

Media Stories

1. Match the idioms with the stories.

- 1 It's not the end of the world.
- 2 We dodged a bullet.
- 3 I ran out of steam.
- 4 It was a storm in a teacup.
- 5 I breathed a sigh of relief.
- 6 He lost his head.

A

Jay Lee arrested for assault

Jay Lee was arrested last night outside a restaurant in Soho. The rap star was leaving the restaurant when he was surrounded by a group of photographers. Witnesses say they saw Lee hit one of them in the face. Today Lee said he had been enjoying a quiet meal out and had panicked when he saw the crowd.

B

Pet hero

We were asleep one night when a burglar broke into our house. Luckily, our pet dog Max woke us up when he started barking. We immediately called the police and the burglar ran away. We heard later that this man was a known criminal, wanted for violent crimes.

C

Friday 13th

We had a big history exam today. I studied last night from six o'clock until eleven. Then I couldn't concentrate anymore and fell asleep. I was exhausted when Mum woke me up this morning.

D

Manchester out of the Cup

Manchester United suffered a surprise defeat and was eliminated from the European Cup last night. After the match, the coach admitted that the players were disappointed but said the team would now focus all their attention on winning the League.

E

Lara Ward gives consumer advice

'Thanks for calling, Sam. I know a lot of people worry about buying things online. I remember the first time I ordered some designer shoes. I was worried that they would be cheap imitations but when they arrived, they were fine.'

F

What's new?

I had another row with Frances last night. She wanted to watch one TV programme and I wanted to watch another. In the end, Mum got annoyed and switched off the TV. We didn't speak to each other for ages. Today, things are okay again though.
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2. Complete the questions with *Did you use to*, *Are you used to* or *Could you get used to* and the verb.

- 1 _____ (be) followed by paparazzi?
- 2 _____ (have) a pet when you were a kid?
- 3 _____ (study) a lot when you have exams?
- 4 _____ (support) a team when you were younger?
- 5 _____ (buy) things online?
- 6 _____ (live) without a TV?