

## 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).

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| 1 call <u>R, C</u> | 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 \_\_\_\_\_.