

**Upper-Intermediate - Protest!** (D0018)

A: This is Action 5 News reporter Sarah O'Connell reporting live from Washington, D. C. where a protest has broken out. Thousands of angry citizens are protesting against the proposed bailout of the auto manufacturing industry! Sir, sir, Sarah O'Connell, Action 5 news. Can you tell us what's happening?

B: Yeah, yeah, we're here because we feel this is an injustice! The financial irresponsibility of big business has to stop! We're there to show the government that we don't like the way that they're spending our tax dollars!

A: Sir but what exactly is making everyone so angry?

B: It's an absolute outrage, Sarah, the US government wants to give 25 billion dollars of taxpayers' money to the auto industry. These are companies that have been mismanaged and are now nearly bankrupt.

A: I see. But, many supporters of the bailout argue that it could help save the jobs of millions of hard-working Americans.

B: That maybe true, and I for one don't want to see anyone lose their job, but how can these CEOs ask for a bailout when they're making millions of dollars? And then, they have the nerve to fly to Washington in private jets! This costs hundreds of thousands of dollars! And they're asking for money! That is just not right!

A: Good point. This is Sarah O'Connell reporting live from Washington D. C., back to you, Tom.

### Key Vocabulary

protest

*Noun (singular)*

an event where people gather together to show disapproval of something

break out

*Verb,  
Present  
Perfect*

start suddenly

bailout	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	the act of saving a company from money problems
injustice	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	an unfair situation
outrage	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	something that is morally wrong
mismanage	<i>Verb, Present Perfect</i>	manage badly
have the nerve	<i>Phrase</i>	dare to

### Supplementary Vocabulary

	<i>Pronoun</i>	
placard	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	sign people hold at protests, usually a piece of cardboard on a stick
rally	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	public meeting in support or opposition of something

demonstration	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	event where people gather together to show that they support or oppose something
demonstrators	<i>Noun (plural)</i>	people who go to a demonstration or protest
opponent	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	a person who opposes something or someone
proponent	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	person who supports someone or something