

READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read these newspaper articles.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Criminals Caught by Facebook and YouTube

22nd June, 2011, Vancouver: Serious damage was caused in some parts of the city on 15th June by 100,000 fans of the Vancouver Canucks ice hockey team. Cars were burned, shop windows were smashed and goods were stolen from shops. After their team was beaten by the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup, angry Vancouver Canucks fans simply decided to destroy their city.

At first, it was impossible to identify many of the hooligans because their faces were hidden by hoods and scarves. But the police got help. Many of the criminals posted photos and films of themselves in action on Facebook and YouTube. The police received more than 600 messages with YouTube links and over 1,000 links to Facebook and other social networking sites.

Water Polo Star Involved in Vancouver Riots

22nd June, 2011, Vancouver: A well-known teenage water polo star turned himself in to the police after taking part in the riots after the Stanley Cup ice hockey game on 15th June. The water polo player was identified in photos on Facebook and YouTube. He was photographed as he was trying to set fire to a police car in front of other rioters in the street.

After talking to the police, the teenager appeared on television and apologised for his behaviour. At the moment, it still isn't known how this will affect the star player's future in water polo.



2. Are the statements True or False?

- ☒ 1. The Vancouver fans caused damage in parts of Boston.
- ☐ 2. The hooligans tried to hide their faces.
- ☐ 3. The criminals posted pictures of themselves.
- ☐ 4. The police identified the water polo star.
- ☐ 5. The water polo star was sorry for his actions.

3. Complete these sentences with information from the text.

- 1. The fans were angry because their team didn't win.
- 2. The police couldn't identify many of the fans.
- 3. Facebook and YouTube helped the police.
- 4. The water polo star tried to destroy a police car.
- 5. The star's future is uncertain.