

12A *Good news!*

Activity 1

- A** A: What do you think each story is about?
B: I think the woman is the boy's mother. She looks happy. Maybe the boy was lost.
A: Maybe. Can you read the sign behind them?

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- C** A: Which story had the happiest ending?
B: I think the story about the boy lost in the mountains had the happiest ending.
C: I think so, too. He was so lucky they finally found him.
- A: Which story did you like the best?
B: I liked the story about the girl who won the spelling bee the best.
C: Me, too. She practiced really hard.
- A: Have you read or heard about any similar stories?
B: I've heard similar stories about people getting lost in the mountains.
C: Me, too. It happens often, doesn't it?

Activity 2

- A** A: OK, I'll make a story about the first picture.
B: Who are the people?
A: I think the people are tourists.
B: What happened?
A: They got caught in a bad storm when they were out in a sailboat.
B: What happened before?
A: It was a beautiful day, so they rented a sailboat and went out on the water.
B: What happened later?
A: The storm came on very suddenly, but they made it back to shore safely.

Activity 2

- B** A: OK, I'll tell you my story about the first picture. The people are a family on vacation. They decided to rent a sailboat. When they were out on the water, a storm came. They were really scared, but they made it back to shore safely.
B: Your story is really interesting.
C: It's the most interesting so far.
D: I think so, too.

12B Did you hear about . . . ?

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- B** A: Let's compare answers. How are we similar and different?
B: You spend more time learning about the news than me. I only spend five to ten minutes every day.
A: We both get some of our news from TV.
A: If you read a newspaper, which section do you read first?
B: I usually read the front page first. How about you?
A: I always read the sports section first.
A: Is it important for you to learn about current events?
B: Yes, definitely. I think it's important to know what is happening in the world.
A: I agree, but I don't have time to get the news every day.
A: What news sources do you trust the most? the least?
B: I trust TV news the most and probably Internet news the least.
A: I don't trust Internet news, either, but I trust newspapers the most.

Activity 2

- A** A: What were the five most important stories from the past year? Let's make a list.
B: I think the election was one of the most important stories from the past year.
A: Yes. Illegal immigration was another important story. What else?

Activity 2

- B** A: Let's compare lists.
B: We think the election was an important story.
C: Really? We think the train crash was more important because it made international news.
D: You're right. Let's put that on our list.

Activity 2

- C** A: Which story from the past year do you think got too much attention?
B: I think all the stories about celebrities' babies got too much attention. People have babies all the time. It's no big deal.
C: I agree.
A: What is this week's big story?
B: I think the big story this week is the international global warming conference.
C: Yes. That's important because global warming is a serious problem.

Activity 3

- A** A: Let's guess the missing words. I'll go first. I think the missing word in the first story is "open."
B: I think so, too. And the second one is . . .

Activity 3

- C** A: Which story did you like the best?
B: I liked the story about the dog the best. But I'm not sure I believe it!
C: I agree. Wouldn't the burglar have been afraid of the dog?
A: Do you believe everything you read?
B: No, I don't believe everything I read. Reporters often make mistakes.
C: That's true. And sometimes stories are just completely made up.