WRITING ● A news article

I can write a news item.

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Tunnel chaos

This was the dramatic scene last night on a train in the Channel Tunnel between France and England. More than five hundred passengers were stuck for hours when a train broke down.

The incident happened late yesterday afternoon. The train suddenly stopped while it was travelling through the tunnel.

At first, passengers waited calmly, but after several hours the situation became very difficult. There was no food or water and there weren't enough toilets on the train. Then the rescue services arrived and they transferred people onto another train as soon as they could.

After sixteen hours, all the passengers were finally off the train. Later, one of them said, 'People were sleeping on the floor and children were crying. It was terrible.'

1 Read the model text and answer the questions.

1 Where can you find a text like this?
a In a magazine. b In a film guide.
c In a newspaper.

2 Where and when did the incident happen?

3 What were the conditions on the train?

Language point: Time connectors

3 Find these words in the model text. When do we use them? Choose the correct answers in sentences 1–6.

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