

Writing a news story

1 Writing skill structuring a news story

a Read the mixed-up notes (a–d) of a news story. Which section is the introductory sentence? _____

a The area _____ (be) temporarily affected as the lightning _____ (cut off) electricity. Later, firefighters _____ (say) the man was incredibly lucky.

b The fire department _____ (respond) immediately to the call. According to the owner of the house, it all _____ (happen) extremely quickly.

c An unbelievable three bolts of lightning _____ (strike) a house last night, but fortunately, nobody was hurt.

d Neighbors _____ (call) the fire department after the first bolt of lightning _____ (start) a small fire.

Vocabulary -ly adverbs in stories

2 Write the six *-ly* adverbs in the story next to the adverbs with similar meanings.

1 briefly: _____
2 instantly: _____
3 luckily: _____
4 very: _____
5 rapidly: _____
6 unbelievably: _____

Wordbuilding nouns and verbs

► WORDBUILDING nouns and verbs

Some nouns and verbs have the same form. The meanings of the two forms can have similar (e.g., *land*) or unconnected (e.g., *book*) meanings.

1 Each word below has a verb and a noun form. Say if the verb form is regular (R) or irregular (I), and if the noun form is countable (C) or uncountable (U).

1 call _____	8 heat _____
2 cause _____	9 match _____
3 cook _____	10 paint _____
4 email _____	11 phone _____
5 fall _____	12 shop _____
6 farm _____	13 show _____
7 fire _____	14 stop _____

2 Complete the pairs of sentences with a word from Exercise 1. Use the correct verb and noun forms.

1 a Everyone should learn how to _____ a few basic dishes.
b My aunt is a _____ in the local school kitchen.

2 a Police are not yet sure what _____ the accident.
b Eating too much junk food is a major _____ of poor health.

3 a What's happening? Why has the line _____ moving?
b The express bus is quicker because there aren't any _____ between here and Chicago.

4 a Can you _____ me the details of your trip?
b I didn't get the _____ about the new timetable.

5 a Have you decided what to _____ your new puppy?
b I'll give you a _____ when my plane lands.

6 a The forest _____ was started by a lightning strike.
b The company will _____ any employee who is regularly late for work.

7 a There was a big _____ in the number of visitors to Toronto last year.
b I don't like climbing because I always think I'm going to _____.