

The news

A

Stories in the news

1 Match the news sections to the headlines.

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| 1. New Cell Phones in Stores Today <u>d</u> | a. Travel |
| 2. Singer Wins Music Award _____ | b. Entertainment |
| 3. BIG STORM COMING TO NEW YORK _____ | c. Sports |
| 4. Food Can Make You Sick _____ | d. Technology / Science |
| 5. Big Company Closes _____ | e. Health |
| 6. Soccer Player Makes Six Goals _____ | f. Weather |
| 7. Cheap Vacations in Australia _____ | g. Business |

2 Circle TWO stories that would be in each news section.

1. Lifestyle

- a. a story about a new restaurant that people are going to
- b. a story about a new cell phone and how it works
- c. a story about what people like to do on weekends

2. Local

- a. a story about a school and its students
- b. a story about problems in a small town
- c. a story about a singer's tour around the world

3. World

- a. a story about a storm in seven countries
- b. a story about companies around the world
- c. a weather report for San Diego, California

- 3** Look at the chart. Then write sentences about the people. Use the past continuous and the present continuous.

Name	When the storm started	Right now
Melvin	work on his computer	watch the storm
Tim	read a good book	finish the book
Susana	drive to Austin	visit her friends there
Emma	shop	take the bus home
Mr. and Mrs. Lee	walk to the park	sit at home
Shelly and Frank	ride their bikes	eat at a restaurant

- When the storm started, Melvin was working on his computer . Now he is watching the storm .
- Tim _____ . Now _____ .
- Susana _____ . Now _____ .
- Emma _____ . Now _____ .
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee _____ . Now _____ .
- Shelly and Frank _____ . Now _____ .

- 4** Circle the correct verb forms to complete the conversation.

Jay: Did you hear about what happened last night?

Jorge Morena makes ¹ made six goals in the game!

Becky: Wow! Did you see it on TV?

Jay: No, but I read ² 'm reading about it in the paper today.

Becky: But wait. Morena hasn't played ³ didn't play since he hurt his leg last year.

Jay: Well, he played ⁴ has played last night, and I'm sure he won ⁵ will win MVP this year.

Becky: MVP? What's that?

Jay: It means ⁶ is meaning Most Valuable Player. It's the award for the best player on the team.

Becky: Hmm . . . MVP after only one good game?

Jay: No, he is ⁷ was a great player before he hurt his leg. He has had ⁸ had a great career for more than ten years, and he's still great!

Becky: I can't believe I haven't heard ⁹ will hear more about him. I will watch ¹⁰ watch him in the future!



KSmart: Personal Tech Review

by Justin Wilson

The new cell phone, KSmart by SMT, _____¹ (be) in stores today. I _____² (think) it's a pretty good phone for the money. The KSmart _____³ (have) a lot of great features, like its very small camera. The older version of the phone, the JSmart, _____⁴ (not have) a camera. The KSmart _____⁵ (come) with many great applications, and the company _____⁶ (offer) classes in the future on how to use all of them.



SMT _____⁷ (give) me a phone to test last week.

Right now, there _____⁸ (be) a few problems. For example, the Internet _____⁹ (not work) in all areas. The company has said they _____¹⁰ (fix) the problem soon.

Even with a few problems, I think the KSmart _____¹¹ (be) SMT's most popular phone this year. The JSmart _____¹² (not be) a great phone, but the KSmart _____¹³ (be) fantastic!

6 Answer the questions with your own information. Use complete sentences.

Example: My favorite restaurant is Taco King.

1. What's your favorite restaurant? _____
2. Is it popular? When is it the busiest? _____
3. What kind of food does the restaurant serve? _____
4. How many times have you been there? _____
5. Who do you usually go there with? _____
6. When was the last time you went? What did you eat? _____
7. What other foods have you eaten there? _____
8. Will you eat there again soon? _____

B

I totally agree.

1 Complete each conversation with the correct sentence from the box.

I couldn't agree with you more. I'm not sure about that.

1. Diana: Hey, Joe. Did you hear about the water problem in Clinton?

Joe: I read about it yesterday. I don't think it's a big problem.

Diana: _____

It seems pretty awful to me.

I'm not sure that's really true. I totally agree.

2. Yawen: This radio program is great. I think the radio is the best way to get news.

Vicky: _____

Yawen: Really?

Vicky: I think getting news on the Internet is better. You can listen to it or read it.

I don't know about that. I feel exactly the same way.

3. Henry: Look at this, Laura. Josh Grobin will be at the Music Center on Friday.

Laura: Let's go hear him! He's a great singer.

Henry: _____ . I love his music.

2 Complete the conversations with your own ideas. Use some of the expressions from the boxes in Exercise 1.

Example: I couldn't agree with you more.

1. Friend: I think pollution is the biggest problem in our city.

You: _____

2. Friend: I think the best way to get the news is on TV.

You: _____

3. Friend: Let's go to a Lady Gaga concert. She's the best singer!

You: _____



C

Survival stories

1 Complete the puzzle with the correct verbs that complete the headlines.

What's the mystery word?

1. Man _____ Three Days in Ocean
2. Plane _____ Into Zoo - No Animals Hurt
3. Mountain Lion _____ Hiker - Hiker Survives
4. Dog _____ Boy Up Tree
5. Car _____ - No One Hurt
6. Storm Coming - _____ Local Beach
7. Lightning Hits House But _____ New Library



2 Write the correct headline from Exercise 1 under each picture.



1. Storm Coming - Threatens Local Beach



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use the simple past, the past continuous, the present perfect, or the future with *will*.

Reporter: Today, I'm speaking with Brandon Nelson.

He survived three days in the ocean without food. Brandon, what happened?

Brandon: Well, I was on my boat alone, and there was a storm.

Reporter: Where were you
 going (go)?

Brandon: I was sailing from California to Australia.

Reporter: That's a big trip. You must have experience. How long you (be) a sailor?

Brandon: I've sailed since I was a child.

Reporter: What you (do) when the storm hit?

Brandon: I was preparing the boat for the storm, but it was too late. Suddenly a big wave overturned the boat. The boat broke into pieces, and I was in the water.

Reporter: How you (survive)?

Brandon: At first, I didn't think I would survive. But I found a piece of my boat in the ocean, and I held onto it.

Reporter: What you (eat)?

Brandon: I didn't eat! I found some bottles of water in the ocean that came off the boat in the storm.

Reporter: Wow! You drank only water for three days! So finally some other sailors found you. How you (feel) then?

Brandon: Well, of course, I was very, very happy!

Reporter: you ever (go) on a boat again?

Brandon: Oh, yes. I hurt my arm, but as soon as it's better, I'll go sailing again.

Reporter: What you (do) differently?

Brandon: Well, I probably won't go alone again.

Reporter: That's a good idea! Well, Brandon, thank you for telling us your story.



4 Complete the conversation by writing Ms. Rivera's questions with the words in parentheses. Use Ms. Hill's answers to help you.

Ms. Rivera: So, have you been here before ¹ ?
(you / be / here before)

Ms. Hill: No, I haven't. It's my first time here.

Ms. Rivera: Well, _____ ² _____ ?
(how / you / hear / about us)

Ms. Hill: My friend Sandra Bern told me about you.

Ms. Rivera: Wonderful. So, _____ ³ _____ ? (how / you / feel / today)

Ms. Hill: I'm feeling sick to my stomach.

Ms. Rivera: I'm sorry. _____ ⁴ _____ ?
(when / you / get / sick)

Ms. Hill: I got sick last week.

Ms. Rivera: _____ ⁵ _____ ?
(you / be / to another doctor before today)

Ms. Hill: No, I haven't.

Ms. Rivera: _____ ⁶ _____ ?
(you / take / any medication)

Ms. Hill: No, I'm not taking anything.

Ms. Rivera: OK, thank you. The doctor will see you soon. Oh, _____ ⁷ _____ ?
(how / you / pay / today)

Ms. Hill: I'll pay with a credit card if that's OK.



5 Read the situations. Then answer the questions with your own ideas.

Example: I close the windows, and I turn on the radio.

1. There is a big storm and you are at home. What do you do? _____
2. A bear is chasing you. What are you doing? _____
3. You have been lost in the mountains for two days. You have a little water and a sandwich. How will you survive? _____
4. A shark threatened a beach last week. You are at the beach today. Do you swim in the ocean? Why or why not? _____

D

Creating news

1 Read the article. Write what the letters mean.

1. JNW _____

2. SMS _____

SMS NEWS

JASMINE NEWS (JNW) gives people in Sri Lanka, an island country south of India, a new way to get news. It sends news headlines to people in text messages on their cell phones. The text messages are short and give people information about important events. JNW is getting news to people faster than radio, television, and even the Internet.

SMS stands for "Short Message Service," and it's the system used for text messages. JNW started in 2006, and then in 2007, JNW started working with a phone company to send SMS news. It was the first company in Sri Lanka, and one of the first companies in Asia, to use SMS news. JNW is using new technology and working with phone services so that people can get the news with any type of phone. Although SMS news is shorter than other types of news stories, JNW has high standards. They want all of their headlines to be correct and neutral. They check all information with at least three sources, like different people and newspapers. If they make a mistake, they quickly send a text with the correct information.



JNW feels the most important part of their service is sharing the news, opinions, and experiences of Sri Lanka's citizens. They report news about what citizens want and need. They have journalists who report the news in three languages – Sinhala and Tamil, two of the languages spoken in Sri Lanka, and English. JNW also uses citizen journalists and gets some news from everyday citizens.

It does cost money to get SMS news, but JNW thinks it's important that anyone who wants it can get it. They have a pay-what-you-can program for people who can't afford the regular price.

2 Read the text again. Then answer the questions.

1. How do people get news from JNW? on their cell phones / in text messages
2. When did JNW start sending SMS news? _____
3. What does JNW do to make sure headlines are correct? _____
4. What does JNW do if they make a mistake? _____
5. In what languages does JNW report the news? _____