

## 7A Homework

### 1 READING

**a** Before you read the article, guess the answers to these questions.

- 1 What's the most dangerous month of the year in the UK?  
a January   b March   c July
- 2 What's the most dangerous day of the week?  
a Sunday   b Wednesday   c Friday
- 3 Which of these days is traditionally considered unlucky?  
a Tuesday the 13th   b Thursday the 13th  
c Friday the 13th
- 4 What's the most dangerous time of day?  
a 8:00 a.m.   b 11:00 a.m.   c 5:00 p.m.

**b** Read the article and check your answers.

**c** Read the article again and match the sentence halves.

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 In 2005, March 3rd                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 When there was a new Harry Potter book, | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3 January                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4 Fridays are dangerous                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5 Friday the 13th                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6 Winter is dangerous                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

- a fewer children ended up in the hospital.
- b seems to be really unlucky.
- c because everyone's in a hurry to get home.
- d was the safest day of the year.
- e because driving conditions are worse.
- f is more dangerous than February.

**JANUARY 8th**  
– the most dangerous day of the year!



Be careful on January 8th! It's officially the most dangerous day of the year. The insurance company Hyperion has analyzed accident statistics and has found that there are more insurance claims for accidents on January 8th than on any other day.

Accidents are certainly more likely to occur at particular times of year. One general rule is that more accidents happen in winter months because risk increases in bad weather. In 2004 and 2005 Hyperion found that the worst day was January 8th, with 298 auto accidents reported to them. March 3rd was statistically the safest day, with only 89 reports. Six of the ten worst days for driving were in January.

everyone is rushing home for the weekend – while Thursdays are the safest day of the week.

At what time of day is an accident most likely to occur? Analysis by the Health and Safety Authority found that people are most likely to have an accident at 11:00 a.m., whereas the safest time of day is between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. – probably because most people are in bed!

It's obvious that icy and snowy conditions are dangerous, but some other statistics are more puzzling. A British Medical Journal report in 2001, for example, found that hospital admissions were always higher than usual on Friday the 13th.

But it is not only when Friday falls on the 13th that it is a dangerous day. Four of the top ten worst days for accidents last year were Fridays – perhaps because

Finally, good news for Harry Potter fans. Doctors at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford noted that fewer children were admitted to the emergency room on the weekends when Harry Potter books were released. Casualties fell by over 50% when the last two books went on sale. So if you want to be really safe, you should read a Harry Potter book in bed, at around 5:00 on a Thursday morning, in the summer ...



**b** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1 I didn't buy the car because the bank didn't give me a loan.

If the bank had given me a loan, I would have bought the car.

2 We didn't go shopping because we didn't have enough time.

If we had had more time, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ shopping.

3 He didn't go to the movies because he wasn't interested in the movie.

He would have gone to the movies if \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4 I didn't finish the report because I had so many calls.

I would have finished the report if \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

5 They moved because their rent went up.

If their rent hadn't gone up, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

6 We didn't have a barbecue because it was too cold.

We would have had a barbecue if \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 PRONUNCIATION word stress; sounds

- a Write the words in the correct group. Use your dictionary to check.

anxious optimistic opportunity effort  
 unhappy realistic advantage mistake instinct

Stress on 1st syllable	Stress on 2nd syllable	Stress on 3rd syllable
<i>anxious</i>		

- b Write the words in the chart.

achieve airport bump careful comfortable  
 control fail focus goal lucky mistake  
 over patient pain routine scream seem  
 there unhappy vary

				
			<i>achieve</i>	

#### 4 HOW WORDS WORK *that or what?*

Correct any mistakes in the **highlighted** words.  
Check (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 Is that the school **that** you go to? \_\_\_\_\_ ✓
- 2 Why can't we do **what** I want? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I've just heard a joke **that** made me laugh. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I don't understand **that** they are saying. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The city **what** he likes best is in Canada. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 He works for a company **that** makes cell phones.  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 5 VOCABULARY making adjectives and adverbs

- a Write the adjective form of the words in the correct category.

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comfort    luck    help    happiness    success  
fortune    care

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1 (+) adjective ending *-y*:

\_\_\_\_\_

2 (+) adjective ending *-ate*:

\_\_\_\_\_

3 (+) adjective ending *-able*:

\_\_\_\_\_

4 (+) adjective ending *-ful*:

\_\_\_\_\_

- b Complete the sentences with a positive or negative adverb made from an adjective in a.



- 1 They are the perfect couple. They have been happily married for 30 years.
- 2 I lost my wallet yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_, I found it today!
- 3 He came to see me yesterday, but \_\_\_\_\_. I was out. I'm really sorry I didn't see him.
- 4 I slept very \_\_\_\_\_ because the bed was hard.
- 5 He picked up the baby very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 He completed the marathon \_\_\_\_\_ in three hours.
- 7 "Can I carry your bag for you?" he asked \_\_\_\_\_.