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What a Story!

THE MEDIA

Percentage of the world's newspapers and magazines published in the U.S. and Canada: 50%

The 4 most widely read newspapers in the U.S.:

1. *The Wall Street Journal*

1. *USA Today*

2. *The Los Angeles Times*

Average number of newspapers and magazines subscriptions per person in the U.S.:

American and Canadian homes that

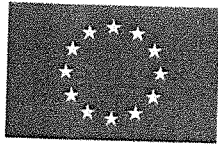
a) A-Miami man was
fined \$4,000
yesterday for
stealing an
ambulance.

b) A woman who lost
\$50,000 on the
stock market was
arrested in a public
phone booth today.

c) A 727 airplane made
an unexpected
landing yesterday.

c) A man who tried to
break into a house on
Friday got stuck in a
chimney for fifty
hours.

- have at least one TV set: 98%
- receive 11 or more channels: 47%



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Discussion

Do you get your daily news from TV, radio, or newspapers? How many hours do you watch television every week?

How many newspapers and magazines do you subscribe to or read regularly? What are they?

3. PRACTICE

Match each headline with the beginning of a news story below.

EMERGENCY ON FLIGHT 85

STOCKBROKER'S PHONE

NEVER STOPS RINGING

CLERK PAYS HIGH PRICE TO GET TO WORK ON TIME

4. DID YOU HEAR ABOUT?

1 Group work What are three news events that have occurred recently? Talk about them like this:

A: I heard on the news that there was a bank robbery downtown yesterday.

B: Did you hear about the big earthquake yesterday? Luckily, no one was killed.

C: I read in the paper that ...

2 Class activity Now groups describe their news events to the class and answer any questions.

5. GRAMMAR FOCUS: Questions with past tense

Yes/No questions

Did the police catch the robber?

Was the man a thief?

Was anyone hurt?



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Were the passengers injured?

Wh-questions

Who did the police arrest?

Who robbed the store?

Where was the money hidden?

What happened to the car?

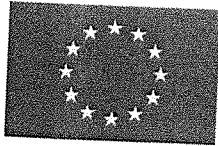
Read this story and write six past tense questions about it.

A man who tried to break into a house on Friday got stuck in a chimney for fifty hours. The owner of the house returned after a weekend vacation and heard a strange noise in her chimney. She called the police, who found a neighbor stuck upside-down in the chimney. He had climbed onto the roof and was trying to enter the house through the chimney when he got stuck. The man claimed he had returned home drunk, lost his key, and thought this was his house. After the police got him out of the chimney, they arrested him.

6. WORD POWER: Verbs

1 Find six pairs of opposites in the list below. Then write down the past tense form of each verb and compare with a partner.

admit	arrest	borrw	release
deny	enter	fail	send
leave	lend	receive	succeed



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2. Pair work Make four more pairs of opposites using other verbs. Then compare your list in a group.

What are the past tense forms of these verbs?

3 Write six sentences in the past tense using any of the verbs from part 1 or 2.

7. THAT'S INCREDIBLE

1 Group work Choose one of these headlines and make up an interesting story about it. One student starts the story. Then another student tells what happened next and so on.

Woman Gets Phone Call from Elvis Presley

Identical Twins Reunited After 40 Years Apart

Man Receives Letter Mailed 50 Years Ago

Celebrity Reveals Shocking Secret

Job Applicant's Life Saved by Being 5 Minutes Late for Interview

2 Class activity Groups take turns telling their stories. Other students ask questions. Which group has the best story?

8. CONVERSATIONS

1. Read.

A: You know, I had a really strange dream last night. B: Oh, yeah? What was it about?

A: Well, I dreamed that I was driving in the country late at night when I saw a UFO land on the road in front of me.

B: And then what happened?



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A: Well, first, I got out of my car. While I was standing there, this strange green creature came out of the UFO. I tried to run away, but I couldn't move. Then, as it was coming nearer, it put out its hand and touched my face. It felt wet and horrible!

B: Ugh! And ... ?

A: And then I woke up and found my cat on my pillow. It was licking my face!

2 Pair work Now cover the course. How much of the dream can you remember?

3 Group work Take turns talking about a dream you once had.

9. GRAMMAR FOCUS: Past tense and past continuous

Past Tense

I **drove** in the country.

I **stood** there.

It **came** nearer.

Past Continuous

I **was driving** in the country when I saw a UFO.

While I **was standing** there, this strange creature came out.

As it **was coming** nearer, it put out its hand.

1 Put one verb in the past tense and one verb in the past continuous. Then practice the sentences.

a. I(have) dinner at a restaurant downtown last night when the actor Eddie Murphy..... (come) in and sat at the next table.

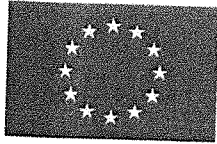
b I.....(find) this ring as I (walk) through the park today.

c. While I (get) my hair cut, I (fall) asleep.

d. The workers (uncover) some old coins while they (work) on the building site.

e. We (see) the Prime Minister drive by while we (wait) for the bus this morning.

2 Complete these sentences with information of your own. Then compare with a partner.



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- a. One time, when I was driving on the freeway,
- b. I was visiting a friend a few years ago when
- c. While I was having a meal in a restaurant last week,
- d. Once, as I was riding in an elevator,
- e. I was walking downtown recently when

10. READING

Read about these people and their dreams then answer the following questions.

Where were they? What were they doing? What happened?

Number 1

MAN: Boy, I had a strange dream last night! In fact, it was more like a nightmare. I dreamed that I left my house to go to work one day and, when I got to the office, nobody recognized me. Nobody knew who I was! They treated me like a stranger. So I left the office and went back home and, when I walked into the house, my family didn't know who I was, either! My wife screamed when she saw me. And she was picking up the phone to call the police ... when I woke up.

Number 2

MAN: You won't believe the dream I had last night!

In this dream, whenever I opened my mouth, I laughed. I ... I couldn't stop laughing. It was horrible! I was in class, at school, and when the teacher asked me a question, I laughed. She got mad at me, and I laughed even harder - I couldn't help myself! Then one of my friends figured out a way to help me. He noticed that I only laughed at things that weren't funny, so to get me to stop laughing he ...

Number 3

WOMAN: You know, I have to tell you about a dream I had the other night. In this dream, I had the worst day of my life. First, I got up to have breakfast, but I burned my eggs and toast. Then I ... I missed the bus to school, and so I got there late. The principal was mad because I was late and she



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suspended me. She said I could never come to school again! So I went back home. But my house wasn't there any more - it had disappeared! I decided to go over to my friend's house and stay there for a while, but my friend didn't live there any more - she'd moved out of town. And, just when I thought things couldn't get any worse, something really wonderful happened ...

11. A HAPPY ENDING

1 Pair work Choose one of the dreams in Exercise 11. How do you think it ended? Make up an interesting ending for it.

2. Group work. Take turns telling how the dreams ended.

12. WRITING

1 Make up an interesting dream like the ones in Exercise 10 or write about a dream you really had.

Who else was in the dream?

How did the dream end?

Where were you?

What happened?

2. Now read about each other's dream.

13. READING

1 Read this story from the National Examiner newspaper and then answer these questions.

Why did aliens bring Bigfoot to Earth?

Where have many Bigfoot sightings taken place? What does Bigfoot look like?

What were Mr. Sherry and Mr. Bosak doing when they saw Bigfoot?



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Aliens Brought Bigfoot to earth Claim UFO Experts

By **EDWARD REYNOLDS**

BIGFOOT creatures could be experimental animals that UFO aliens brought to Earth in order to test the environment before colonizing.

That's the incredible explanation given by Walt H. Andrus Jr., international director of the Mutual UFO Network based in Seguin, Texas.

And it is one shared by top UFOlogist Timothy Green Beckley, editor of the New York-based magazine UFO Universe. He says that there is a definite link between Bigfoot and UFO sightings, especially through Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

More than 600 people in Pennsylvania alone reported seeing UFOs or strange creatures like Big-foot in 1988, according to a report published in The Pittsburgh Press.

A 67-year-old disabled army veteran from Wilpen, Pennsylvania, tells of a chilling encounter he had with a Bigfoot while on a fishing trip at Loyalhanna Creek, the site of numerous UFO sightings. Sam Sherry says he stood within 20 feet of the beast, which he estimates weighed 700 pounds and stood six and a half feet tall with arms nearly down to its ankles.

Sherry claims the creature put one arm on his shoulder and another on his back as he turned to get in his car. Fortunately, he says, he was able to drive away.

Beckley says one of the most sensational Bigfoot sightings of recent times places the creature inside a UFO, and is verified by an area investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

According to Beckley, University of Wisconsin professor J. M. Bostrack says that after a number of interviews with farmer Frederick Bosak he is convinced of the elderly man's sincerity.

Bosak claims he encountered a transparent UFO on the side of the road while driving toward his farm. He pulled alongside the craft and peered inside.



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The Wisconsin farmer was quoted as saying: "All I know for sure is that he had thick reddish-brown hair covering his face and arms. This heavy layer of hair appeared to extend downward to the region of his chest ... "

He added: "The eyes - I doubt frankly if I'll ever be able to erase them from my memory. They were big and round, really protruding."

aliens: creatures from other planets

Bigfoot: a half-man, half-animal creature from prehistoric times that some people believe still lives in remote parts of North America

UFO: unidentified flying object

UFOlogist: someone who studies UFOs

2 Group work

Do you believe the stories told by Mr. Sherry and Mr. Bosak?

Can you think of any other explanations for what they say happened? Have you heard of similar stories?

14. PRACTICE

1. Read the story and then match the information in column A and column B below to make questions.

Fishermen found safe and sound

Three Taiwanese fishermen were rescued yesterday from a small uninhabited island in the South Pacific. The men had been lost for more than three months.

They had left Taiwan in a small fishing boat and planned to be gone for only a week. But on the fifth day they ran into a typhoon, and it badly damaged their boat. Fortunately, none of the men was hurt. After the storm passed, however, they found that the engine wouldn't start. So their boat just drifted at



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sea for over a month. During this time, the fishermen caught fish to eat and drank rainwater to stay alive.

Finally, the boat drifted toward a small island. When it got close enough, the men jumped overboard and swam to the shore. On the island, they found fresh fruit and vegetables to eat, and they continued to live off any fish they could catch.

The fishermen lived on the island for another two months before they were rescued by a passing ship. Although the three men had lost a lot of weight, they were still in fairly good health after their long ordeal. Their families were very happy to hear that the men had been found "safe and sound" and that they would soon be home.

A

- a) Where did the fishermen
- b) How long
- c) . Was the boat
- d) What did they
- e) How did

B

- damaged in the storm?
- they get rescued?
- sail from?
- were the men missing?
- do to stay alive?

Now answer the questions you made.

- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____
- j. _____

2. Complete these news stories using the verbs given.



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Airliners in near Collision

carrying	happened	said	reported
disappearing	missed	had	

A commercial jumbo jet that was382 passengers and an Air Force cargo plane each other by 15 meters in mid-air on Tuesday over the Atlantic. A spokesperson for the airline company, which.....the near miss in a statement yesterday, said the incidentso quickly that neither pilottime to take evasive action. "There was no warning whatsoever," the captain The captain looked out of the window and saw the tail of the other plane as it was.....into the clouds.

Jogger Gets Shock

felt	jogging	said	gave	passing
thought	got	realized	turned	

A joggerthe shock of his life when he wasaround a city park on Saturday. "I was jogging along and as I wasunder the branches of a large tree, Isomething drop on me," he recalled. "At first, Iit was some ranches, but then Iit was a snake! I couldn't believe it! Then the guy running ahead of mearound and saw it slide off. The snake wasn't particularly big, but itme quite a shock all the same." A snake expertthe snake was probably a python, which is non-poisonous.

3. Write the past tense of these verbs.

catch _____
 dream _____ dreamed _____
 drive _____

hide _____
 hold _____
 leave _____



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| fall | _____ | pay | _____ |
| find | _____ | ride | _____ |
| hear | _____ | run | _____ |
| send | _____ | shoot | _____ |
| strike | _____ | wake | _____ |
| wear | _____ | | |

Now write five sentences to complete this story. Use verbs from the list or other verbs and the past tense or past continuous (was/were + verb + -ing).

Last night, I dreamed I was walking home from the bus stop when suddenly I heard a strange noise ____

4. Put one verb in the past tense and one verb in the past continuous (was/were + verb + -ing) to complete each sentence.

- A month after an art show (open) in New York recently, it was discovered that a famous painting by the French painter Henri Matisse (hang) upside-down.
- Construction workers recently discover) the ruins of Shakespeare's Rose Theatre in London when they (prepare) the site for a new office building.
- The British ocean liner *Titanic* (make) its first trip across the Atlantic in 1912 when it hit an iceberg and (sink).



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d. In 1960, a Turkish diver(discover) the remains of a 3,000-year-old shipwreck while he (dive) for sponges off the coast of southwest Turkey.

5. Put three words in each of the categories below. Then add one more word to each list.

detective
flood
robbery

earthquake
journal
thief

magazine
newspaper
typhoon

Printed information

Natural disasters

Crime

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