

LISTENING WORKSHEET

The news

Use of Present and Past tenses

Section A: Multiple Choice

1. Which city was unexpectedly chosen to host the 2012 Olympics?

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| a) Paris | b) New York | c) London |

2. Where was the announcement made about the Olympic Games?

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| a) London | b) Singapore | c) Paris |

3. What percentage of the vote did Vladimir Shevchenko reportedly receive?

- a) 52%
- b) 72%
- c) 62%

4. What controversial promise did Shevchenko make during his campaign?

- a) Increase taxes
- b) Privatise all industry
- c) Free education for all

5. Where have hurricanes Maxwell and Nelly caused severe damage?

- a) The Florida Keys and the Caribbean
- b) The Pacific Islands
- c) California

6. What action did the US government take after the hurricanes hit?

- a) Declared a holiday
- b) Closed airports
- c) Issued an evacuation order

7. How old is Brillianho, the new Manchester United player?

- a) 20
- b) 18
- c) 21

8. What animal gave birth to twins in Berlin Zoo?

- a) A tiger
- b) A panda
- c) A bear

Section B: Fill in the Blanks

Use the correct form of the verb

1. London _____ (win) the race to host the 2012 Olympics.
2. Many people _____ (expect) Paris to win.
3. Vladimir Shevchenko _____ (secure) enough votes in Estonia.
4. The US government _____ (issue) an evacuation order.
5. Brillianho _____ (sign) a five-year contract with Manchester United.
6. Chi Chi the panda _____ (give) birth to twins this morning.
7. Hurricanes _____ (cause) millions of dollars of damage.
8. Manchester United _____ (buy) Brillianho for €42 million.

After Listening - Discussion Question:

Which of the news stories surprised you the most? Why?

(Try to use present perfect or past tenses when giving your opinion.)

Writing Prompt:

Write a news report (150-200 words) about a recent event you have read or heard about.

Use at least three different verb tenses (present perfect, past simple, future) and include at least one passive sentence.