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WRITING • The story of a rescue

I can write a description of an event using linking words.

THINK! When do animals need humans to help them?



An exciting rescue

I took this photo while we were on a safari holiday in Kenya last February. It was an amazing rescue and I was lucky to see it.

It happened while we were taking photos of wild animals. We were driving slowly when we saw a bulldozer. There was a group of people and they were looking at something. There was an elephant. It was in a mud hole and it couldn't get out. The elephant wasn't moving, but it was alive. A bulldozer was breaking the sides of the hole. As soon as it was possible, the elephant climbed out. After a few minutes, it walked away.

The elephant was very lucky to be alive after twelve hours in the hole. The rescuers were very pleased and one of them posted a video of the rescue online.

- 1 Read the story. Where was the rescue? What was the writer doing?
- 2 Complete the key phrases from the text in your notebook. Then read the text and check your answers.

KEY PHRASES

Describing events in a photo

I took this photo while ¹...

It was an amazing ²...

I was lucky to ³...

It happened while ⁴...

There was a group of people and ⁵...



Language point: Linking words

- 3 Read the text again and find the linking words: *after, as soon as, when, while*.
- 4 Choose the correct linking words.
 - 1 I saw a bear **when** / **while** I was walking in the forest.
 - 2 **As soon as** / **While** I saw it, I climbed a tree.
 - 3 It ran away **while** / **when** my friends arrived.
 - 4 **After a few minutes** / **As soon as**, I climbed down.
- 5 **USE IT!** Follow the steps in the Writing Guide.

WRITING GUIDE

A TASK

Imagine that you took the photo of a fire rescue. Write a story (60 – 80 words) with the title *An amazing rescue*.

B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 When and where did the rescue happen?
- 2 What happened to the people in the photo?
- 3 Why was the rescue difficult?
- 4 How did the rescue end?

C WRITE

Paragraph 1: Introduction

I took this photo ...

Paragraph 2: The people and the rescue

There was / There were ...

Paragraph 3: The end and your opinion

The rescuers ...

D CHECK

- *when, while, as soon as, after*
- *There was / There were*
- Past simple and past continuous verbs