied, 'I sentence the defendant's arm to one year in prison. He can accompany it or not, I don't mind.'

The defendant smiled. With a little help from his lawyer, he removed his artificial arm, laid it on the table and walked out.

## Crime

What crimes are in the news at the moment?

## Get rich quick

Put these in order from 1 (= the best way to get rich quickly) to 6.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> rob a bank           | <input type="checkbox"/> buy a lottery ticket                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> marry someone rich   | <input type="checkbox"/> get a job as a self-employed builder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> print your own money | <input type="checkbox"/> become an English teacher            |

## Word stress

Number these words according to their stress: 1 ■■■, 2 ■■ or 3 ■■.

witness evidence arrest criminal launderette treatment demand guilty injury