

Communication

5A IT'S AN EMERGENCY! Student C

a Read your survival tips and underline things you should and shouldn't do, and why. Try to remember the information.

WHAT TO DO IF... SOMEBODY BREAKS INTO YOUR HOUSE.

Imagine that you wake up in the middle of the night because you can hear somebody moving around in the kitchen. What should you do?

Even if you are brave, it is usually a mistake to go and confront the intruder. You could find yourself face to face with somebody who may have a weapon and who is likely to react violently.

The most important thing is to have a plan to follow: lock yourself and your family in a safe place, e.g., your bedroom or bathroom. Move a piece of furniture against the door to make it impossible for the intruder to open it. Next, call the police (you should always have a fully charged phone close at hand at night with the emergency number programmed in) and wait for help to arrive.

b Now in your own words tell **A** and **B** how to survive if somebody breaks into your house.

7B TWO PHOTOS Student B

a Listen to **A** describe his / her photo. Try to visualize it.

b **A** will now show you the photo to see if you agree with his / her description and interpretation.

c Now describe your photo. Focus on the people and their body language, and say who you think they are and what you think they're doing. Then finally show your photo to **A** and see if he / she agrees with your interpretation.



Describing a photo

This photo looks as if it was taken (in the summer, in the 1990s, etc.)
In the center
In the foreground (of the photo) there is / there are...
In the background
The woman on the left has her eyes closed. She looks as if...

8B STRANGE, BUT TRUE

Student B

a Read the article and **highlight** the key information that will help you remember the story.

Dog calls for help

Dogs are often called "Man's best friend" because they sometimes help save their owner's life. But George, a two-year-old basset hound in Yorkshire in the north of England, managed to save his own life by dialling 999.

George had been left at home on his own and had knocked the phone on the floor. He became entangled with the cord of the phone and was choking. Somehow he must have touched the number 9 key of the phone with his paws a few times, and as a result, he dialed the UK emergency number: 999. All the operator could hear was the sound of somebody choking and breathing heavily, so she sent the police to the house. The police got in with the help of a neighbor, Paul Walker, who had a spare key. To their amazement they found George with the cord around his neck. He was absolutely terrified, and couldn't free himself. They quickly pulled the phone cord out of the wall. Mr. Walker said, "It was incredible. You could see his paw print on the key of the phone. He literally saved his own life."

George's owners, Steve Brown and his daughter Lydia, 18, were as amazed as everybody else. Lydia said, "It's not as if George is particularly smart. In fact, he's really foolish – he just likes to chew socks most of the time."

b Listen to **A**'s story, and ask **A** to clarify or rephrase if there's anything you don't understand.

c Tell **A** your story in your own words, e.g., *A dog named George who lives with a family in Yorkshire in the UK was left alone in the house when his owners went out...*