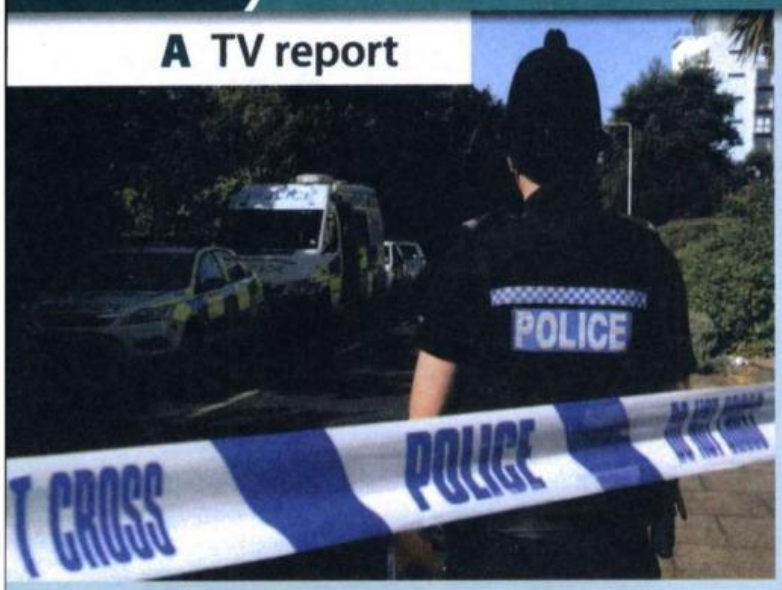
30 Crime

A TV report



Police have **found** the **body** of a 19-year-old man in a park in East London. The **dead** body was **discovered** by a woman walking her dog early this morning. The police have not **named** the man, but there has been a **series** of **crimes** in the **area** in **recent** weeks. They think the man was **killed** and the **attack** was **planned**.

GLOSSARY

find *pt/pp* **found**	see or get sth after looking
body	the whole form of a person or animal
dead	not living OPP **alive**
discover	find or learn sth for the first time **discovery** *n*
name	tell people sb's name
series	a number of things of the same kind that come one after another: *a **series** of accidents*
crime	sth that sb does that is wrong and against the law, e.g. if you attack or kill sb. A person who does this is a **criminal**.
area	a part of a town, a country or the world
recent	that happened or began only a short time ago
kill	make sb die
attack	an act which is done to hurt sb or damage sth **attack** *v*: *He **attacked** the man with a knife.*
plan	decide what you are going to do and how you are going to do it **plan** *n*

1 Same or different? Write *S* or *D*.

▶ The girl was alive. / The girl was a criminal. D
1 They found the body. / They discovered the body. .....
2 The dog was dead. / The dog was alive. .....
3 They named him. / They said who he was. .....
4 He attacked someone. / He killed someone. .....
5 It's a recent problem. / It's an old problem. .....
6 This is a nice area of town. / This is a nice part of town. .....
7 a series of crimes / a number of crimes .....
8 They planned the crime. / They discovered the crime. .....

2 Answer *Yes* or *No*.

▶ Does a person have a ***body***? Yes
1 If someone is ***dead***, can they speak? .....
2 Can a ***body*** be a dead person? .....
3 If you ***kill*** somebody, are they dead? .....
4 Do the police look for ***criminals***? .....
5 If a crime was ***recent***, was it a long time ago? .....
6 Is a ***series*** more than one? .....
7 If you ***attack*** somebody, are they happy? .....
8 If you ***discover*** something, have you lost it? .....

3 Complete the sentences.

▶ There were purple marks on the body.
1 The police have ..... a body in the woods outside town.
2 I never go there because it's a dangerous ..... of town at night.
3 The woman was ..... by the police as Josephine Smith.
4 Two men ..... an old man in a bar, and he had to go to hospital.
5 The man died later in hospital but the police don't know who ..... him.
6 The police are worried about the number of serious ..... in the town.
7 There has been a ..... of car accidents on that road.
8 The old man was still ..... when they found him, and he was taken to hospital.

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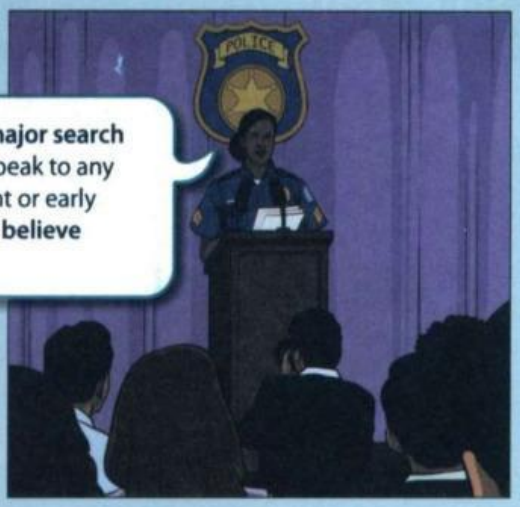
B Police statement



... We think the crime **happened late** last night, so a **major search** of the area is now **taking place** and we would like to speak to any **members** of **the public** who were in that area last night or early this morning. I would also like to **stress** that we do not **believe** there is any **danger** to the public.

GLOSSARY

statement	sth you say or write, which is often formal
late	near the end of a period of time: *He's in his **late** 20s* (= 27-29).
major	large or important
search	when you try to find sb or sth **search** *v*
member	sb who is part of a group or team
the public	people in general; everybody
stress	say sth strongly to show that it is important
believe	think that sth is true or possible
danger	the possibility that sth bad may happen: *You may be **in danger** if you are alone.* **dangerous** *adj* OPP **safe**

SPOTLIGHT *happen* and *take place*

These words have the same basic meaning, but **happen** usually describes something that is not planned:
- *How did the accident **happen**?*

Take place usually describes something that is planned:
- *The meeting **took place** yesterday evening.*

4 Same or different? Write *S* or *D*.

▶ a member of the team / one person in the team ...S...
1 a major problem / a small problem .....
2 They believe it's true. / They think it's true. .....
3 The place is dangerous. / The place is safe. .....
4 It was late last night. / It was early last night. .....
5 members of the public / members of the police .....
6 They're searching for him. / They're trying to find him. .....
7 They made a statement. / They made a decision. .....
8 It happens every year. / It takes place every year. .....

5 Complete the definitions.

▶ A statement is something you say or ...write...
1 If you search an area, you try to ..... somebody or something.
2 A member is somebody who is part of a ..... .
3 If you stress something, you are saying it is ..... .
4 If you believe something is true, then you ..... it is true.
5 The public are ..... in general.
6 If something takes place, it ..... .

6 Complete the dialogues.

▶ Have the police spoken to anyone? ~ Yes, they're talking to the ...public... now.
1 He's about 28, isn't he? ~ Yeah, he's in his ..... 20s.
2 Have the police said anything? ~ Yes, they've made a formal ..... .
3 Is he safe? ~ No, he could be in ..... .
4 Have the police found anything? ~ No, but they're ..... the area now.
5 Is it important? ~ Yes, it's a ..... problem.
6 Do you think they'll find the boy? ~ Yes, I ..... they will.
7 How did the fire ..... ? ~ I think it was a cigarette that started it.
8 Are the police talking to people? ~ Yes, they're interviewing members of the ..... .

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