

Lesson 4C

HOW TO ... | talk about the news

VOCABULARY | news headlines; the news

PRONUNCIATION | word stress in adverbs for summarising

VOCABULARY

news headlines

1 A Complete the news headlines with the words in the box.

arrested attack celebrity escape march
rescued scandal strike

- 1 Students all the way from university to parliament to show support for academic staff.
- 2 Woman by police after coming clean
- 3 Train drivers on cause chaos for commuters
- 4 TV admits pretending to sing on hit record
- 5 President resigns after major financial involving members of the government
- 6 3,000 chickens egg farm in Yorkshire
- 7 Family of four from cliff by helicopter
- 8 Sea birds tourists on beach

B Complete the conversation using words from the box.

announcement arrested celebrity march
protests quit rescue scandal

A: Did you see all those ¹ at the university and in the city centre today?
B: Yes, it's terrible. The police ² hundreds of people today.
A: I know. The protestors are going to ³ to the mayor's office tomorrow.
B: I think the mayor's going to ⁴ before then. She's making an ⁵ later.

the news

2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 You can watch a **live feed** / **breaking news** from the International Space Station.
- 2 I think the news reporting was **trending** / **biased** towards the government.
- 3 We'll be back at 8 p.m. with an **update** / **announcement** on the story.
- 4 The video **went viral** / **trending** and was shared more than eight million times.
- 5 There are going to be **announcements** / **news** about the budget tomorrow.
- 6 This is a **breaking news** / **viral** story, so we do not have many details yet.
- 7 Do you **subscribe** / **follow** to any news channels?
- 8 The news about the celebrity scandal is **trending** / **live feed** on social media.

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3 A 4.05 | Listen to two conversations. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 Kitty Kristoff is the manager of a famous band.
- 2 Kitty quit because she wanted more money.
- 3 The cat's new home was far from his old one.
- 4 The cat's original owners decided to keep him.

B 4.05 | Listen again. Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 Have you the news about the singer Kitty Kristoff?
- 2 I don't usually celebrities, but it's been all over the news.
- 3 Oh no. That's a .
- 4 Did you see the about the cat who travelled hundreds of miles to get back home?
- 5 , its owners gave him away to new owners after their children left home because they didn't want a pet anymore.
- 6 Really? I can't that!

C 4.05 | Listen again and check.

PRONUNCIATION

4 4.06 | word stress in adverbs for summarising | Listen to the sentences. Underline the stressed syllable in the adverbs. Then listen again and repeat.

- 1 Apparently, there's going to be a protest next week.
- 2 Basically, he quit because he found a better job.

SPEAKING

5 A 4.07 | Choose the correct words to complete the conversation. Then listen and check.

A: Have you been ¹**following** / **hearing** the news about the strikes?
B: Yes, it's received a lot of ²**cover** / **coverage** on all the news channels.
A: I feel bad for the people trying to get to work. It's ³**causing** chaos. Do you know why they're on strike?
B: I don't know all the ⁴**fact** / **details**, but basically, the drivers want more money and better working conditions.
A: It's been going on for days. I hope it ends soon.
B: ⁵**Apparently**, there's going to be an announcement tomorrow. It ⁶**seem** / **seems** they've made a deal with the government.
A: Really? ⁷**It's** / **That's** a relief.

B 4.08 | You are B in in Ex 5A. Listen and speak after the beep. Record the conversation if you can.

C Listen to your recording and compare it to Ex 5A.