

B3U2 Key & Transcript

Part I Pre-Reading Task

- A series of violent crimes near Denver's Sloan's Lake has made people in the neighborhood nervous.
- A.J. Steinkee, a local citizen, says crime is at an all-time high in the Sloan's Lake area and that the area has become a hot spot for crime.
- Yet just to the north in Harkness Heights, the situation is very different because of their neighborhood watch program, which helps to prevent crimes from taking place.
- A. J. Steinkee thinks the Sloan's Lake area can follow the example of Harkness Heights, so he encourages his neighbors to get to know one another so they can watch out for anything or anyone suspicious.

Transcript:

Neighborhood Watch Program

Well, one of Denver's most popular neighborhoods for development has also become popular with criminals. But one man thinks he has a solution, but he says he needs the community to come together to combat the crime. Kelly Werthmann, live at Sloan's Lake tonight. Kelly, that area's really booming out there.

Karen, this is one of the more highly-desired neighborhoods in and around Denver, but a recent string of violent crimes here near Sloan's Lake has some neighbors on edge. "There's some fear going on right now, too." A pair of homicides in the Sloan's Lake area in less than a month doesn't sit well with A. J. Steinkee. He's called this neighborhood home for years and says crime is at an all-time high. "Right now Sloan's Lake is a rather hot spot on a crime blotter." Looking at a map from Denver Police, A. J. points out Sloan's Lake was a top target for burglaries in 2017. "Then we were rather red right here." But just to the north in Harkness Heights, it's quite the opposite. A. J. says crime is low there because of their neighborhood watch program. "They've had about 100 percent participation with the block captains, so that means the block captain knows all their neighbors. Just by that action alone, they curtailed most of their crimes." A. J. thinks the same can happen for Sloan's Lake. That's why he is encouraging his neighbors to get to know one another so they can keep an eye out for anything or anyone suspicious. "We're not trying to reinvent the wheel, we're just trying to inspire people to come out and be neighborly."

At least one of those homicides remains unsolved to this day. We have details on that case at cbsdenver.com. That's also where you'll find information on how to contact police if you have any information that may help them solve that case. Reporting live at Sloan's Lake, Kelly Werthmann, Covering Colorado First.

Part II Text A

Comprehension

1. Text Analysis

Parts	Paragraphs	Main Ideas
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Part One	Paras. 1–3	<u>In America, the era of leaving the front door on the latch has drawn to a close.</u>
Part Two	Paras. 4–15	<u>A new atmosphere of fear and distrust has crept into every aspect of daily life. As a result, elaborate security devices, in varied forms, are put to use.</u>
Part Three	Paras. 16–19	<u>By locking our fears out, we have deprived ourselves of lots of freedom.</u>

2. Structured Rewriting

(answer for reference)

The days when doors are not bolted at night are over. 1) No longer is it safe to leave the door on the latch, even for part of an evening. Statistics show that the crime rate in rural areas as well as in cities is on the rise.

The lock is the new symbol of America and various security devices are now all too familiar. 2) We feel vulnerable and erect barriers to hold criminals at bay. These barriers range from old-fashioned bolts and bars to sophisticated electronic surveillance equipment.

But it wasn't always like this. There was a time when businesses had a policy of free access and airports were a place of education and fun.

Distrust and fear have led to the widespread use of security systems. 3) We trust no one and are in constant fear of attack, so we barricade ourselves in our house and resort to elaborate devices for self-protection.

The sad thing is, by locking the evils out, we may have locked ourselves in. This can hardly be called a civilized way of life.

3. Read each of the following statements and mark it as "True" or "False" according to the text.

1) False 2) True 3) False 4) False 5) True

4. Discussion Questions

(answers for reference)

1) In the eyes of many Americans, security is the practice of devising ways to lock the fear out. I don't agree with them. In my point of view, security should be freedom from fear, or anxiety.

2) If the device can really help to detect deception, I would probably hook it up to the telephone. However, I don't think there is any need to analyze the voice of those in my close circle, those I can count on and feel comfortable with.

Language Sense Enhancement

1.

And it has 1) taken over. If you work for a medium- to large-size company, 2) chances are that you don't just wander in and out of work. You probably carry some kind of access card, 3) electronic or otherwise, that allows you in and out of your place of work. Maybe the security guard at the front desk knows your face and will 4) wave you in most days, but the fact remains that the business you work for feels threatened enough to keep outsiders away 5) via these "keys."

It wasn't always like this. Even a decade ago, most private businesses had a policy of 6) free access. It simply didn't 7) occur to managers that the proper thing to do was to distrust people.

Look at the airports. Parents used to take children out to departure gates to watch planes land and 8) take off. That's all 9) gone. Airports are 10) no longer a place of education and fun; they are the most sophisticated of security sites.

Language Focus

Vocabulary

I. Basic Practice

1.

- 1) Could you please behave in a civilized manner and get your feet off the dinner table?
- 2) Since its foundation in 1991, this company's factory premises have been continually expanded.
- 3) The car trunk had been pried open and all our equipment was gone before we knew it.
- 4) When you cut or copy items, they are copied to a clipboard. They can then be pasted onto the same or a different sheet.
- 5) Doing a moderate type of exercise, for example, a brisk 30-minute walk every day, helps to keep fat at bay.
- 6) This chart is designed to show at a glance how many rooms have been rented out and how many are still available.
- 7) The gun battle spread to the local market, where shopkeepers were forced to barricade themselves within their shops.
- 8) The company has devised a computer program that enables people to design their homes to suit their needs and budget.
- 9) To effectively cope with the economic crisis, the government increased public spending by a large margin and proposed both individual and corporate tax cuts.
- 10) Private companies differ from public companies in that their shares are not traded on public exchanges like the New York Stock Exchange.
- 11) To relax, John rose from the computer desk, walked to the window and stretched his arms upwards and sideways.
- 12) Tourists are much more vulnerable to property theft because they usually carry more cash and valuables than local people.
- 13) Bathed in glorious sunshine, the cornfields stretching all the way to the horizon present an impressive sight.
- 14) You may not recognize his name, but (the) chances are that in some corner of your home, you have at least one product designed by this German genius.
- 15) She picked up the receiver and, without so much as asking the caller to hold on, went off to tell Jeff that he was wanted on the phone.

2.

- 1) In his autobiography, Mr. Johnson looked back on his second career, taken up at the age of sixty, as the happiest time of his life when his creativity was brought into full play.
- 2) Many suburban residents in the United States put up an invisible electronic fence around their premises to prevent their pets from running away.
- 3) The initials VAT stand for Value Added Tax, which is a type of tax paid by the person who buys goods or services.
- 4) Convenience store owners across Massachusetts closed up (shop) for part of Wednesday to protest a proposed ban on menthol cigarettes.

- 5) The artist, with his humorous illustrations, pointed out how our addiction to technology, social media and smartphones is taking over our lives.
- 6) This cooking pot has a strainer built in so that it is easier to pour off water when you are preparing food. Water drains out while food stays inside.
- 3.
- 1) With the natural beauty of green landscapes, tranquil blue waters and white sand beaches, there is no place like Hawaii. Jacob looked back on his summer holidays there as a rare escape from the near madness of urban life.
- 2) Research in the information era is much more convenient than in the past. With your computer hooked up to the Internet, you can access all kinds of electronic data at the click of your mouse.
- 3) A night attack took place last weekend in a rural area/neighborhood/community in northern Wisconsin. Police officers are using a sophisticated computer system to spot and analyze clues in crime scene photographs. If the photographs are clear enough, they can identify the criminals with a small margin of error.

II. Usage

- 1) Artificial intelligence is not such an unusual term as it used to be. In today's society, it is already used in many industries such as transportation, finance, healthcare, banking, etc.
- 2) The business suit has long been the uniform for male office workers. Most men do not look unattractive in them. The problem is low-priced business suits look cheap, while high-quality business suits can quickly break the bank.
- 3) Well-to-do as she is, she is not completely unconcerned by her sudden unemployment. She keeps blaming herself and feels anxious about what lies ahead.
- 4) His poor health is not unrelated to his unhealthy way of life. He skips breakfast almost on a daily basis, misses his meals frequently, eats a lot of fast food and fails to exercise regularly.
- 5) Economists say that considering China's huge market potential for American companies, a US-China trade truce is not unrealistic in the foreseeable future.

III. Collocation

- 1) We used to shout his name outside his house until he came out and chased us away.
- 2) She smiled at the guests in a friendly way and started to usher them inside/in.
- 3) He had to push his way forward/through to get off the train as there were so many people on board.
- 4) The wind that had been pushing him now began to drag him back, making everything seem heavy.
- 5) I have to pay a visit to the doctor, so I can give you a ride and drop you off at the nearest subway station.
- 6) I bought the book and took it home/back, only to find some pages missing. Nevertheless I found it interesting and still thought it was a bargain.
- 7) These measures created 136,000 jobs in September, and the unemployment rate was brought down to 3.5%, a new 50-year low.
- 8) Hong Kong is a free port where people bring in goods from all over the world and then ship them out to other lands without tariffs being charged.

Comprehensive Exercises

I. Cloze

A troubling rise in the number of knife attacks in London has made headlines in recent years. While the news media often exaggerate such problems, 1) looking back to a golden 2) era when such things were supposedly unknown, there is no doubt that a rise has taken place and that children and young adults have been particularly 3) vulnerable. Arguments persist as to what has caused the rise. Some blame a reduction in government funding for the police. Others blame cuts in youth service budgets, which have declined by 69 per cent in a decade. Still others point to the growth in violence between criminal gangs fighting to 4) take over one another's territory, fighting that can spill over the borders of London into the 5) rural areas beyond. 6) Statistics show that knife crime is higher in poorer areas of the city and that the black community is disproportionately represented among both attackers and victims. Unfortunately, a lack of trust between parts of the black community and the police has resulted in 7) barriers that have made dealing with the problem more difficult. Struggling to 8) hold the crime wave at bay, the mayor has set up a number of working groups to 9) analyze crime patterns and 10) devise solutions. Extending the use of 11) electronic surveillance systems and expanding the number of neighbourhood watch areas are among the measures being considered. The hope is that lessons can be learned from other 12) urban areas which have managed to tame similar crime waves, but there seems no speedy solution in sight.

II. Translation

In today's society, the sense of security among the public seems to be on the decline. From ordinary farmhouses in rural areas to upscale residential communities in large cities, the common practice of leaving the door on the latch has become a thing of the past, and in its place has emerged sophisticated anti-theft locks and smart electronic surveillance systems. It is against this background that a couple of Chinese providers of video surveillance products have sprung into existence. Statistics show that in recent years these companies generated as much as billions of dollars in sales revenue. Their outstanding performance clearly demonstrates the huge market potential for security equipment products.

However, huge market potential does not necessarily stand for easy industry expansion, as these Chinese companies have come to realize. When they tried to enter overseas markets in 2019, they found substantial barriers standing in their way. A lack of patents held them back and overdependence on foreign suppliers for microchips rendered them extremely vulnerable. These barriers, however, did not stop them from expansion. They invested heavily in research and development and gradually achieved self-reliance. With more and more components made by themselves, chances are that these companies will become even more competitive in the future.

Part III Text B

Comprehension Check

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. D 5. A 6. D

Language Practice

1. This independent, nonprofit women's organization has long advocated achieving equal pay for

equal work through federal and state legislation.

2. I do draw the line at eating wild animals although I'm open to exotic food choices.
3. Under no circumstances should a young child be left alone with dogs, no matter what their size or temperament.
4. Thinking about a career change? Before you take the plunge, here are a few of the many things experts say you should examine first.
5. I'm deeply impressed by what you've already accomplished, and I look forward to hearing about even greater achievements in your future work.
6. We're so relieved that the court ruled in our favor, ordering our competitor to stop infringing on our patent.
7. Heart disease is usually the consequence of years of poor health, which can be prevented by better lifestyle choices.
8. The investors have mistakenly concluded that Mr. Smith is such an efficient manager that the company cannot thrive without him.
9. I sincerely hope that I can continue to count on your generous support in the years ahead.
10. Another investigation has been carried out to determine whether the deadly crash could have been the product of a conspiracy.
11. The ship from Dalian to Shanghai is to depart in ten minutes. Passengers are all on board and the sailors are hoisting the anchor.
12. One of the things that fascinate us most about cats is the popular belief that they have nine lives.
13. By doing your homework properly you will at least be able to make sure that the odds are in your favour.
14. Americans young and old took to the streets Saturday to protest the "zero tolerance" policy of the Trump administration toward undocumented immigrants.
15. A score of tourists trapped on the small island by the unexpected storm were rescued by local police.

Part IV Comprehensive Language Practice

Viewing & Comprehension Practice

1. How safe is China for tourists and travelers? Many foreigners living in China view China as 1) safe for travelers. But how about those who have never been to China? A correspondent asked some Americans in New York City. Those she spoke to said they don't have any 2) safety concerns about visiting China and that the only problem they can think of is 3) the language. The correspondent then took this question to someone familiar with China, Professor Joseph Foudy, who teaches Economics of China and Asia at NYU and every year takes 200 students with him on an Asia tour. The professor assures her that China is 4) the safest large country in the world. In spite of the fact that there's some small risk of petty crime, 5) violent crime is rare as compared to virtually any other country.
2. Is China a safe country to travel around? With low rates of crime, China is one of the safest countries to visit. Then why is such an issue being debated at the online question-and-answer site Quora? According to Professor Joseph Foudy, for one thing, 1) there are websites that love to debate things and for another, 2) China is obviously a constant subject and people sometimes

want to exaggerate how things play out/ happen in China.

Transcript:

Americans Share Their Thoughts on How Safe China Is

How safe is China for tourists and travelers? It's an issue being debated at the online question-and-answer site Quora. The users, many of them foreigners living in China, view China as safe for travelers. But what do people who have never been to China think? We asked some Americans in New York City.

"I think China is a great place to visit and it's safe to be there absolutely. Why not? It's as safe as any other place. Why not?"

"I really don't have any safety concerns about China. It's a place I've always wanted to go."

"I won't be concerned traveling alone in China."

"I don't think I have any that I can think of other than I don't speak Chinese."

So that would be your only concern?"

"I think so, yeah."

Every tourist and traveler I've spoken with here at Time Square said they have no qualms about visiting China, but not a single one of them has actually been there to know for sure. So I'm taking this question to a man who has been to China and knows the country well.

Professor Joseph Foudy teaches Economics of China and Asia at New York University Stern School of Business. Every year he takes 200 students with him on an Asia tour. He assures me that China is the safest large country in the world. "I think there's always some small risk of petty crime but the risk of that to me in China is either the same or smaller than most other countries, but the real metric has to be violent crime and for violent crime China is just so much more safe than at virtually any country we can compare it to that there's really no basis for saying it's dangerous." One Chinese government official says the country's homicide rate in 2014 was lower than in developed countries like the US, Britain and France and violent crimes are on the decline. The US State Department says that China remains a safe country for most visitors. So why the debate? "Well, I think that there are websites that love to debate things. China is obviously, you know, a constant subject both good and bad, and so people want to sometimes exaggerate how things play out in China." So best to go by official travel guidelines and as Matthew Bell, Expat and Loving It suggests on Quora, use your common sense and everything will be fine.