

Writing a news story

1 Writing skill structuring a news story

- a Read the mixed-up notes (a–d) of a news story. Which section is the introductory sentence? ____

- a The area _____ (be) temporarily affected as the lightning _____ (cut off) electricity. Later, firefighters _____ (say) the man was incredibly lucky.
- b The fire department _____ (respond) immediately to the call. According to the owner of the house, it all _____ (happen) extremely quickly.
- c An unbelievable three bolts of lightning _____ (strike) a house last night, but fortunately, nobody was hurt.
- d Neighbors _____ (call) the fire department after the first bolt of lightning _____ (start) a small fire.

Vocabulary -ly adverbs in stories

- 2 Write the six -ly adverbs in the story next to the adverbs with similar meanings.

- 1 briefly: _____
- 2 instantly: _____
- 3 luckily: _____
- 4 very: _____
- 5 rapidly: _____
- 6 unbelievably: _____

Wordbuilding nouns and verbs

► WORDBUILDING nouns and verbs

Some nouns and verbs have the same form. The meanings of the two forms can have similar (e.g., *land*) or unconnected (e.g., *book*) meanings.

- 1 Each word below has a verb and a noun form. Say if the verb form is regular (R) or irregular (I), and if the noun form is countable (C) or uncountable (U).

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| 1 call <u>R, C</u> | 8 heat _____ |
| 2 cause _____ | 9 match _____ |
| 3 cook _____ | 10 paint _____ |
| 4 email _____ | 11 phone _____ |
| 5 fall _____ | 12 shop _____ |
| 6 farm _____ | 13 show _____ |
| 7 fire _____ | 14 stop _____ |

- 2 Complete the pairs of sentences with a word from Exercise 1. Use the correct verb and noun forms.

- 1 a Everyone should learn how to _____ a few basic dishes.
b My aunt is a _____ in the local school kitchen.
- 2 a Police are not yet sure what _____ the accident.
b Eating too much junk food is a major _____ of poor health.
- 3 a What's happening? Why has the line _____ moving?
b The express bus is quicker because there aren't any _____ between here and Chicago.
- 4 a Can you _____ me the details of your trip?
b I didn't get the _____ about the new timetable.
- 5 a Have you decided what to _____ your new puppy?
b I'll give you a _____ when my plane lands.
- 6 a The forest _____ was started by a lightning strike.
b The company will _____ any employee who is regularly late for work.
- 7 a There was a big _____ in the number of visitors to Toronto last year.
b I don't like climbing because I always think I'm going to _____.