



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?



a) Paris



b) New York



c) London

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



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) Privatiser 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 Brillinho, 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. Brillinho _____ (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) Brillinho 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.