## Step 1: Read

**1** Match the headlines with newspaper articles 1–3.

**SKILLS BUILDER**

**Matching headings with paragraphs**
When trying to match headings with paragraphs, look for words that have similar meanings.
photo success = has won

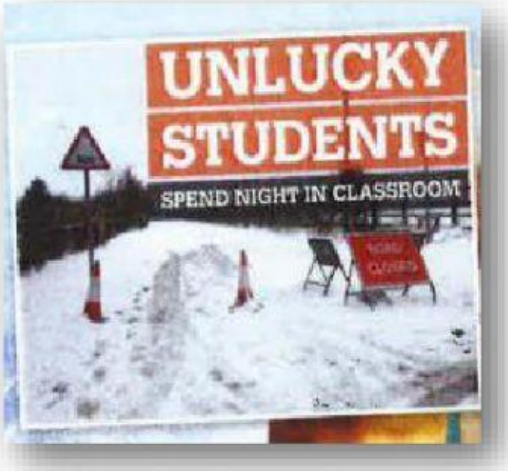
**2** Icy conditions were still causing problems all over the country today. However, in the north of England some students were celebrating when their school was closed because of the bad weather. 'This is great! Now I can go and play snowballs with my friends,' said Jessica Watson, a Year 8 student from Durham.




**3** A student from Mortimer School, Coventry, has come first in a national photography competition. 14-year-old Lucy Preston used her mobile phone to take her winning photo of a frozen lake in winter. What is she going to do with her £500 prize? 'I'm going to use it to buy a camera!' she laughed.




**1** Students and teachers at Grange Secondary School in the village of Hepworth near Dundee were unable to get home last night because heavy snow was blocking the roads. 'We had to sleep on the floor – it wasn't very comfortable,' said 13-year-old Jamie Banks. But it wasn't all bad. 'The teachers let us play games on the school computers,' Jamie added.




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**2** Read the articles and answer the questions. Who ...

1 said he had fun in a difficult situation?
2 won something?
3 felt happy when she heard some news?
4 plans to spend some money?
5 didn't expect to have a holiday?

Answers:

1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____
5._____

## Step 2: Listen

**3** 1.45 Listen to a weather report. Write missing words and phrases 1–7 in your notebook.

**WEATHERVIEW**

Today it is very cold in Scotland, the north and south of England, and in (1) … . Snow is falling and there is deep snow lying in some parts of the country. It is more than (2) … deep in some places. There are blizzards in the south of England.
The heavy snow has made conditions on the roads very (3) … , and many (4) … are not running. Some roads are blocked by snow, while other roads are very (5) … . The police have asked people not to travel by car if their journey isn't important. Twenty people spent the night in a local (6) … when blizzards on the M25 motorway closed the road.
The weather will (7) … tomorrow, but it will remain very cold until the weekend.

Answers:

1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____
5._____
6._____
7._____

**4** Listen again. What have the police asked people to do?

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| Hi Chris! Guess what happened (1) **yesterday** / **last night** during the storm? | I don't know, what happened? |
| Well, I was watching TV when I heard a loud noise ... | What was it? |
| A huge tree fell down in our (2) **road** / **street**! It fell in our garden. | No way! That's (3) **terrible** / **bad** news. Was anybody hurt? |
| No, luckily everybody was OK. We were all inside because of the awful weather. | Great, I'm really pleased about that. |
| Well, I've got some good news too! A reporter from the local TV station came and interviewed us about what happened. I'm going to be on TV (4) **tonight** / **tomorrow**! | Wow, that's (5) **amazing** / **fantastic**! I'm definitely going to watch it. |

**5** 1.46 Listen to the dialogue. Choose the correct words.

**6** Listen again and repeat. Practise your intonation.

## Step 3: Write

**7** Choose a news story from exercise 1 or use your own ideas. Then copy the questions and phrase in the box. Write answers and complete the phrase.

> What happened? When did it happen?
> Why did it happen? How did it happen?
> That's ...!

**Answer:**

What Happened?

When did it happen?

Why did it happen?

How did it happen?

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