

61 Investigations

A A police investigation



Somerset police were last night called to the 200-acre estate of Lord and Lady Appleby, where a body was found in a fishing lake on the property. A dog walker notified the police after spotting a hat and fragments of clothing floating on the lake, and we received confirmation early this morning that they had discovered the body of a young man who had drowned. He has not yet been formally identified, and police from the neighbouring county of Devon are providing assistance with the investigation.

GLOSSARY

acre	a unit for measuring an area of land (approx. 4,000 square metres)	float	stay on or near the surface of sth and not sink
estate	a large area of land, usually in the country, that is owned by one person or one family	confirmation	a statement, letter, etc. that shows that sth is true or definite
lord	a man of high rank in the nobility (= people of high social class) or sb who has been given the title 'lord' as an honour and is entitled to sit in the House of Lords	drown	die because you have been underwater too long and cannot breathe; kill sb in this way
notify	officially tell sb about sth	formally	officially; in a way that follows an agreed way of doing things
fragment	a small part of sth that has broken off or come from sth larger	county	an area of Britain that has its own local government help or support

1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write **S** or **D**. Use the to help you.

1 lord formally 3 acre fragment 5 confirmation nobility
2 acre assistance 4 float notify 6 county drown

2 Replace the underlined word(s) with other words that keep the same meaning.

1 They announced it officially. 5 There were small pieces of metal everywhere.
2 They want some kind of written statement. 6 They owned a large area of land.
3 He died underwater. 7 We will provide them with more help.
4 The paper boat stayed on the surface of the water. 8 I will inform the police.

3 Complete the sentences.

1 I have a very large garden; it's about half an
2 I broke a bottle, and there were of glass all over the floor.
3 A person who has died will need to be identified by their next-of-kin.
4 I could see a plastic bag in the water.
5 If you change your personal details in any way, you should your bank.
6 If you are offered a job and accept it, the company will require written
7 He wasn't born into the nobility, but was later given the title of
8 The girl because she fell into deep water and couldn't swim.

4 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write answers to the questions, or ask another student.

1 Do you have a word in your language for an area of land that is approximately an acre?
2 Do you have many large estates in your country?
3 Do you have an equivalent of a *lord* in your country/language?
4 Is your country divided into areas equivalent to British counties?
5 If someone dies at home of natural causes, who should you notify?

TEST YOURSELF

B A media investigation

The media **regulator** has launched a formal investigation into Australia's biggest news television **networks** after complaints about the live **broadcast** of a shooting in Christchurch, New Zealand. Some **broadcasters** put **edited** versions of the **live stream** on their channels, but **commentators** have argued that none of the content should have been **broadcast**.

A spokeswoman for one network said they always took reasonable steps to avoid offence, **distress** or **prejudice**, unless doing so was regarded as being in the **public interest**. It's a **delicate balancing act** said another station, which had shown brief **clips** of the shooting.

SPOTLIGHT *public*

Public (*adj*) is used in a number of phrases with different meanings.

- **a public figure** a person known by many people
- **public money** money connected with the government
- **a public library** a library for everyone
- **a public appearance** intended to be seen by people in general

GLOSSARY

regulator	a person or an organization that controls an area of business or industry and makes sure it operates fairly regulation <i>n</i>
network	a group of radio or TV stations that are connected and that broadcast the same programmes at the same time
broadcast	a radio or TV programme broadcast <i>v</i> ; Broadcasters are companies that send out radio or TV programmes.
edit	take what has been filmed or recorded and decide which parts to show
live stream	a live broadcast of an event over the internet live-stream <i>v</i>
commentator	a person who is an expert on a subject and talks or writes about it on radio, TV or in a newspaper
distress	a feeling of great worry or unhappiness
prejudice	an unreasonable dislike of or preference for a person, custom, etc, especially when based on race, religion, sex, etc.
delicate	needing skill and sensitive treatment
interest	a good result or an advantage for sb: be in the public interest
balancing act	a process in which sb tries to please two or more groups who want different things
clip	a short part of a film that is shown separately

5 Underline the stress. Use the  to help you with the words, and see where the main stress is in the phrases in the Answer Key.

regulator network edit distress in the public interest
live stream commentator prejudice delicate balancing act

6 Circle the words which are directly connected with the media (i.e. TV, radio or the internet).

network regulator broadcaster clip
prejudice balancing act edit live stream

7 Form six phrases using words in the box.

a public library	a balancing interest	a media prejudice	in the public act	a film clip	racial regulator
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8 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Advertisements for a new film often show from the film.
- 2 The event is being live on TV, but you can also watch recorded highlights later.
- 3 News bulletins are not allowed to show violent acts because they cause to many viewers.
- 4 The film has been and most of the violence removed.
- 5 You can watch a of the concert on the day.
- 6 Sometimes TV networks report on difficult things because they are in the interest; other times you don't show certain events. It's a balancing act.
- 7 Some TV programmes are accused of against certain groups of people.
- 8 There were complaints that the sports has made racist remarks about some players, so the media has launched an investigation.

