9 HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

VOCABULARY

Reporting verbs

1 **Find 11 more reporting verbs in the word search.**

R	E	F	D	E	N	Y	U	R	S	E
C	L	A	I	M	O	F	A	E	U	A
O	I	N	S	I	S	T	D	F	G	N
N	O	U	C	S	I	E	M	U	G	N
F	A	P	O	L	O	G	I	S	E	O
I	C	W	V	G	G	E	T	E	S	U
R	F	K	E	E	R	Z	I	U	T	N
M	V	P	R	O	M	I	S	E	D	C
C	O	M	P	L	A	I	N	F	O	E

2 **Match reporting verbs from Exercise 1 with the direct speech sentences.**



1 'No, the government is not going to close any more hospitals.' *deny*
2 'Yes, it's true what you've heard. Our star player is leaving the team.' _____
3 'I've told you a hundred times. I don't know who Kevin is.' _____
4 'Why don't you look it up on Wikipedia?' _____
5 'No, I'm not doing it. I'm not going shopping with you.' _____
6 'I hate watching ads before videos. They're so annoying.' _____

3 **Complete the story with the reporting verbs in the box. (See the *Learn to learn* tip in the Student's Book, p107.)**

admit	announced	~~apologise~~	claimed
discovered	promised		

Giles had to [1] *apologise* to all his followers for telling a big lie! On his vlog, Giles [2] _____ that he had been asked to play in a video game competition. He [3] _____ that the designers of the video game wanted him to play. At the end of his vlog, he [4] _____ to tell everyone all about it the following week. So, we waited for his vlog. Nothing happened. He didn't appear. When the competition came, we all watched, but he wasn't there either. That's when we [5] _____ that he was lying. Giles had to [6] _____ it had all been a lie. He has lost a lot of followers … including me.

4 **Write a sentence using the reporting verb and your own ideas about a time when …**

1 a teacher announced something.
_____
2 someone refused to do something.
_____
3 a friend apologised.
_____
4 someone promised that they would do something for you.
_____
5 you complained about something.
_____

Explore it!

Guess the correct answer.

The first 24-hour news channel was CNN, which started in

a 1980 b 1995 c 2000

Find an interesting fact about a news channel or website. Send a question in an email to a classmate or ask them in the next class.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING

A newspaper story

1 ★ **Read the newspaper story. Choose the best summary.**

a Police solve the mystery of 'Piano Man' ☐
b 'Piano Man' tells his story ☐
c 'Piano Man': too many questions remain ☐

2 ★★ **Match the underlined words in the newspaper story with the definitions.**

1 a problem, events or a person that is dealt with by the police *case*
2 strange or not understood _____
3 a person who plays the piano _____
4 walking slowly in no particular direction _____
5 of no use, or value _____
6 very well, in a very pleasant way _____

3 ★★ **Read the story again. Answer the questions.**

1 What was strange about the man when he was found?
He didn't say anything.
2 Why did the hospital think he played the piano?
3 Why did police think he came from Norway?
4 Why weren't they able to solve the case?
5 How did the man get home?
6 What is a 'Hollywood ending'?

4 ★★★ **What do you think about this story? What was the man doing?**



The strange case of 'Piano Man'

In 2005, a very strange story hit the news. Newspapers and TV stations reported that a young man had been found wandering the streets in a town in Kent, England. He was wearing a suit and tie, but he refused to speak.

He was taken to a hospital and the doctors insisted that he was in good health but that he didn't speak. Then he drew a picture of a piano, so people suggested that he might be a pianist. A piano was taken to the hospital and some newspapers claimed that he played the piano beautifully and that he seemed to be happy.

The nurses asked him where he was from, but he still didn't say anything until one day he pointed to Oslo on a map. The police announced that it was possible that he might come from Norway. They discovered that a ship had travelled from Norway to England when the man was found. Did he jump from the ship and swim to the English coast? The police asked a Norwegian speaker to talk to him, but she told them that he hadn't spoken to her either. One newspaper claimed that he wasn't able to talk at all.

TV and radio stations and newspapers asked everyone to help them to find out who the mysterious 'Piano Man' was. Police admitted they had received a lot of calls, but all the information that people gave was useless.

Unfortunately, there's no Hollywood ending to this story. The man was actually Andreas Grassl, a 20-year-old from Germany, who returned there with his parents. Police discovered that he could actually talk. But what was he doing? Why was he in Kent? How did he get there? Why didn't he say anything? Why were all these stories told about him? It all remains a mystery.

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