

Unit 1 Severe Winter Weather

Warm-ups

1. When governments respond to severe weather, sometimes they declare a state of emergency or a state of disaster.
2. The same winter storm system swept snow and frigid temperatures all the way up the East Coast, knocking out power to tens of thousands in Georgia and North Carolina.
3. New England is digging out from as much as three feet of snowfall today.
4. Parts of the Midwest and Atlantic Coast are being pounded by another winter storms today, which means airlines are taking another big hit.
5. Like much of the country, we have unusually frosty weather here today in Washington.
6. The report said that people must take steps to stop further weather disasters to avoid substantial damages to the US economy, environment, and human health and well-being over the coming decades.
7. The ongoing cold spell in Korea is especially hard to endure for those in need.
8. Conditions were treacherous from Connecticut to Maine, much of it caused by black ice, when a thin often invisible layer freezes over roads.
9. Power outages, schools and businesses closed, flights canceled. Chicago had a record one-day snowfall on Tuesday.
10. More than 1,700 flights were canceled Sunday, leaving people stranded. Officials said there were fewer delays yesterday.
11. Ice coats trees, weighing them down and branches eventually break, taking out power lines as they fall.
12. People along the East Coast spent today trying to get out from under this weekend's massive snowfall. There are signs that in some areas things are slowly returning to normal. But many people could be snowed in for days.
13. Some spots got 86 inches of snow, a whole year's worth in just three days.
14. Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, DC could each get at least a foot of snow over the next day or two, and experts are predicting a blizzard in New Jersey and Delaware.
15. And officials here in California say an estimated three-fourths of the state's citrus crop has been destroyed.
16. Ukraine may be getting the worst of it. In that nation, the highest temperatures of the day are still below freezing.
17. Chicago shut down its schools for the first time in 12 years. That's what you do when a huge winter storm dumps almost two feet of snow on the city.
18. He's interested in how all cold-blooded insects make it through harsh winters.
19. At least six deaths have been blamed on the latest round of winter storms and this is having an economic impact, too.
20. Severe weather conditions continue to wreak havoc in parts of the country.

Video 3

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Video 4

The National Weather Service says the area around Richmond, Virginia's capital, shot about 9 inches of snowfall. And Virginia's police said there were more than 1,700 car crashes across the state since Sunday morning.

But it looks like parts of North Carolina were hit even harder when the powerful winter storm flew through the region. As many as 60 inches of snow were measured in some areas. Others recorded an entire winter's words of snow in one day. And winter has even officially started yet.

Police say more than 600 car crashes were reported as the storm passed over North Carolina. A spokesman for the state's department of transportation said he was seriously concern about every road last night, with ice expected to fall as temperatures dropped below freezing. At least two deaths were blamed on the storm. Hundreds of thousands of people lost electricity across the Carolina and Virginia. Thousands of flights were cancelled.

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Video 5

1. True 2. False 3. False

Unit 2 Tropical Cyclone

Warm-ups

1. Hurricane Irma has made landfall in the Caribbean, causing widespread damage and flooding on the islands in its path.
2. The storm killed two people and injured hundreds of others. It knocked out power to half a million before moving on to mainland China.
3. Parts of Puerto Rico were still recovering from a different kind of natural disaster that hit more than two years ago.
4. The system was classified as a tropical storm on Saturday night when its sustained wind speed reached 39 miles per hour.
5. The storm that smacked the Southeast is now heading north. Forecasters expect it to merge with another system from the Midwest.
6. If a storm becomes particularly intense or is devastating for a coastline, or has a lot of casualties associated with it, we retire the name and don't use it again.
7. The storms knocked down trees, affected air travel, left more than half a million people without power.
8. The tornado touched down near the town of New Castle, Oklahoma, just before 3 pm Monday. Residents had about 16 minutes warning before it hit.
9. The Pacific island nation has been hit by two typhoons in one week and both of them were the equivalent of category 4 hurricanes.
10. They already ordered some evacuations. Around a thousand more people were told to evacuate on Tuesday.
11. A recent cold front that swept south dragged temperatures down to the low 40s and high 30s in and around Miami.
12. When we put this show together, there were 90 million people, more than a quarter of the entire US population who were under the threat of destructive weather.
13. There were concerns the rain could cause floods or mudslides in some areas, especially spots with steep hills or mountains.
14. Forecasters had warned that the US Northeast was in for a nasty blizzard.
15. At one point on Monday, it was a super typhoon, the same size and speed as a category 5 hurricane. Yesterday, it hit the Philippines.
16. So many of the things we use every day, from phones to shoes to cars, they've traveled the major shipping lanes of the world to get wherever you are.
17. Forecasters say parts of the Bahamas will have gotten 30 inches of rain since the storm hit.
18. Danielle is the fourth named storm of this year's Atlantic hurricane season, but it's only the second storm to become a hurricane.
19. The park gets some three million visitors a year, mostly in the three peak months of summer.
20. Cyclone Yasi knocked homes off their foundations and destroyed farmland back in 2011.

Video 3

1. A 2. B 3. A

Video 4

1. False 2. True 3. False

Video 5

During what time of year do most of the hurricanes form?	June 1 to the end of November
How many named hurricanes are predicted this year?	10
How many of them will likely become hurricanes?	4
How many named hurricanes were predicted last year?	16
How many hurricanes occurred last year?	19

Unit 3 Flood

Warm-ups

1. We're gonna take you to Brazil, South America, a nation in its summer rainy season. Rains that are out of hand in some places.
2. Some towns in New Jersey were under four or five feet of water. Floodwaters rushed into New York City subway tunnels as well.
3. In southeast Cuba, dozens of homes were reportedly washed away and the Bahamas took a direct hit.
4. Rivers have flooded some small communities and also swamped a major West Coast freeway.
5. Private donations and offers to help were also coming in from all around the affected areas.
6. Flooding has taken a toll on other parts of Texas agriculture, particularly along the Gulf Coast.
7. And around 900 shelters were set up to house people who have to evacuate their homes.
8. The river crested -- reached its highest point -- at just over 57 feet. That's more than a foot higher than the old record, set in 1927.
9. In some areas, people had to wait for a rescue on rooftops or climb trees to stay above the rising waters.
10. Today, the mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg, ordered parks closed and urged residents in some low-lying areas to evacuate.
11. Tens of thousands without electricity, hundreds evacuated from their homes, all because heavy rains have drenched Southern California.
12. Hundreds of people in the capital of Uganda, Kampala, collect waste that blocks the city's drainage systems.
13. Hundreds of people have died in flooding in India and Pakistan. Tens of thousands have had to leave their homes. And this is in an area that's used to wet weather in late summer.
14. You might expect North Dakota to get hammered with snow all winter, but on average, the state gets less snow than the states to the east or west of it.
15. Students at the University of Colorado came together to save their belongings after the flood reached the dorms, and that campus will be closed today due to the widespread flooding.
16. The president of Mozambique says, with rivers having broken their banks and entire villages having been wiped out, Cyclone Idai could have killed more than a thousand people in his country alone. He called the situation a large-scale humanitarian disaster.
17. In 2015, rain in Colombia's northwest caused a mudslide that killed more than 80 people. Scientists say heavy rain, lots of deforestation, poorly made homes and dense populations can all put residents at risk.

18. In all, he netted \$2.4 million, which is just about \$60,000 short of the record set by Ken Jennings 15 years ago.
19. Back in May, severe floods hit Nashville, causing more than a billion dollars in damage.
20. The latest severe weather is of particular concern to farmers in the Midwest, where flooding has left acres of land unusable since March.

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Video 4

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Video 5

First up today, heavy rains and flooding are taking a major toll in Pakistan. The floods have already drenched more than 4 million acres of land. Think of 4 million football fields just covering water. Here's a look.

The floods have killed more than 213 people, ruined about 18% of the area's crops and damaged more than a million homes, forced many people into temporary camps. And the wet weather is not over. Forecasts are predicting more rain. That means Pakistan's going to lead a lot of help.

Several countries have already offered to do that, including the United States, Iran and German. This disaster comes only a year after another round of severe floods hit Pakistan. Those floods killed more than 7,000 people and caused nearly \$10 million in damage.

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Unit 4 Earthquake

Warm-ups

1. A powerful earthquake struck there last week, its epicenter in the central part of the country.
2. And though hundreds of people are known to have died in the catastrophe, some experts say the final toll could be more than 1,000.
3. A powerful earthquake hit that country on Sunday. It's the strongest quake there in more than a decade, and it was followed by at least seven aftershocks.
4. The 7.8-magnitude quake either partially or completely destroyed almost 300,000 homes. Some are in remote villages that aid workers are still unable to reach.
5. Rescuers and citizens brought out flashlights and shovels to look for survivors in the rubble.
6. Parts of New Zealand are recovering from a devastating earthquake that hit the city of Christchurch a little more than a week ago.
7. This was the largest quake to hit Japan in more than 100 years, and it caused a tsunami, this giant ocean wave, that rushed ashore.
8. Ten years ago, a 7.0 earthquake absolutely demolished parts of Haiti. More than 100,000 people died and many more were hurt.
9. In communities across America yesterday, Haitians gathered for Sunday services to pray for family and friends devastated by that earthquake.
10. Before rescue teams arrived, local residents and firefighters used their bare hands to try to rescue people trapped under the debris.
11. Residents are helping officials in the search for survivors. That's going on around the clock.
12. It's been nearly a week since a 7.6-magnitude earthquake devastated the northern region of that country, and the top emergency relief coordinator for the United Nations says search and rescue operations have now ended.
13. In San Francisco, we could see damage caused when the earthquake rippled through the city -- cracked pavements, downed power lines, occasional geysers caused by broken water mains.
14. The bombings occurred 20 minutes apart at a pet market and a bird market. At least 99 people were killed, at least 145 injured.
15. A very powerful earthquake, one with the magnitude of 7.7 hit part of Pakistan on Tuesday. It could be felt hundreds of miles away.
16. Relief workers are still searching for survivors and pressing to get food and help to hard-hit regions cut off by Saturday's quake.
17. This century there have been multiple earthquakes and tsunamis generated around Indonesia. They've killed hundreds of thousands of people in the region.
18. Smilde says he may go all out to prevent the opposition from taking power.

19. Mexican troops and rescue workers are searching for people still missing in the wake of a tropical storm. Landslides triggered by heavy rain have killed at least 45 people since Saturday.
20. It's been three years since a massive earthquake struck Haiti, killing roughly 200,000 people and leaving more than a million homeless. In that time, the Caribbean nation has also suffered through two deadly hurricanes.

Video 3

1. C 2. B 3. B

Video 4

1. True 2. True 3. False

Video 5

When did the quake happen?	Tuesday
Where did it happen?	northern part of Italy
Magnitude?	5.8
How many killed?	at least 15
How many injured?	around 200
How many aftershocks?	at least 40

Unit 5 Volcanic Eruption

Warm-ups

1. An ash cloud from a volcano is causing problems for airlines. It's in southern Iceland under a glacier; it's been erupting since last month.
2. Lava is flowing out of the volcano and making its way toward the ocean.
3. Sea water has been used to blast and cool lava flows. Barriers have been built to divert them. But the US Geological Survey says these methods might not have worked, if the volcanic eruptions themselves hadn't stopped.
4. It's the most active volcano in the world. The thing has been erupting for more than 30 years.
5. The country is located along the Ring of Fire. It's a horseshoe-shaped region around the Pacific Ocean where much of the world's earthquake and volcanic activity happens.
6. Spinning the globe to Dallas, Texas. Some hopeful news to tell you about the Ebola virus.
7. The Pacific Island nation of Japan sees about 1,500 tremors every year, one of them shook the central part of the country on Saturday night. Japan's meteorological agency says it was magnitude 6.8.
8. They've been keeping a close eye on a rural area of eastern Iceland, because it's been a hotspot for earthquakes and volcanic activity.
9. If this ash gets into a jet's engine, it can cause the engine to fail.
10. It's been five days since Hawaii's Kilauea volcano started erupting again, but a lot of the destruction is occurring miles from the mountain summit.
11. Disaster relief groups have begun distributing massive amounts of aid throughout flooded parts of Texas -- food, water and medical supplies.
12. This area is no stranger to mudslides. An official from the National Weather Service says they can be caused by a rainfall rate of a half inch per hour.
13. Grimsvotn started erupting on Saturday, shooting this ash up into the sky.
14. It hit populated areas, destroying homes and crops, causing a state of emergency and leaving thousands with nothing and nowhere to go.
15. In Hawaii, worry grows after two new fissures opened up on the big island yesterday.
16. Hundred of flights in northern Europe have been cancelled in the last couple of days, because of volcanic ash from Iceland. The disruptions aren't as bad as they were last year, when ash caused many more cancellations.
17. Severe flooding has led to the deaths of several people there. 200 Italians have reportedly been forced out of their homes.
18. Venice is in Northern Italy. It's a major seaport and a popular tourist destination. It's famous for its canals.
19. The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina is becoming clearer by the hour. Over a hundred people are missing and presumed dead in Mississippi.

20. International aid groups have failed to help those who have fled their homes but stayed in the country, mainly because they have found shelter in places too dangerous for outsiders to reach.

Video 3

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Video 4

Officials in Hawaii say 35 buildings, including at least 20 homes, have been destroyed in the latest eruption of the Kilauea volcano. New fissures have formed in the ground, and though volcanic activity in this cracks slowed down yesterday, scientists thought it was just a pose and that the eruption would continue.

Hundreds of people have been evacuated mile to the east of the volcano. Some have been able to go back home to get things like pats, medicine and important belongings. Others have been warned to stand away as dangerous air and lava flows spread.

Scientists say there's no way to spot lava. The only thing they've been able to do in the past is to direct it by spreading it with sea water, and because that just sends it in another direction, it's not always a good opinion.

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13. divert
14. spraying
15. option

Video 5

1. True 2. False 3. True

Unit 6 Wildfire

Warm-ups

1. In the northwestern part of the US, hundreds of firefighters are battling a huge wildfire in Idaho.
2. Debris covered roads and swamped buildings. Mudslides and flooding destroyed 65 homes and damaged more than 460 others.
3. One way firefighters do that is by setting new fires. A controlled burn can clear out any vegetation that could fuel a wildfire before it gets there.
4. Tens of thousands of acres, each one roughly the size of a football field, have been scorched across the state.
5. Officials were hoping for some brief help from the weather yesterday, but the dry, windy conditions that have spread these flames were expected to be back today.
6. While some of these fires are being investigated, they might have been caused by arson, others were started by natural events like lightning strikes.
7. The governor has declared a state of emergency in 31 Texas counties and what that does is speed up assistance to the areas that need it most.
8. The largest wildfire in state history flared up in early December. It's burned more than 281,000 acres, and it's still not completely contained or blocked off.
9. The state's wildfires season used to run from spring until fall. Now it's year round, with hot, dry trees and brush acting like kindling, causing tens of thousands of acres to burn up.
10. Smoke from the bushfires is causing problems for residents and some of the tennis players preparing for the Australian Open in Melbourne.
11. Firefighters from 34 different states are in Texas trying to get these things under control.
12. Cooler winds and moist air from the Pacific Ocean helped firefighters get a handle on most of the blazes in southern California.
13. Before starting your show, make sure any nearby brush and grass are not dry or easily ignited by stray sparks.
14. He's issued a major disaster declaration for Florida. That will add federal funding to the state and local relief efforts.
15. Did President Trump's actions intentionally and illegally interfere with the government carrying out its work?
16. This year, it starts at sunset on Wednesday, which means the eight-day holiday coincided with a major US holiday.
17. There's been a brutal heat wave over the American West. That along with low humidity and high winds has fueled wildfires.
18. They're hoping the wind doesn't kick up, but it's been very hot around here, around 100 degrees in some spots, and that makes the battle even more difficult.

19. Days after the fire, we spoke with the principal, who was trying to wrap his mind around what the future would be like for him and his students.
20. All of the fires have been helped along and made worse by an ongoing drought in the region.

Video 3

1. A 2. B 3. C

Video 4

1. True 2. True 3. False

Video 5

	Wildfire 1	Wildfire 2
Where did it happen?	Colorado	southern California
When did it happen?	Sunday	Sunday
Anyone injured?	No reports	
Why (What caused it)?	looking into the cause	
Is it under control?	will in a few days	working to get it under control

Unit 7 Common Accident

Warm-ups

1. The quake hit a rural mountainous area. Some affected villages are hard for rescuers to reach. They also don't have good infrastructure like sturdy bridges or reliable communications systems.
2. Massachusetts State Police say the explosions are suspected to be gas-related, and they confirm that they responded to at least 70 reports of fire explosion or gas odor.
3. Many people were sleeping when the mudslide came. Other witnesses said it was moving so fast, they had to run for their lives.
4. In addition to difficult weather, inexperienced climbers, inexperienced companies that brought them in, and overcrowding on the mountain were all widely blamed for the deaths.
5. Authorities say the inmates got out through a tunnel in a minimum security part of the prison. Then they cut through a fence and ran across an empty lot to escape.
6. The damage from it looks to be awful: roofs ripped off of houses; power lines knocked down; cars flipped over. Authorities say the storm killed at least 10 people, injured dozens of others, destroyed hundreds of homes.
7. Building a new subway line under any city is a challenge, but plans to build one under the historic center of Rome are forcing engineers to deal with some unique challenges.
8. Authorities believe the collapse was due to a structural failure. Exactly what kind and what factors led to that will be investigated in the days ahead.
9. Victims' families will be given the opportunity to travel there if and when the wreckage is recovered.
10. Authorities stopped the Iranian ship because they thought its cargo was headed somewhere illegal under European rules.
11. Cities from Sydney to Beijing, London, Rio, other major cities all around the world, there were huge crowds that came out to see some spectacular pyrotechnic displays.
12. Yesterday, both sides offered joint funding proposals to allow work to continue for several months until a permanent solution can be found.
13. Vehicles, including a tractor-trailer, were flipped over. Several people were injured and some homes were damaged.
14. It started last month from two separate lightning strikes. Those sparked two fires that eventually merged together and the combined flames have burned across 380 square miles.
15. Authorities say a semi carrying an oversized load hit the Interstate 5 Bridge, sending part of it into the Skagit River near Mount Vernon. No one was seriously hurt.

16. But on the morning of October 9, our smoke alarms went off in our bedroom and woke Judy and I up. She started screaming.
17. He concluded that the fire was caused by a space heater or faulty electrical wiring.
18. The government now says people no longer have to turn off their portable electronic devices during takeoffs and landings.
19. An official investigation concluded that a short circuit in the fuel tank caused the crash that killed 230 people.
20. At least 21 children died when the building came down. Many others remained unaccounted for.

Video 3

1. True 2. True 3. False

Video 4

Moving to the Central American nation of Honduras, where officials are investigating a dead fire at one of the country's prisons. It happened overnight on Tuesday, and as of Wednesday afternoon, at least 270 inmates had died. The fate of more than 100 others was alone.

This was a minimum security prison that can hold around 815 prisoners. More than half of the facility was effected by the fire. One survivor said he and other prisoners were asleep when they heard streams. He said everyone ran for their life.

Authorities don't know how the fire started it. They're looking to whether a short circuit might have sparked it, or whether a prisoner might have sit a mattress on fire.

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Video 5

Numbers	Statements
3	3 people were injured.
15 million	Officials estimate that it's going to cost \$15 million to fix the bridge.
14 billion	Nearly \$14 billion in cargo crosses that bridge every year.

Unit 8 Road Traffic Safety

Warm-ups

1. Prime Minister Theresa May released a draft divorce agreement with the European Union, drew heavy criticism from just about everybody in the UK.
2. Not everyone in Washington is on board with this plan.
3. Meantime, Toyota is expanding its recall of vehicles whose gas pedals may be malfunctioning. The announcement affects more than 5 million cars in the US and Europe.
4. A judge in Rhode Island permanently revoked a teenage driver's license after he broke several laws and got into a terrible wreck.
5. The IOC had given lifetime bans to these athletes for doping at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.
6. Halloween can be a dangerous holiday. Pedestrians and bicyclists are more likely to be hit by cars this time of year.
7. The state of Washington was the first to outlaw distracted driving back in 2007.
8. In some of those situations, the recalls were voluntary and had to be done by the companies that produce the food.
9. She was wearing headphones and did not hear me come up behind her.
10. Many shoppers don't want their movements tracked. They're concerned about their privacy if they're being electronically followed around.
11. At Gatwick Airport in London, UK, a new type of parking attendant is making headlines for being completely robotic.
12. A couple on a motorcycle both lost their legs when they were hit by a teenager who was texting while driving a pickup truck.
13. The Department of Transportation is making a big push to cut down on texting while driving, and some companies were getting involved by asking young drivers to sign a promise that they won't text behind the wheel.
14. The number of visitors has nearly tripled in the past five years to about 30 million, and the country is scrambling to build enough hotels ahead of next year's Tokyo Olympics.
15. Authorities say the driver who allegedly hit the family's vehicle was drunk and speeding at around 100 miles per hour.
16. If caught speeding in a School Zone, a driver may have their license suspended.
17. The glasses have a very small video display and a camera that connects wirelessly to the Internet through WiFi, a smartphone or a tablet computer.
18. If you are driving a car, you will probably see many traffic or road signs. They provide information about how fast to go, which way to turn and whether a road ends or begins.
19. One analyst thinks that this deal can only be considered successful if it leads to a bigger agreement down the road.
20. It's rare for a law enforcement officer to be convicted of homicide for shooting someone while on duty.

Video 3

1. True 2. True 3. False

Video 4

Numbers	Statements
1	Deveau will serve 1 year in prison.
11	This new plan would encourage the other 11 states to pass similar laws.
15	His driver's license will be suspended for 15 years.
39	Right now, it's illegal to text and drive in 39 states.

Video 5

1. A teenager is having his driver's license suspended forever and he will never be allowed to get a license in Rhode Island again.
2. Last October, the teen behind the wheel was driving on a suspended license. He was speeding. He was allegedly coming from a party where there had been alcohol. He and all three of his passengers were injured when he crashed his car into a tree.
3. The local police chief says he thinks the decision is fair. The state senator says the judge went too far.

Unit 9 Maritime Incident

Warm-ups

1. This week, a cruise ship was quarantined off the coast of Yokohama, not far from Tokyo, because an infected passenger had spent a few days aboard it.
2. Experts have been running a salvage operation around the ship.
3. 13 people had to go overboard. Authorities said all of them have been accounted for; nobody was hurt.
4. His office had been criticized recently for not coordinating intelligence efforts well enough and not stopping an attempted terrorist attack in advance.
5. Lower water levels mean cargo ships that travel along the lakes have to carry less, or they run the risk of running aground.
6. With a busy travel period reaching its peak, many were still scrambling for a ticket home. This map from China's Baidu search engine highlights busy travel routes for what's considered to be the world's largest annual mass migration.
7. A transportation official has ruled out technical problem being the cause of the train crash, as early reports indicated the train had trouble braking when it hit the fence.
8. The oil ship caught fire, and stayed afloat, burning, until it exploded and sank a week later on January 14.
9. We're going to begin this hour in South Korea with a high-profile resignation. The country's defense minister has stepped down two days after a North Korean artillery attack killed four people on a South Korean island.
10. And cities all over the world were involved in Earth Hour over the weekend. Famous landmarks all around the globe, all going dark.
11. He peeked out the living room window to see what was going on.
12. Authorities say, hundreds of people were airlifted to safer ground this week, hundreds of others are still stranded.
13. When Yeltsin announced his resignation on New Year's Eve in 1999, he appointed Putin acting president. It was a last-ditch attempt to install a loyal successor.
14. A powerful earthquake struck Taiwan late Tuesday, killing at least seven people and leaving several buildings leaning, near total collapse.
15. Last week, there were tests that showed high levels of radiation about 360 yards offshore.
16. The Ukrainian government released this video, which appears to show a Russian vessel intentionally ramming a Ukrainian tugboat.
17. In September, they are planning to use cables and massive flotation devices to get the ship back upright and ready to be towed to a nearby port.
18. Southern California is notorious for its poor air quality. But over the past two decades, the air has been getting better.

19. But soon after departure, they say storms badly damaged the mast and the engine, as well as their radio and satellite communications.
20. Many people heard a loud bang before the ship started to list to one side. It's still not clear exactly what the cause of this ship sinking was, whether it hit something or not.

Video 3

1. False 2. True 3. True

Video 4

If you've never been in a plane and flowed over a landmark, the captain might get on the speak and draw your attention to it. It's kind of what happened on an Air Canada flight this week. The plane was almost at the end of a 14-hour flight to Austria when the captain dropped down from 37,000 feet to 5,000 feet. Then he asked people to pick out the window and see if they could find something. This yard -- it was stranded out on the water, no fuel, broken master. The sailor set off an emergency signal. Officials asked the Air Canada flight if it could help, and the people on board did. Passengers and crew spotted him, authorities eventually arrived to pick up the sailor. Total time when he set off the signal to when he was spotted by the plane, 35 minutes.

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5. Australia
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7. peek
8. yacht
9. mast
10. help out
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13. time from
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Video 5

1. According to the owner of the Costa Concordia, that's how long it will take to remove the cruise ship from the waters near an Italian island.
2. The salvage process will start in May. First, the Concordia will have to get back to a floating state, and then the ship will be towed to port.
3. He claims that the rock that the ship struck wasn't on his charts of the area.

Unit 10 Aviation

Warm-ups

1. China says its satellites might have located some debris from a missing Malaysia Airlines plane.
2. Search planes are continuously scouring parts of the Indian Ocean where floating objects were detected, but so far nothing has been recovered.
3. Some critics argue that the government is overreacting with these new guidelines.
4. One mystery surrounding the disappearance of a Malaysia Airlines flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing is how and why two men were apparently able to travel with stolen passports.
5. Interpol is criticizing Malaysia for letting passengers to board this flight with stolen documents.
6. Both drivers, five students and three chaperons were killed. Dozens injured. Some students kicked open windows and ran for their lives
7. The vast majority of our students are not disruptive. Those who do receive tickets are hopefully learning that their actions have consequences.
8. When there is a recall of products, companies should be offering refunds, not just vouchers for future purchases.
9. They are trying to recover the plane's black box, the flight data recorder, that could give information about why the aircraft went down.
10. In the year since that ban went into effect in Washington, dozens of other states have passed similar laws.
11. Operations at Chicago's O'Hare International are gradually returning to normal after airlines here cancelled nearly 1,000 flights into and out of one of the world's busiest airports yesterday.
12. The Mexican government says its priorities are rescuing people who are trapped and getting medical help for those who were injured.
13. Officials say its crew did not issue a distress call. Air traffic controllers did after they lost radio contact with the plane yesterday morning.
14. Passengers who get involuntarily bumped will be entitled to more compensation and airlines face stiffer penalties for long tarmac delays on international flights.
15. BP announced this week that they would close the field after discovering, unexpectedly, severe corrosion in an oil transit line.
16. Winter weather is also being blamed for this -- Delta Flight 1086 skidded off the runway at New York's LaGuardia Airport yesterday morning.
17. The then- officer, who is white, is charged with fatally shooting, while on duty, an unarmed black man on New Year's Day 2009. Train passengers captured the incident on video.
18. Domestic flights in the country had been grounded because of coronavirus. They were allowed to start back up a week ago.

19. Crews searching the waters off the coast of Brazil today found more debris from the crash of Air France Flight 447. The Airbus jet carried 228 people when it disappeared Monday on its way from Rio de Janeiro to Paris.
20. A vintage World War II fighter somehow lost control during the show and plunged into the crowd. And federal aviation investigators are now trying to piece together what happened.

Video 3

1. True 2. False 3. False

Video 4

	Plane Crash 1	Plane Crash 2
When did it happen?	Friday	Saturday
Where did it happen?	Nevada	near Martinsburg, West Virginia
How did it happen?	pilot lost control of plane , crashed into spectators	plane plunged into runway, exploded
Any people killed or injured?	9 killed, including pilot, nearly 70 injured	pilot killed, no one on ground hurt
Why (What caused it)?	part of plane broke off before crash, looking into	looking into

Video 5

1. The first version came out in 2009. It said domestic flights can't sit on the ground for more than three hours.
2. The new rules set a limit of four hours for international flights. Airlines have to announce all fees on their websites. And passengers will get more money if they're bumped off a flight.
3. The airline industry said these regulations could lead to higher ticket prices and more flights getting canceled.

Unit 11 Population

Warm-ups

1. According to another census report, workers with a bachelor's degree earned around \$20,000 more on average than workers with a high school diploma.
2. The House of Representatives has 435 members who vote. The number of House members that a state gets is based on the state's population.
3. India is the world's most populated country, but about 30% of that population lives below the poverty line, twice that of the US.
4. The United States passed a milestone yesterday in the number of its coronavirus cases. According to Johns Hopkins University, more than 1 million cases of the disease have been confirmed in America.
5. Identifying the reasons for the decline in teen pregnancy is an important undertaking, adds Brown, because it'll clarify what to emphasize in sex education programs for teenagers: abstinence or contraception.
6. There is widespread fear that the weak economy will leave many Americans unable to pay for college. University officials are predicting sharp drop-offs among international students because of the coronavirus crisis as well.
7. Meanwhile, in September 2014 the government mandated that all primary schools must teach a language.
8. Because of a lack of widespread testing, he says there's no way to pinpoint how he became infected.
9. US President Barack Obama will be traveling to Japan later this month to meet with the leaders of six other industrialized nations. They'll be discussing economic cooperation, energy and international security.
10. Japan has just under 127 million people. That population is shrinking and aging. Shrinking partly because of a low birth rate. Aging because the life expectancy continues to go up.
11. The fact that poverty is on the rise is no surprise. With the start of the recession back in December 2007, unemployment has been going up and incomes going down.
12. This is the only branch of the UN where every member country has equal representation -- one country, one vote.
13. Neither of those numbers was as bad as many economists expected. But the unemployment rate is the highest it's been since the Great Depression.
14. The recorders have info about the plane speed, its engines, its cabin pressure and what the crew was saying. Investigators hope they'll explain what caused the crash.
15. Turkish voters will be deciding whether or not to change their country's constitution and turn its parliamentary system into a presidential one.
16. The third leg of the trip will take him near the equator to Malaysia and then he'll visit the Philippines before heading back home to the US.

17. In San Francisco, companies will pay six-figure salaries to entry-level tech workers from all over the world. But now one public university there is laying off some of its own IT staff and sending their jobs to a contractor headquartered in India.
18. And with the population shifting away from traditionally Democratic strongholds in the Midwest and Northeast, Republicans are expected to gain seats in the House.
19. Costa Rica is about the size of West Virginia with the population the size of Alabama -- a little under 5 million people. Its poverty rate is lower than that of its Central American neighbors, though it still includes about a quarter of the Costa Rican population.
20. President Obama says next week he'll urge Congress to come together and take steps to accelerate job growth.

Video 3

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False

Video 4

1. Between 2000 and 2010, Detroit lost 25% of its residents. The current population is the lowest it's been in 100 years.
2. The program lists two possible reasons: people moving to the suburbs and the decline of the US auto industry.
3. As its population has been declining, the seats that Michigan has got in the US House of Representatives has been decreasing. At its peak, Michigan had 19 representatives. Now, it's down to 14.

Unit 12 Environmental Protection

Warm-ups

1. While some of us chuck away unwanted items, people in other parts of world face food shortages and are starving.
2. Scientists estimate that almost every piece of plastic made since Bakelite in 1907 still exists in some form or other. They believe it takes hundreds of years to break down in the environment.
3. From streets and landfills to storm drains, streams and then rivers, a great deal of plastic finds its way into the ocean where it can float around indefinitely.
4. His administration is putting out new guidelines that say schools should face penalties if they don't address certain kinds of bullying.
5. This could help engineers better recycle plastics or get rid of them altogether before they become trash.
6. She heads to Brussels this week for talks on the political declaration that outlines future ties with the EU, but that document is not legally binding.
7. This month, pollution in the capital, New Delhi, hit 20 times what the World Health Organization considers safe. It's partly from car exhaust and from industry.
8. Most folks agree that average temperatures have risen in recent decades. An international group of climate change scientists says it's 95% sure humans are to blame. But some say there's still room for doubt.
9. Most scientists blamed greenhouse gases or carbon emissions for causing global temperatures to heat up over the past 100 years.
10. Yesterday, President Obama announced an executive order. This is a type of law that doesn't need Congressional approval, and this is a big one.
11. But for tens of millions of girls in low-income countries, these products are unaffordable.
12. During the recession, companies fired or laid off employees to offset losses they experienced.
13. Mitsubishi recently admitted that it had cheated on its fuel economy tests, essentially saying their cars got better gas mileage than they really did and that the company has been doing this for as long as 25 years.
14. The president has said that power plants are the single biggest source of carbon pollution that contributes to climate change.
15. Now, there is a deal. It's a tentative one. But many members of the Chicago teachers' union aren't happy with it, and they want more time to look it over before they sign on.
16. This is the first time a red alert has been issued. It limits the number of cars allowed on the road. It closes schools. It shuts down construction sites.
17. Anil Swarup, the secretary of India's Coal Ministry, says India is committed to switching to cleaner energy as part of its pledge to the UN climate convention.

18. President Trump has confirmed that the United States plans to withdraw from a key nuclear weapons treaty with Russia.
19. Six weeks after saying he was pulling America out of the Paris climate accord, President Trump, on a visit to the French capital, has said something could happen with respect to the deal.
20. They hope to convince more people to carpool, to take public transportation or to commute during off-peak hours.

Video 3

A final deal was reached over the weekend at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change. The agreement involved negotiators from 185 countries. It aims to reduce carbon emissions in developed countries. But it says by how much countries should aim to reduce their carbon emissions by the year 2050. And it also says what the penalties would be for a country that doesn't keep its promise.

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Most scientists say the rise in global temperatures over the past century are likely due to human activities. Some critics say humans don't have a significant effect on climate change.

Video 4

1. New Delhi is ranked as the world's most polluted city. And right now, the smog is at its worst. Record levels of pollution are expected for at least the next week.
2. Government officials have declared a public health emergency. They've taken steps to try to get a handle on the pollution, such as stopping work at construction sites and limiting the number of cars.
3. Experts say, what the government has done isn't likely to have a major effect on the smog because a lot of it comes from outside New Delhi.

Unit 13 Disease

Warm-ups

1. Organizers of World AIDS Day estimate that 34 million people worldwide are living with HIV and that 35 million people have died from it.
2. Whether or not you can catch COVID-19 again after getting infected once is connected to your body's immune system.
3. As coronavirus cases surge in many parts of the US, health officials and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are urging Americans to wear face masks in public.
4. On the plus side, scientists say social distancing has been effective in slowing down the spread of coronavirus.
5. The idea that hormones might be protective against heart disease has proved false.
6. There's no cure for Ebola. The virus' symptoms usually include fever, body aches, stomach pain, vomiting and bleeding.
7. Despite the fact that an experimental vaccine is now available as well as new medications for Ebola patients, 574 people, more than half of those who've contracted Ebola in this latest outbreak have died.
8. More than 4 million people worldwide have tested positive for COVID-19. Almost 300,000 had died from the disease when we put this show together.
9. As of July 20, 1,643 people have died among nearly 2,500 confirmed cases of Ebola. That's a fatality rate of about 66%.
10. Several potential vaccines are being developed and are now in clinical trials. This increases the possibility of developing at least one that is effective against Ebola.
11. But if the sitting is making things worse, there is a silver lining. The study found that people who take a break, to move around every 30 minutes have the lowest risk of early death.
12. In California, health officials say a coronavirus patient who is coughing at a party recently spread the disease to more than five other people.
13. Antibodies are proteins that fight off infections. They can protect you from getting that disease again. In other words, they give you immunity.
14. In the US, flu season starts next month. It's a time when flu epidemics often break out in the country.
15. Every year before the US flu season starts in the fall, scientists develop a vaccine based on whatever strains of the flu they expect will circulate.
16. And though the CDC can't say for certain how long the H1N1 flu season will last, they expect the virus could stick around until next spring.
17. In the US, more than a million people are diagnosed with cancer every year. Experts say that one third of American women and one half of American men can expect to develop some form of cancer.
18. You say for a deadly virus to flourish, it must meet three critical conditions. What

are they?

19. Zika is transmitted by mosquitoes, so authorities are telling people to do what they can do to avoid mosquito bites. Wear long sleeves, use insect repellent, stay in rooms with air-conditioning and screen in windows.
20. They were invited because organizers thought the miners symbolized the power of the human spirit.

Video 3

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Video 4

1. It often starts in October, hits its peak in midwinter and can stick around as late as May.
2. In the winter, people spend more time indoors in groups, they get less vitamin D from the sun, and the air is colder and drier. These factors could all help the virus spread from one person to another.

Unit 14 Healthy Eating

Warm-ups

1. Salmonella is the most common bacteria to harm or contaminate food. It is found in undercooked meats, eggs and milk.
2. A kind of salmon that has been genetically modified so it grows faster could soon be in your grocery store. The Food and Drug Administration approved the fish today.
3. The American Academy of Pediatrics says kids should avoid energy drinks altogether. It says teenagers should limit their intake of caffeine to a hundred milligrams per day.
4. The North American meat industry responded by saying that numerous studies show no correlation between meat and cancer, and that the nutrients in meat "far outweigh any theoretical hazard".
5. From 1997 to 2007, reports of food allergies increased almost 20% among children under 18 years old.
6. Some lawmakers and scientists have criticized that idea for being too expensive and risky.
7. Today, the company voluntarily suspended operations at a second processing plant in Plainview, Texas, that reportedly operated unlicensed and uninspected for years.
8. As Japanese society ages, more people are dying from choking deaths than traffic accidents.
9. In addition to requiring companies to list grams of added sugar on food and beverage labels, they would also need to declare what percentage it is of the recommended daily limit.
10. And the World Health Organization says air pollution increases the risk of stroke, heart disease, respiratory infections and lung diseases including cancer.
11. TIME Magazine, owned by the same parent company as CNN, made a list of the top 10 invasive species causing problems worldwide.
12. There is a downside for drug companies. They'll have to pay big fees, and there will be new restrictions on how much they can charge for their products.
13. Schools were required to reduce the amount of calories, fat, and sodium in lunches, and increased the whole grains, fruits and vegetables they offered.
14. The goals were to encourage students to make healthier choices and to decrease childhood obesity, which affects one out of every five Americans between the ages of 6 and 19.
15. And now businesses all throughout the country, throughout the world, are having to redesign those workplaces to make them safe for the COVID-19 era and after.
16. Scientists say they came here through the Suez Canal and that they are invasive species. Meaning they can push out other species that were here first,

- dramatically and quickly changing the ecosystem of the eastern Mediterranean.
17. With a flood of cheap Asian imports, Portugal's textiles are no longer competitive. Things like high-tech or wind energy can fuel the economy going forward.
 18. Chances are you've had a measles vaccination. Doctors say it's the best way to prevent getting the measles, and that it had almost eliminated the virus in the US.
 19. Sugar is now the number-one item that consumers want to avoid in their diets.
 20. A national recall of frozen fruits and vegetables is underway. Earlier this week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced an outbreak of foodborne illnesses linked to listeria.

Video 3

1. False
2. True
3. False

Video 4

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year, one of every six Americans gets sick from something they eat.
2. One would be new safety standards for farmers and the fruits and vegetables they grow. The other rule would require companies to have a plan in place to make sure their foods don't make people sick, and for dealing with outbreaks if they do happen.
3. The disadvantage is that costs for farmers and businesses could go up, and that could mean higher food prices.

Unit 15 Education

Warm-ups

1. Students in Kenya have been out of school since March, and now the government says 2020 will be a lost year. Not only will there be no in-person classes, there will also be no virtual school -- nothing -- until January.
2. School buildings have been closed in all 50 American states and five American territories though many schools are still in session online.
3. In at least 45 states plus the District of Columbia, students won't be returning to campus at all for the rest of this academic year.
4. The next time your kid skips class to work on a website, you might think twice before you scold him or her. That child might turn out to be the next Mark Zuckerberg.
5. A group that represents these drivers likes the idea of cracking down on distracted driving.
6. Deans are often judged on just two criteria: how a school fares in rankings and how much money they have screwed out of rich alumni.
7. Some students actually helped expose the alleged cheating. One told the investigators that when she was in the 5th grade, her teacher offered her the answers for a standardized test.
8. Show up for school and behave well, and you'll get paid. Seniors can get \$25 per week. Underclassmen can get 10 bucks.
9. Fifty people across the United States have been formally charged with cheating to get students into highly respected colleges. What they're accused of doing is helping students cheat on college entrance exams like the SAT.
10. More than half of today's nearly 20 million college students are paying for college on their own. And paying tuition is just the beginning. Students arriving on campuses are hit with a lot more, often unexpected, costs.
11. Concerns about immigration are understandable, especially at a time when jobs are in such short supply. Polling in both Europe and America suggests that a majority of locals think immigrants do more harm than good and damage locals' chances in the job markets.
12. After almost three days of being partially shut down, the US government was expected to reopen last night.
13. In 1957, President Dwight Eisenhower sent federal troops to help integrate Central High School. The soldiers escorted nine African American students into the school.
14. The president also announced another initiative to allow some children and their families free admission to national parks.
15. Meantime, research into coronavirus treatment is in overdrive around the world. There are some medicines already in existence that are being tested for their effectiveness against the disease.

16. Running is usually a fairly solitary sport, but a marathon is a unique moment when these athletes run alongside others, for one thing, and they're cheered on by sometimes thousands of spectators.
17. Today's United Nations meeting on climate change could be seen as a pep rally. The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon wants to pump up enthusiasm for a climate treaty.
18. But there's a group of students who don't even apply to the top schools they'd be sure to get into. They are low-income high achievers who mainly live outside of the big cities.
19. You might be familiar with the old, color-coded terrorism alert system. There were five colors, from green through red that indicated risks from low to severe.
20. What researchers suggest is that Facebook is not a good substitute for interacting with friends in person, though many users say it has been effective in connecting them with people they cannot visit in person.

Video 3

Numbers	Sentences
6	Some Chicago students have to walk an extra 6 or 7 blocks to get to their new schools.
14	On Sunday, a 14-year-old was shot and killed near one of the safe passage routes.
50	The school district closed nearly 50 public schools.
1,000	More than 1,000 adults there help escort students to school.
12,000	More than 12,000 students have to go to new schools.

Video 4

1. Students who tested really well got black cards, and that would get them discounts at local businesses, free admission to school sports events and dances.
2. Students who met basic goals or improved from the last year got gold cards, which came with some limited benefits and with lower scores came a white card, which had no benefits and required students to stand in a separate cafeteria lunch line.
3. The critics said this was embarrassing to students with low scores, and that it violated their privacy. Supporters like the fact that high achievers got rewards based on their test scores.

Unit 16 General Election

Warm-ups

1. But in this most recent election, there were accusations of fraud, and so people went out into the streets
2. But looking at where things stand for the next US Congress, the big picture results for Democrats and Republicans are a mixed bag, and they're pretty much in line with what analysts predicted.
3. In the US, presidents can only serve two terms. But in Egypt, there are no term limits.
4. This has been the most expensive midterm election in US history. It wraps up today as voters cast their ballots all over the country.
5. It looks like the nation's incumbent prime minister Narendra Modi has won a landslide victory.
6. President Donald Trump wants Congress to approve about \$5 billion in funding for the wall. In December, the House of Representatives passed a bill that would provide that. But the legislation was held up in the Senate where there weren't enough votes to pass it.
7. Monday's vote is looking to be incredibly close, with the two leading candidates separated by only a couple of percentage points in recent opinion polls.
8. Obama won the popular vote and the Electoral College vote, and in January he was sworn in for another four years in the Oval Office.
9. One Russian lawmaker was demanding a runoff election because he didn't think Sunday's votes were counted fairly.
10. The party that wins the majority in this election forms the government that will rule for the next five years.
11. Elections there last week were supposed to ease some of the tensions in the country.
12. This man, Bill de Blasio, is set to be the next mayor of the nation's largest city, New York.
13. In an election in December, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party won enough seats in parliament to finally push through Brexit.
14. British Prime Minister Theresa May called for a vote this June because of divisions in parliament.
15. According to the CNN poll, Clinton has a large lead over Sanders there. Clinton has 56% of the poll vote in South Carolina to Sanders' 38%.
16. Then he was appointed Russia's prime minister for four years.
17. The Republican candidate who wins his party's nomination will face off in the general election against President Obama, the likely Democratic nominee.
18. The US political spotlight is on Texas today, as that state holds its presidential primary election.
19. But with so many people voting, this election happens in phases.

20. After the nearly three decades he's spent in power, thousands of Egyptians are calling for President Mubarak to step down.

Video 3

Numbers	Statements
4	During Putin's first time in office, Russian presidents served 4-year terms.
6	Changes to the Russia's constitution have increased the term of the president to 6 years.
8	Putin led Russia for 8 years before term limits forced him to step down in 2008.
250	More than 250 protesters were arrested during those demonstrations over the weekend.
2,000	Putin was sworn in on Monday in front of a crowd of about 2,000 people.
2024	If Putin serves 2 terms again, he could be in power until 2024.

Video 4

1. India is about a third the size of the United States while its population is almost four times bigger.
2. To keep elections fair and safe, polling is done in seven phases around different regions of India, so not every part of the country votes at once.
3. The challenges faced by farmers, unemployment among young workers, tensions with neighboring Pakistan, all of these are issues in this election.

Unit 17 Summit and Diplomatic Visit

Warm-ups

1. Panama is the site of The Summit of the Americas. It's an international meeting being held today and tomorrow in Panama City, the capital.
2. He says this summit is unlikely to produce any concrete results, especially over the US-proposed FTAA, the Free Trade Area of the Americas.
3. The first time they met, it was the first time that sitting leaders from these two countries ever came face to face.
4. The two Asian countries have wrapped up historic talks this week in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.
5. He doesn't have a formal meeting scheduled with Cuban President Raul Castro. But the two leaders are expected to interact on the sidelines of the summit.
6. Uncertainty about the global economy, particularly in Europe and China, has rattled investors. Trade tensions between the US and China have yet to be resolved and investors are worried about interest rates.
7. Last year, several Arab countries including some other members of OPEC cut off their trade and diplomatic relationships with Qatar. They said it was because of Qatar's support for terrorist groups.
8. On February 27 and 28, US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un will sit down in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam to discuss their priorities for a possible peace agreement.
9. They signed a declaration that said the US would work toward normalizing relations with North Korea and that North Korea would work toward giving up its nuclear weapons.
10. These very harsh policies that were put into place were so harsh and so excessive that they lasted only for weeks before they had to change.
11. Hillary Clinton begins a visit to Myanmar today, the first by a US secretary of state, to that reclusive country, in half a century.
12. We don't know a whole lot about the schedule except that both the leaders are having individual meetings with the Singapore prime minister.
13. US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin have approved a joint statement on Syria. Putin said the agreement came as a result of discussions he had with Mr Trump at the APEC summit.
14. The agreement would still have to be passed by the US House of Representatives before it goes to President Donald Trump's desk for signature. So the bill is not finalized and it's not clear how long that will take.
15. We're starting in the nation of Turkey, where the leaders of 20 countries have gathered for the annual G20 Summit.
16. But though an agreement was reached in principle, it still has to be approved by the different countries involved.
17. Russian President Vladimir Putin will travel to Crimea on Monday to mark the

fifth anniversary of Moscow's annexation of the Black Sea peninsula from Ukraine, which has been condemned by the West but is celebrated by most Russians.

18. A devastating earthquake and tsunami. More than 12,000 people killed. Some towns completely wiped off the map.
19. The US and some other Western nations have designated Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism. It's been a focus of the international community because of its controversial nuclear program and because its leaders have repeatedly spoken out against Israel, a US ally in the Middle East.
20. President Trump has threatened, again, to close the southern border this week unless Mexico blocks all illegal immigration into the United States.

Video 3

1. True
2. False
3. False

Video 4

1. He had individual meetings with other leaders from China, Russia and Japan. He talked about business flowing back and forth between the US and other APEC nations. He thinks the US could do more to sell more American products overseas, and to encourage other countries to invest in the United States.
2. These APEC meetings focus on economic issues in the Asia Pacific region, but Europe's debt crisis also came up over the weekend, especially some of the efforts to come up with solutions to help resolve it.

Unit 18 Protest

Warm-ups

1. And the UN says that at least 7,000 civilians have been killed since then with thousands more injured.
2. Several countries are trying to find ways to stop the violence that's been going on in Syria. Protesters there are speaking out against their president, and Syrian government forces are reportedly cracking down on the protesters.
3. The government has been trying different ways to get these protests under control. It's established a curfew; it's sent out fighter jets and thousands of security troops.
4. Protests have been going on there for about a week now. They started out peacefully, but some of them turned violent later on.
5. The military has been called in to help people here, too, delivering food, blankets, first aid supplies.
6. In some cases, protesters have fought with police officers. They've thrown concrete blocks, bricks, even gasoline bombs at police.
7. What started as a small sit-in last Friday to protest a plan to bulldoze a grassy square in Istanbul exploded into a series of massive demonstrations, the largest in Turkey for many years.
8. Two demonstrators and a female journalist covering the protests died when police moved in using tear gas and live ammunition.
9. He was prime minister until he was forced out of that power and convicted of corruption.
10. Hundreds of protestors tried to storm the US embassy compound in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. They smashed windows and burned some areas but no one was reported to be killed or seriously injured.
11. Each side blames the other for starting the violence, but the situation in Bangkok is tense.
12. British soccer star David Beckham saying the details coming out are despicable and unacceptable.
13. Egypt's opposition movement is calling for a million people to hit the streets tomorrow in another push to force President Mubarak out.
14. In central Cairo on Saturday, a small group of protesters regrouped after being dispersed violently by security forces.
15. Hundreds of girls and young women are leaving Western nations to join the Islamic State and other radical groups.
16. 26 people were killed after a gunman opened fire during Sunday's services at the First Baptist Church.
17. There were protests in the US and abroad over the weekend. Many said they were upset over the election of President Trump.
18. There were reports of isolated clashes between anti-government protestors and

- riot police. At least nine people were killed in yesterday's demonstrations.
19. His political party says the coup was a violation of the constitution and that the military's action will delay the peaceful transition of power.
 20. Now the protesters are calling for President Daniel Ortega to be removed from office.

Video 3

1. False
2. False
3. False

Video 4

1. The miners argued that because their jobs were very dangerous, they wanted to be paid more for their work, about three times more. The company that owns the mine said no, so the miners went on strike.
2. A police commissioner says the officers were forced to defend themselves after the miners fired on them. Journalists at the mine could not say for sure which side fired first.
3. The company says the strike is illegal. It set a deadline for the miners to report back to work. That deadline is today.

Unit 19 Shooting Incident

Warm-ups

1. Four people are dead after a mass shooting at Mercy Hospital in Chicago yesterday. They include a doctor and a Chicago police officer.
2. The shooter is a local resident, Las Vegas resident. But we don't know much more about the person that carried out the shooting today.
3. A US law enforcement official says a terrorist attack in New York City on Tuesday was done in the name of ISIS.
4. The suspect apparently fled into a neighboring county where he also died. Officials were trying to find out if he took his own life or if he was killed by police, in addition to what his motive might have been.
5. A business owner in Sutherland Springs says it's a very small but very tightly knit community.
6. A New York City police officer was videotaped ramming a bicyclist to the ground.
7. Police have not found any links between Kelley and an organized terror group. They say that his criminal history with the police includes only minor driving violations.
8. It's not known yet what motivated the killer. Investigators say he had domestic problems and had recently shown anger toward his mother-in-law who attends the church.
9. Surveillance video showed a man rolling a duffle bag near the site of the New York City bombing.
10. One person who was at a rally in the state told CNN that part of the reason he thinks there are so many protests is because people think this shooting was senseless.
11. One view is that Columbus was a heroic explorer, bridging Europe with the Americas. Another view looks at the effects that later had on those native to North and South America, the diseases brought from Europe, the destruction of some Native Americans' way of life.
12. The shooting puts the number of police who have died in the line of duty this year at nearly 70.
13. Voters are heading to the polls in Syria today, casting ballots on constitutional reforms the government hails as a major step forward. But the opposition is calling for a boycott.
14. Many college athletes get scholarships, so playing sports can offset the cost of their education.
15. The alleged gunman surrendered to police. He's been charged with dozens of counts of first-degree murder and attempted murder.
16. Undercover agents recently tried to smuggle illegal items like fake explosives at TSA checkpoints. In almost all of the tests, the TSA failed to find them.
17. Los Angeles International Airport is getting back up to speed today with the

reopening of Terminal 3. That terminal was shut down on Friday after a gunman armed with a semiautomatic rifle killed a TSA officer.

18. A police spokesman says officers fired at least two shots when dozens of rioters attacked police officers during the arrest of a crime suspect.
19. Fifty people were killed in Friday's attacks on two New Zealand mosques.
20. What happened caused outrage on both sides and led to protests across the country.

Video 3

	Shooting 1	Shooting 2
Where did it happen?	high school in Danvers, Massachusetts	middle school in Nevada
Anyone injured?	none/not mentioned	2 students
Anyone killed?	math teacher	teacher & shooter
Who did it?	14-year-old	12-year-old

Video 4

1. He was 23 years old. Born and raised in Australia, he was attending college in Duncan, Oklahoma, on a baseball scholarship. Last week, he was shot and killed while out jogging.
2. They said they had been bored and hadn't had anything to do, so they had decided to kill somebody. And unfortunately Christopher Lane became their target.
3. Lane's girlfriend said the reaction to his death has been a mix of shock, anger and sadness. The shooting has caused outrage in Lane's home country, too. One Australian politician called for a boycott on visiting the US.

Unit 20 Terrorist Attack

Warm-ups

1. A female suicide bomber detonated her explosives and a floor collapsed.
2. These attacks happened in more than a dozen locations across Iraq. One official said they were coordinated and they blame them on the terrorist group al-Qaeda in Iraq.
3. On Saturday, security forces raided the mosque and arrested hundreds of people.
4. The attack on the shopping mall in Kenya has many people even more concerned about how to secure public places like shopping malls, sports venues, churches, so-called soft targets here in the US and in other countries.
5. The rebels are radical Islamic militants. They have links to the al-Qaeda terrorist group
6. The US Department of Transportation says autonomous vehicles could reduce or even eliminate deaths from car crashes. They potentially remove human error from the roads.
7. Residents of the Florida Panhandle are still reeling from the destruction caused by Hurricane Michael.
8. Dozens of people were killed in this blast. More than 150 others were injured.
9. Overall, if you add it all up, the best estimates are that more than 160,000 people have lost their lives since 2001.
10. The police say Brown assaulted the officer, then tried to get the officer's gun before the shooting.
11. Since the crash, a terrorist group affiliated with ISIS but located in Egypt has said it brought down the flight.
12. Evacuations were made, roads and businesses were closed, and some ferry services had to be stopped while experts worked around the clock to defuse the bombs.
13. Early this morning in Iowa, two police officers were shot and killed ambush-style while sitting in their patrol cars.
14. This past weekend, New York City officials charged a man they called a lone wolf, a would-be terrorist, arrested in the act of manufacturing three pipe bombs.
15. So far, officials say they suspect the shooter was inspired by ISIS but was not actually part of a terrorist network.
16. American officials say 70 hostages were rescued. They included civilians, Iraqi troops and some members of the ISIS terrorist group that had been accused of spying.
17. But as of yesterday morning, no one had independently claimed responsibility for causing this violence.
18. The UN won permission from the Israeli military to escort the soldiers and police out this afternoon. And they were joined by hundreds of civilians who are also

desperate to get out of this town.

19. Thailand says that three Iranians arrested this week were planning to assassinate Israeli diplomats in Bangkok, using explosive devices. The bombs went off on Tuesday wounding one Iranian and four Thais.
20. There was a minute of silence today in Japan at precisely 2:46 pm local time. That was exactly one week after the earthquake struck that led to a tsunami and damage to a nuclear power plant.

Video 3

Where did the attack happen?	shopping mall/Westgate Shopping Mall (in Nairobi)
When did it happen?	Saturday
Anyone killed?	68
Anyone injured?	175
Who's responsible for the attack?	al-Shabab
Why was the place attacked?	soft target/less security

Video 4

1. Mayor Michael Bloomberg described him as a lone wolf. He is reportedly inspired by al-Qaida, not believed to be actually part of the terrorist organization.
2. According to officials in New York, Pimentel was planning to attack police officers, patrol cars and US military troops who were coming home from serving overseas.
3. Pimentel's attorney says the case against his client isn't as strong as authorities say it is.

Unit 21 Remembrance

Warm-ups

1. Poland is starting a weeklong period of mourning after the death of the country's president.
2. As people struggle to understand this tragedy, they are mourning the victims who lost their lives and looking for ways to honor those victims and support their families.
3. The body of President Lech Kaczynski returned to Poland yesterday. Mourners were waiting as the plane arrived, and others lined the streets as the casket passed by on its way to the presidential palace.
4. Another plane was flown into the Pentagon in Washington, DC, damaging a significant part of that massive building.
5. An assault on a military base in the capital of Kabul left 11 dead yesterday.
6. Moving over to West Virginia, where the state's paying tribute to 29 workers who were killed in a mine explosion earlier this month.
7. President Obama took part in yesterday's memorial service. He and Vice President Joe Biden met with the families of the victims privately before the ceremony.
8. This was four years after AIDS first made headlines. More than 6,000 Americans had already died.
9. She adopted Charity, a young girl her son had been raising. He lost his right to raise Charity because of his continued struggle with drug addiction.
10. Chapman's career though and his health went downhill in the '80s and '90s. But he is now making a comeback thanks to a generation of younger American musicians.
11. Police found the suspected gunman dead inside his hotel room. They believe he killed himself. He was identified as a 64-year-old man named Stephen Paddock.
12. It wasn't long ago that Tiger Woods was golf's greatest player and a global sports icon.
13. Terrorists brought down a Russian jet just after it took off from an Egyptian resort, and then, a domestic EgyptAir flight was hijacked in March.
14. China has expressed its heartfelt concern for the victims of the nightclub fire. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has also extended his condolences.
15. In the community of Newtown where this happened, services and candlelight vigils like this one had been going on since Friday night.
16. Just yesterday, one of the first responders to the tragedy, Michael Haub, was laid to rest.
17. On June 23, Britons voted almost 52% to 48% to leave the European Union. It was known as the Brexit, the British exit from the EU. And it was characterized as the single most momentous day in British politics since World War II.

18. George Herbert Walker Bush served as US leader from 1989 to 1993. Before he passed away on Friday, he was the nation's oldest living president.
19. Tonight former President George H.W. Bush is receiving one of the rarest honors in the United States. He is just the 32nd American to lie in state in the Capitol rotunda.
20. The ceremony concluded a final day of services that allowed Houston residents to pay their respects to one of their own.

Video 3

In which year did the 9/11 attacks happen?	2001
Who was responsible for the attacks?	al-Qaeda
How many terrorists were involved in the attacks?	19
How many planes were hijacked?	4
Where did each plane crash?	2 in New York City, 1 in Washington, 1 near Shanksville
How many people were killed in the 9/11 attacks?	2977

Video 4

1. The pop superstar was found dead on Saturday. Officials are trying to figure out what caused Houston's death. She was 48 years old.
2. Whitney Houston was a musical icon. The singer launched a career in the 1980s. She sold more than 170 million albums and won six Grammy Awards, and her success extended to movies, too.
3. In recent years, Houston made headlines because of her battles with drug addiction. There were reports she was making a comeback with new concerts and a movie in the works.

Unit 22 Court of Law

Warm-ups

1. On Friday, a group of judges there reached a surprising verdict in a very important case.
2. A lawsuit filed Tuesday by a Southern California woman against Bill Cosby, claims the comedian allegedly molested her when she was 15 years old.
3. In a few months, the Supreme Court will decide whether Trump must offer his financial records. The court's ruling will affect future presidents, and also the current one.
4. Scientists around the world were stunned yesterday when a judge in Italy found six Italian earthquake experts and a government official guilty of manslaughter.
5. Portland, Oregon, has now seen 55 consecutive days of protest for racial justice.
6. Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was convicted in 2012 of sexually abusing 10 boys. He'll likely spend the rest of his life in prison.
7. Yesterday, he was charged with using a weapon of mass destruction and with malicious destruction of property by means of an explosive device. If he's convicted, those charges could result in the death penalty.
8. In the meantime, though, Bob McDonnell and his lawyer insist they also have faith in his innocence and will appeal his conviction.
9. He was charged with violating the prohibition on public gatherings among several other charges. He was taken to a military prison and quickly put on trial.
10. The circle of responsibility at Penn State has been widening for a week now. Two college officials were indicted for covering up the crime.
11. Volkswagen is a big brand facing a big problem. Its chief executive officer has apologized and resigned amid a growing scandal. It has to do with emissions.
12. Before she became mayor, the city switched its water supply to the Flint River in a cost-cutting measure.
13. The city has replaced hundreds of contaminated lead pipes, but that is not to say the problem is solved.
14. And the 2019 climbing season which wrapped up in May was the deadliest one in four years.
15. Lead poisoning can cause developmental and behavioral problems in children. It can lead to lower IQ levels. It's irreversible.
16. Alaska is located along the Pacific Ring of Fire, a region shaped like a horseshoe where most of the world's seismic activity takes place.
17. He had been in detention since 2011 when his three decades as president came to an end. His release comes after he was cleared of charges that he ordered protesters to be killed during the revolution.
18. There was an uprising you might remember that happened in the spring, and that drove Egypt's president from office.
19. The European Union is suing Google. The EU says the internet search company

- is violating anti-trust laws, unfairly limiting competition in the market place.
20. Studies show between 60 and 90 percent of company workers dislike the performance review. This is also true of a lot of managers who say they don't enjoy doing them.

Video 3

A 14-year-old girl died from heart problems after drinking 15 cans of soda in two days. The drinks contain 400 milligrams of caffeine, the equivalent of about seven cups of coffee. And it's nearly three times more caffeine than medical experts say teenagers should have in a day. Now the family is suing the manufacturer of the drink and the supermarket that sold the product.

The FDA says there is enough evidence that the drinks caused the teenager's death.

The company expressed sympathy for the family's loss. It said it will pay compensation to the family for the girl's death.

A 14-year-old girl died from heart problems after drinking Monster Energy on two consecutive days. The drinks contain 480 milligrams of caffeine, the equivalent of about three cups of coffee. And it's nearly five times more caffeine than medical experts say teenagers should have in a day. Now the family is suing the manufacturer of the drink.

The FDA says it hasn't found any direct link so far between the teenager's death and the energy drink.

The company expressed sympathy for the family's loss. It said it does not believe its drinks are responsible for the girl's death.

Video 4

1. 35 teachers and school administrators have been charged with crimes connected to a massive school cheating scandal in Atlanta, Georgia. The teachers and administrators are accused of cheating on standardized tests.
2. Some of the test results were suspicious. Based on statistics, the school scores improved too much.
3. Some teachers claim that they were threatened if they didn't cheat.

Unit 23 Stock Market

Warm-ups

1. After the Brexit vote, the Japanese stock market saw its largest single-day drop since the year 2000.
2. China's stock market took a beating on Monday. It came after a report that showed Chinese manufacturing had decreased at the end of last year.
3. There were some signs again yesterday that the housing market may have bottomed out.
4. It is Christmas, and the stock market is closed for the holiday. That comes after record-breaking Christmas Eve losses. US stocks are on track for their worst December since the Great Depression.
5. Overall, analysts say 2018 was the worst year for stocks since 2008, but it was also the year the Dow hit its all-time record high.
6. Portugal is the poorest country in Europe. It got an EU bailout earlier this year and now it needs to grow its economy to pay off its debts.
7. The Dow lost 7.8% of its value. That's not its biggest percentage drop ever, but it was its worst day since October of 2008 when the Great Recession was dragging down the world economy.
8. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, an index of 30 significant stocks, dropped 1,175 points. That was the biggest one-day point drop in market history.
9. But many black-owned businesses were forced to close during the economic downturn seven years ago.
10. Zuckerberg and some of his friends launched Facebook in 2004. It started in his dorm room in Harvard. Now more than 900 million people are on the social networking site.
11. Mark Zuckerberg and some other company executives have been traveling around the country the past few weeks. They're trying to figure out how much demand there is for Facebook stock.
12. The fallout from the sexual harassment scandal at Fox News continues. Co-president Bill Shine is the latest to leave the network.
13. On Thursday, more than 113 million shares of Twitter were bought or sold on the stock market. The stock's price at the end of the day puts the company's value at around \$24 billion. Now, Twitter has to show potential buyers that it's worth that investment.
14. The Chinese Internet giant Alibaba says it plans to launch an initial public offering in the United States. And the IPO might be one of the biggest offerings in the history of the technology sector.
15. Since what happens in one country can impact the economy of others, this kind of crisis could have ripple effects around the globe.
16. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control recently said its best estimate was that 40% of the people who catch COVID-19 have no symptoms. That makes it

harder to track, harder to keep from spreading, and harder to gauge in terms of its deadline.

17. Over in Europe, the financial outlook for a few countries isn't looking too good. The investment ratings for Spain, Portugal and Greece all went down this week.
18. The company that makes Macs and iPods and iPhones is suing New York City for trademark infringement. Apple, Inc. wants a judge to deny the Big Apple the right to use the fruit as its logo. Lawyers for the Big Apple say the case has no merit.
19. The slump in its share price reflects investors' expectation that this cannot continue, that profits will suffer and that Whole Foods' dominance of the market is coming to an end.
20. Blackstone itself is actually preparing to go public, meaning its shares will be traded on the stock market.

Video 3

1. True
2. False
3. False

Video 4

1. Last Friday Facebook started selling stock in the company. By the end of the day on Friday, the stock price was back around its initial price and this week it dropped below that.
2. The people suing say the banks knew that Facebook's financial outlook was worse than expected. The lawsuit alleges that the banks shared that information with some clients but that they didn't make that public.
3. Facebook says the lawsuit has no merit, and one of the banks said it followed the same procedures that it does for any initial stock offering.

Unit 24 Economic Report

Warm-ups

1. Last month, the US unemployment rate went up, from 9.7% to 9.9%. Some experts are actually saying that's a good sign.
2. They point to the fact that the percentage of working Americans -- the number of people who were already in the workforce -- went down last month. That might indicate that the unemployment rate went up because people lost their jobs.
3. The weak jobs report is another sign of a slowdown in the US economy, but you wouldn't know that to look at the stock market, which boomed again today.
4. Another economic indicator is GDP, gross domestic product. That's the total value for all the goods and services that a country makes in a certain amount of time. During the third quarter of this year, the US GDP went up 3.6%.
5. Once again on Monday, the US stock market took a dive. The Dow Jones Industrial Average of 30 significant stocks closed down nearly 3,000 points or almost 13%.
6. The January jobs report from the US government indicated that the country added 200,000 jobs last month, and that wages grew as well at their fastest pace since 2009.
7. Investors are concerned that the higher wages could lead to inflation, when prices go up and money buys less. And that could lead to a faster increase in interest rates.
8. Most Americans aren't directly affected by government shutdowns, but about 800,000 Federal workers are. A little over half of them continue to work but don't get their paychecks on time.
9. If house prices fall another 15%, it really would imply that we're likely to have a double dip in the economy.
10. History is filled with economic cycles -- boom and bust, the economy goes up then eventually slips down.
11. Automation has never caused sustained decline in the overall number of jobs.
12. This morning, top executives at France's largest bank, BNP Paribas, reassured investors that they have enough cash to pay a \$9 billion penalty to the US government.
13. For the fourth night, the number of violent incidents have dropped dramatically across France after the government imposed tough emergency measures.
14. The country's job market has bounced back after hurricanes knocked hundreds of thousands of people out of work this fall. The Labor Department reports that 215,000 jobs were created in November.
15. The retail and hospitality industry saw the biggest job gains last month, followed by health care and professional services.
16. After the Brexit vote a few weeks ago, US stock prices wiped out most of their

gains for the year.

17. Mortgage rates have fallen a lot from where they were just a year ago.
18. These scandals and others do not seem to be hurting Facebook's bottom line much. In fact, last week, its stock hit its highest point of the year.
19. A lot of eyes are trained on the August employment reports, due out from the Labor Department.
20. Yesterday, one significant and closely watched indicator of the US stock market jumped up. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, an index of 30 important stocks, ended the day 410 points higher than it started out.

Video 3

During the first quarter of 2011, US home prices dropped more than 4% compared with the same period last year. But they have increased about 10% since the housing market hit its highest point five years ago.

Home prices went down after that peak in 2007. But with the help of the government, they went back up in 2008 and reached a new high in 2009.

Now, they're dropping again. However, one expert predicts that the housing market will experience a gradual growth next month.

During the first quarter of 2011, US home prices dropped more than 5% compared with the same period last year. They have dropped almost 33% since the housing market hit its highest point five years ago.

Home prices went down after that peak in 2006. For a period, they went back up a little bit around 2009 with the help of the government.

Now, they're dropping again. One expert says it doesn't look like that's going to change anytime soon.

Video 4

1. The unemployment rate was 8.2% in May, which went up from 8.1% in April.
2. 69,000 jobs were added last month, when economists had predicted that the number would be closer to 150,000.
3. The news hit Wall Street hard. After the unemployment rate came out, the stock market took a dive. Any gains that had been made so far this year were all wiped out on Friday.

Unit 25 Financial Crisis

Warm-ups

1. Some economists say Europe's countries have different governments, and therefore, shouldn't share the same currency. Some blamed the Euro and the rules in place for using it for high unemployment or forced spending cuts for governments.
2. A lot of people are losing their homes and their jobs as this housing crisis unfolds.
3. Greece has a major debt crisis, and it's had to get bailouts from other European countries.
4. The strike has made it much harder for people to get around the city, and city officials warn that New York's economy could take a big hit.
5. This is the second deal that Greece has gotten in two years. The latest one is worth \$172 billion, and it'll help keep Greece from going bankrupt.
6. If Greece's economy eventually goes completely under, it could significantly hurt other economies throughout Europe. They're interconnected.
7. The European Union has just come up with a new plan to deal with European debt. It's set aside almost a trillion dollars to stabilize and protect Europe's economies.
8. There are dozens of political parties in the country and no one party got the minimum 61 seats that are necessary to hold a majority in parliament and choose Israel's prime minister. So coalitions have to be formed.
9. That downgrade, along with some other factors, sent shock waves through the US stock market. Last week was a roller-coaster ride: big ups and downs.
10. The president says his proposal would reduce the government's deficit and help the middle class.
11. Schools need to make up that difference, so they're planning to raise tuition by 30%, and as you might imagine, this idea, not going over so well.
12. Yesterday, he dismissed his country's government. He appointed a new prime minister and ordered him to put together a new government.
13. Late tonight in Athens, Greek lawmakers handed down their verdict on Prime Minister George Papandreou. His government survived a confidence vote.
14. Three corporate giants are teaming up to try to improve the health care system and make it more affordable. Amazon, JPMorgan Chase and Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway say they will create a separate company to provide health care to their employees in the US.
15. Last week, he signed a new treaty with Russia to cut down the number of nuclear weapons that both countries have. Now, that treaty still has to be ratified by the US Senate.
16. In effect, Cyprus would have to impose a tax on bank deposits in the country, which draws money not only from Cypriots but from wealthy foreigners,

especially Russians.

17. Congress was already spending more money than it was taking in. Cutting taxes again would make that worse.
18. Though investigators aren't certain what caused EgyptAir Flight 804 to crash in the Mediterranean last week, that event, along with some others in recent years could deeply hurt Egypt.
19. The crisis over Greece's debt is not over, even after yesterday when lawmakers approved more budget cuts and economic reforms.
20. President Obama has pledged to save the US auto industry but that help comes with conditions.

Video 3

1. False
2. False
3. False
4. False
5. True

Video 4

1. The Fed announced a plan that involves five other central banks from around the world. They're teaming up to make it easier and cheaper for banks in any country to borrow US dollars and other global currencies.
2. This plan might sound like good news that could help the European economy. It seemed to go over well with investors. Global stock markets went up yesterday.
3. Some analysts are saying this plan isn't actually good news, that it won't solve Europe's debt crisis. They believe it just shows how worried these central banks are about the crisis getting worse and possibly spreading to other parts of the world.

Unit 26 Trade Dispute

Warm-ups

1. The Trump administration decided last night to delay imposing steel and aluminum tariffs on the European Union, Canada and Mexico until at least June 1.
2. But after they failed to reach a trade deal last week, the new US tariffs took effect. And the US government expects China will retaliate with tariffs of its own as China has said it would.
3. There's a trade deficit between America and China. The US imports more goods from China than it exports to China.
4. When a deal wasn't reached last Friday, the US government raised its tariff rate from 10% to 25% on about \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods.
5. If they can put together an agreement, it would replace an old treaty from 1991 that expired in December.
6. Last week, Trump ordered new tariffs on imported washing machines and solar panels. And he warned more protectionist measures could be coming.
7. White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said today some countries could be exempted from the tariff, including Canada, which is the No 1 foreign supplier of the metals to the US.
8. The European Union, Canada and Mexico received exemptions from tariffs on their aluminum and steel exports to the US.
9. President Trump says he's beginning to renegotiate NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement between the US, Canada and Mexico.
10. Dozens of Republicans are concerned the tariffs could cause a global trade war when countries try to hurt each other by increasing restrictions on one another's products.
11. Tens of thousands of Americans live in homes that flood repeatedly, and sometimes repairs wind up costing more than the value of the home.
12. By slightly raising its key interest rate, the Fed tries to put the brakes on the economy, not to stop its growth but to keep that growth in check. T
13. Earlier this week, Chinese President Xi Jinping said his nation would strengthen intellectual property rights, increase foreign access to China's markets and significantly lower tariffs or taxes on imported cars.
14. If the UN doesn't act soon, violence could flare up again here.
15. The Chinese government placed the tariffs on more than 100 products including pork, fruit and other goods.
16. About \$20 billion of the goods that will be subject to the US tariffs are supported by foreign investors, including many from the United States.
17. What other steps might the president try in order to fulfill a campaign promise to limit immigration into the US?
18. On trade, Trump said the existing trade agreement between the countries has

been difficult for the US. He added that he is working to create a fair economic relationship with South Korea.

19. Actually, we added 36,000 manufacturing jobs, some of them in even metal-consuming industries, just since this June.
20. Stock markets around the world fell today, a day after President Trump said the US was preparing to levy tariffs on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese exports to the US.

Video 3

The Trump administration would put tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, Mexico and the UK.

The tariffs of 25% on aluminum imports and 10% on steel imports would take effect at midnight Thursday.

Canada, Mexico and the UK were announced to be fully exempted from the tariffs in March, but President Trump changed his mind last night. He hoped the tariffs could help the American metal producers to sell their products to these countries.

In response, the three nations announced they would reduce their exports to the US.

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Video 4

1. The new ones are on about \$50 billion worth of imported goods from China. They will be on everything from electronics to clothes.
2. The Trump administration says the new tariffs would only have a small effect on Americans. But an expert in international trade says Americans will end up having to pay more for everyday items. And a Chinese government official says a trade war does no good to anyone, that there is no winner.
3. The tariffs won't take effect immediately. It will probably be more than a month before they're in place.

Unit 27 War and Peace

Warm-ups

1. Since Sunday, there's officially been a ceasefire between Ukrainian government troops and the pro-Russian rebels who have been fighting them.
2. It was an area held by rebels who are fighting the Syrian government. It's been under a government siege for six years.
3. Today's drill is part of a five-day series of exercises that ends on Thursday. And for the first time, the army simulated strikes from Iran.
4. Turkey has increased security forces in the area. And its NATO allies have installed missile defense systems there.
5. The ISIS terrorist group is threatening to take over Kobane, a town in Syria near the border with Turkey. If it does, a United Nations envoy says ISIS would likely kill 12,000 civilians there.
6. The conflict between those two groups led to decades of violence. More than 3,000 people were killed before a peace deal was signed in 1998.
7. On Tuesday, ISIS supporters posted photos of how the group blew up part of an ancient temple. It's part of ISIS campaign to destroy relics of non-Muslim culture, though they've reportedly leveled Islamic shrines as well.
8. Last summer, British voters approved separating from the union by a margin of about 52% to 48%.
9. Mr Trump praised Saudi Arabia's investments in the US, including its purchases of arms and military equipment which has contributed to the creation of 40,000 American jobs.
10. North Korea wants all of the American sanctions lifted before the country gives up its nuclear weapons. The US wants North Korea to get rid of its nuclear weapons before the sanctions are lifted.
11. At least 25 people have been killed in a huge fire that broke out on Saturday at a packaging factory in Bangladesh. A further 17 people were reported to have been injured in the blaze in an industrial complex in Tongi north of the capital Dhaka.
12. Chinese government officials say they've given open, transparent and timely updates, and they've accused nations like the United States of trying to politicize the virus.
13. Greece is the main entry point for migrants. And under the deal Turkey will take back those arriving illegally on Greek islands.
14. North Korean claims that these rocket tests are justified and they are in self-defense, saying that the US-South Korean joint military drills, in fact, are a provocation.
15. The Kenyan government has ordered Somali refugees living in urban areas to return to their designated camps.
16. But in June of 2016, Britons voted 51.9% to 48.1% to leave the union. Their disagreements with the EU over economics, immigration and laws were some reasons why.

17. At McClellan's pottery factory, it takes one week to make each mug from start to finish.
18. Some other countries in the region are expressing support for Sudan. Saudi Arabia, for example, is sending humanitarian aid.
19. In South Sudan, fighting between government troops and armed groups, combined with a famine, have left more than 40% of the population in need of food, farming help and nutrition.
20. The crisis between Sudan and South Sudan has intensified with the north branding its recently independent southern neighbor the enemy. This follows two weeks of bitter fighting in the disputed oil-producing border area between the two Sudans.

Video 3

Japan's capital has held its first drill in decades simulating a missile attack and a natural disaster.

This is also the first drill that has been conducted nationwide in recent months, but the drill in the amusement park was the first to be held in the capital.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says the financial crisis and the security situation facing his country is the severest since World War II.

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Video 4

1. He declared a state of emergency for cities along his country's southern border because of fighting between Sudan and South Sudan.
2. Sudan used to be Africa's largest nation. It struggled through decades of war until a peace deal was reached in 2005. That led to South Sudan becoming an independent country last year.
3. The status of their citizens, areas along the border that are disputed and how the countries share their oil.

Unit 28 Sporting Event

Warm-ups

1. We are officially one year away from the next Olympics. They kick off next February in Pyeongchang, South Korea.
2. The Summer Games are in Japan this year. Opening ceremonies are set for Friday July 24, and the Paralympics will follow on August 25.
3. The Russian national team would be banned from the events. The decision followed a long investigation into the alleged doping of Russian athletes.
4. The entire Russian Olympic Committee has been suspended from the 2018 Winter Games. So any banned athletes who are cleared will not be allowed to compete under the Russian flag or the Russian national anthem.
5. The country is hosting the World Cup, the global soccer tournament that's held every four years.
6. The boys on the youth team told me they're feeling motivated by the World Cup, wanting to be on the Russian team when the next one rolls around.
7. The NBA locked out its players last night because the two sides can't agree on a new labor contract.
8. The league had been under a lockout since September while owners and players negotiated a new contract.
9. The two sides are trying to negotiate a new contract for how they split up the money that the league makes. So far, though, they haven't been able to make a deal.
10. All those games have been canceled through the end of the year, the all-star game scrapped. This year's outdoor winter classic game, gone, all because of a labor dispute between the league and its players.
11. The government postponed those plans for another week after a flare-up of coronavirus cases in the nation's capital.
12. In the midst of the second deadliest outbreak of the Ebola virus, there could be a light at the end of the tunnel.
13. The Department of Labor says last week 3.2 million Americans started asking for unemployment benefits. The number was around 200,000 each week before the pandemic hit
14. European Union countries trade with each other without tariffs on goods. When Britain leaves the EU, will it have those taxes reinstated when trading with the rest of Europe?
15. The International Olympic Committee says it regrets very much a decision yesterday to overturn its suspension of 28 Russian athletes for doping. The Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled that the IOC's case just wasn't solid enough.
16. Airlines had complained that alternative security options, such as enhanced screening of passengers and their carry-on luggage, had not been fully explored.

17. Some officials are worried that Tuesday's attacks could raise security concerns about that meeting.
18. In Germany, unions and labor rules are strong, and that hurt Wal-Mart's business plan there.
19. German police have freed a man detained on suspicion of carrying out the deadly attack on a Christmas market in Berlin, saying they have insufficient evidence to link him to the crime.
20. Imagine a museum that's only six feet square. It has some odd exhibits on 18 small shelves. Only about four people at a time can fit into the space.

Video 3

1. False
2. True
3. False

Video 4

1. The World Cup usually happens during the summer. In Qatar, summer temperatures can climb above 120 degrees. Some folks are worried about how that could affect players and fans.
2. International soccer officials are considering moving the World Cup to winter. European groups voted in favor of that, but it could mess up scheduling for Europe's regular soccer season.
3. Some workers claim they are being abused by their employers. One report alleged that dozens of workers died during the summer. The official from Qatar says the country is taking steps to make sure its labor rules are being enforced.

Unit 29 Technology

Warm-ups

1. On a smartphone or tablet, most apps are small programs that help you do something specific -- counting steps or calories or new followers.
2. It can take a lot of effort to make a phone call in the town of Iowa Hill, California. Its 150 residents rely on cell phones. And even then, coverage is pretty spotty.
3. The device is a special eyewear that lets a person see the flight as if he or she is on the drone. Pilots on the ground can use this view to better direct the drone and keep it away from objects in the flight path.
4. The death of wearable technology has been severely overstated. A year after Google announced it would stop selling Google Glass, Snapchat has created eyeglasses that can record video.
5. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is set to testify on Capitol Hill this week. It's been only three weeks since reports emerged about a political data firm getting access to information on tens of millions of Facebook users.
6. Facebook says it is sorry. This past weekend, Facebook took out full-page ads in major newspapers apologizing for a "breach of trust."
7. Facebook is trying to make it easier for users to do more detailed searches. The new feature is likely to help Facebook sell more personalized ads.
8. When tech companies come in, they solve some problems by creating high-paying jobs. But they also create problems when the cost of living skyrockets.
9. Today's 35% tax rate for corporations is one of the highest in the world. Though, thanks to tax breaks, many American companies pay a lot less.
10. The Chinese company says the order will put an obstacle in the rollout of 5G wireless technology in America and that it would hurt American businesses and consumers
11. For most individual Americans, he said that he wants to keep the tax rate where it is. But he wants to raise taxes on wealthy Americans in order to help generate more revenue for the federal government.
12. The president also wants to create incentives, rewards for companies that bring jobs back to America.
13. Environmentalists and foreign leaders are criticizing the move, but for many Trump supporters, that criticism reinforces their belief that the president made the right call.
14. The FDA decided against the regulation. It said the science simply didn't justify a ban.
15. But over the past month, he's been accused of behaving inappropriately toward women, both before and during the time he's been in office.
16. Yesterday's voting was disrupted by a series of bombings that took place around the capital city of Baghdad.

17. Residents lobbied politicians to find more housing and mental health assistance for homeless people.
18. These devices are facing tough competition this year from another Christmas favorite.
19. But once consumers reached a monthly limit, the FCC alleges that AT&T slowed their upload and download speeds by as much as 90%.
20. There are a few different definitions for computer hacker. One is someone who's really skilled in computer programming. One is someone who tries to break in and protect its systems.

Video 3

Amazon has postponed its plans to build part of its second headquarters in New York City.

About a year and a half ago, the company announced that it would move its headquarters to another city. More than 330 cities competed to be the site of it by offering the tech giant great incentives. New York City became the only one to win the competition at last. And Amazon will create 25,000 high-paying jobs in this city and tens of billions of dollars in new tax revenue.

New York City residents supported the plan. They think the government should try to attract Amazon, even with their current tax dollars. Some locals are concerned that home prices were likely to rise, making them too expensive for people who will work there.

Amazon has canceled its plans to build part of its second headquarters in New York City.

About a year and a half ago, the company announced that it would build a new headquarters. More than 230 cities competed to be the site of it by offering the tech giant great incentives. New York City and Crystal City won the competition at last. And Amazon will create 25,000 high-paying jobs in each city and tens of billions of dollars in new tax revenue.

New York City residents protested the plan. They didn't like their current tax dollars being spent to attract Amazon. Some locals are concerned that home prices were likely to rise, making them too expensive for people who already live there.

Amazon and several New York

Amazon and several New York politicians blamed each other for the reasons why the project was <u>postponed</u> . The company says it <u>will</u> reopen its search for another campus at this time.	politicians blamed each other for the reasons why the project was <u>canceled</u> . The company says it <u>won't</u> reopen its search for another campus at this time.
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Video 4

1. Microsoft is buying the Finnish cell phone company Nokia for a little more than \$7 billion.
2. Apple and Google control 86% of the smartphone market. Microsoft's Windows phone system has less than 4%.
3. Microsoft wants to win the smartphone market not only with its Windows software but also with hardware. But there is tough competition in the smartphone world. So it buys Nokia in part, not wanting to let Google and Apple get complete control over smartphones, apps and prices.

Unit 30 Space Exploration

Warm-ups

1. A Russian rocket carrying an unmanned cargo ship blasted off this morning, but it suffered a serious failure and pieces came crashing back to Earth.
2. Late last week, NASA's Messenger space probe, which had been studying Mercury, ran out of fuel and smashed into the closest planet to the sun.
3. India launched a spacecraft bound for orbit around Mars today. The unmanned craft is the latest milestone in a space race among Asian nations.
4. If the UAE and China missions successfully reach Mars, they'll be joining an elite group. Only the United States, the Soviet Union, Europe and India have actually had successful missions to the red planet.
5. The latest lander it sent appears to have crashed on the red planet, instead of landing softly as planned.
6. The rover will collect up to 30 samples of soil. NASA plans to have them picked up and returned to Earth by a future spacecraft.
7. One problem with exploring the dark side of the moon is that there's no easy way to communicate with whatever kind of vehicle people put there. The moon itself would block any signals coming from Earth.
8. China launched a satellite earlier this year that will hang out in the moon's orbit acting like a relay station between the Earth and the new rover that China's planning to send to the moon later this year.
9. It's hoping to ultimately set up a base on the moon that's run by robots.
10. For example, the Kepler telescope, its mission is to search the galaxy and collect data about stars and planets.
11. It's reportedly a radio signal and researchers believe it might have come from the area around the star about 94 light years away.
12. This was the first near-Earth-sized planet orbiting in the habitable zone around a star very similar to our sun.
13. Congress has a long to-do list for this spring, and the president has some ideas on what he wants lawmakers to do.
14. The satellite -- widely thought to be a highly classified spy satellite built by Lockheed -- was launched in December 2006.
15. US astronaut Peggy Whitson is on a long mission to the International Space Station. She arrived on the orbiter last November. She's scheduled to be there until this September.
16. This is something that can be done easily and quickly and cost-effectively.
17. There's debate about whether it will be money well spent, or if it's worth risking human lives when we could send robots.
18. This issue has deeply divided the nation of Spain and the news outlets where many people get their information had been accused of being biased.
19. We've reportedly extensively on how US and Russian relations are at a low, with

some experts called their worst point since the Cold War.

20. But telemedicine has its downsides. For one thing, some patients are hesitant to trust someone over a screen whom they haven't met in person.

Video 3

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False

Video 4

1. India launched its first satellite in 1975. It put a spacecraft into orbit around the Moon in 2008.
2. This launch on Tuesday could put India into an elite group of space explorers. The rocket is carrying an orbiter that's bound for Mars. It will take ten months for the mission to reach the Red Planet. If it's successful, it would be a big achievement for India and its space program.
3. Many critics in India say the mission is a luxury this country can't afford, especially when so many of its people live on less than a dollar a day. But India defends this cost, saying that satellites are used for a number of applications.