

11A What's the story?

Activity 1

- A** A: Can you create a short story to explain each picture?
B: Sure. Peter had borrowed his sister's car. He was planning to park it in front of her house. While he was backing up the car, he saw a cat behind him. He tried to hit the brake pedal but he accidentally hit the gas pedal.
A: That's good. So the car backed up on top of another car. He got out to see what had happened.

Activity 1

- B** A: Let's tell our stories. Whose are more convincing?
B: I'll go first. This is the story about Peter, who had borrowed his sister's car. He was planning to park it in front of her house; however, while he was backing up the car, he saw a cat . . .
C: Wow! That's a convincing story.

Activity 2

- C** A: How do you think each story ends?
B: I think after the zookeeper and the orangutan got into the car, they drove to the zoo.
A: That makes a lot of sense. We should listen to find out if we're right.

Activity 3

- A** A: Can you think of a creative headline?
B: How about "Man Robs Restaurant Armed with a Mouse"?
A: That's really funny!

Activity 3

- B** A: Let's choose one headline and create a news story.
B: Sure. Let's see. A man went into a restaurant, but he didn't have a weapon. Instead, he had a mouse. The restaurant manager was so worried that the mouse would scare his customers away that he gave the robber all the money he had in the cash register.
A: But wait, the story doesn't end there. As the man was getting away, the mouse bit him on the finger. He became very sick and had to be hospitalized. The police then arrested him.

Activity 3

- C** A: Which story was more creative?
B: I really liked the story about the mouse. It was really creative.
C: I agree, but it was too unbelievable to be true.
D: What stories are in the news today? What stories were in the news last week?
A: In the news today, there's a story about a boy rescued from a burning house.
B: Yes, I heard about that. He's lucky to be alive.
D: Last week, there was the story of the woman who won the lottery.
A: Wasn't it wonderful? She gave all the money to charity.
B: What's the most important story in the past month?
C: I guess the national election is.
D: Yeah. That has been in the news a lot.

11^B People in the news

Activity 1

- A: What's your reaction to each headline?
B: The one about the man losing the lottery ticket is amusing. It made me smile.
A: Really? That made me feel terrible. I hope he found the ticket.

Activity 2

- A** A: Let's look at these pictures. What do you think happened? How do you think they felt?
B: I think they felt really scared when they saw the shark.
A: Are you sure that's a shark? It looks like a dolphin to me.

Activity 2

- D** A: What do Kurt and Joan disagree about?
B: They disagree about how long the trip took, and who packed the books and coffee.
A: They also disagree about their best and worst experiences. Why do you think they disagree on the details of the story?
B: Maybe they disagree because Kurt is really tired and doesn't remember the details correctly.
A: Whose story is more believable?
B: I think Joan's story is more believable because she sounds like she enjoyed the trip.
A: What would you have done in their situation?
B: If I were Kurt, I would have told Joan about the sharks.
A: And if I were Joan, I would have told Kurt about the ship almost hitting them.

Activity 3

- A** A: Let's go with the first situation. We just returned from sailing a boat around the world.
B: OK. When did we get back?
A: How about last night?
B: All right. So how does it feel to be back?
A: Fantastic!

Activity 3

- B** A: So tell us, when did you get back?
B: Actually, we just got back last night.
C: And how does it feel to be back?
D: Fantastic! We had such an amazing time.

Activity 3

- C** A: What people have been in the news lately?
B: Politicians have been in the news a lot recently because of the upcoming election.
C: What kinds of "people stories" do you like to read or hear about?
A: I like to read stories about average people who do amazing things.
B: Do you follow celebrity news?
C: Sometimes I do, but usually I'm not really interested.