Unit 7
Politics

News

a. Do you remember the computer lesson? What did you listen to? Mark the correct answer.

- ☐ An interview with a political candidate
- ☐ A weekend weather report
- ☐ A news update on local election results
- ☐ A live report from a press conference

b. Read the two radio items below. Decide what each one is. Choose from the box.

a news update on election results • a commercial for the Liberal Party
a soap opera • a live report from a press conference

1. "The latest election results are in. It is now official. The Conservative Party has lost the election. The announcement was made a few minutes ago."

   _____

2. "We are here in the Liberal Party headquarters. The room is packed with reporters from all the newspapers. The Liberal candidate is now answering a question about the crime law."

   _____

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c. Who is who? Mark the name that matches the information.

	TED	NANCY	ROSA
1. Is the Liberal candidate			
2. Is the Conservative candidate			
3. Interviewed Schmidt before the election results were in			
4. Was defeated in the local elections			
5. Reported that Schmidt thought he would win			
6. Had been against the crime laws			
7. Had promised to propose a new crime law			
8. Held a press conference after winning the local elections			
9. Believed Schmidt probably lost because of the crime law			
10. Had been in favor of the crime law			

d. Write a short newspaper report about each of the two candidates in the election. Use the sentences from activity *c*.

e. Rewrite the sentences, replacing the underlined phrases with the phrases below.

an important topic • even though he had voted • suggested
who people think committed • was defeated in

1. He <u>lost</u> the election.

_____

2. The crime law was <u>a key issue</u> in the election.

_____

3. She <u>proposed</u> a new crime law.

_____

4. She wants to investigate politicians <u>suspected of</u> crimes.

_____

5. He thought he would win <u>in spite of his vote</u> agains the crime law.

_____

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Brown's Campaign Problems

a. Answer these questions about "Brown's Campaign Problems".

1. Who is Mr. Brown?

_____

2. What happened in his office yesterday?

_____

3. Why is he so nervous?

_____

b. Fill in the blanks to complete this description of the situation. Use the words below.

arson • campaign • candidate • defeat • elected • fight • improve • murder
resign • suspect • threats • voters

Mr. Brown is the (1) _____ of the Liberal party in this election. In his election (2) _____ he has said that if he is (3) _____, he will (4) _____ crime and (5) _____ education. After the recent fire, he spoke to (6) _____ and said that he would not (7) _____ from politics, despite the personal (8) _____ against him, such as the fire in his office.

Both Mr. Brown and the police (9) _____ that the fire was a case of (10) _____. Mr. Brown believes that it was more than that. He thinks that someone wanted to (11) _____ him and in that way to (12) _____ the Liberal Party in the election.

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c. Read the notes that the reporter took when he went to the scene of the crime. Then write a short report of the event. Use the connectors: *because, however.*

Event:	fire
Time:	Yesterday – 2 o'clock
Location:	office of the Liberal candidate, Mr. Brown
Result:	no one hurt – out to lunch at the time
Reason:	police not sure – Brown worried – someone wants to kill him – election campaign

d. Read this script of a TV news report to find out what happened. Then answer the questions below.

This is Jack Cage with an update on the Brown case.

This morning, while they were keeping a close watch on the building in which Liberal candidate, James Brown, is now working, two policemen noticed a man who was wearing a long gray jacket despite the extremely hot weather. The police became even more suspicious when the man started to look nervously around him. When they stopped him and asked him to open his jacket, they discovered that he was concealing a small bomb. After the bomb squad had safely dealt with the bomb, the man was taken in for questioning.

The man, Joe Lynch, admitted that he had set fire to Brown's office the day before. He claimed that he had never wanted to hurt anyone, but had just wanted to stop the Liberals from winning the election.

1. Were the police right that someone had set fire to the office? Yes / No
2. Was Mr. Brown right that someone was trying to kill him? Yes / No
3. Was Mr. Brown right that someone was trying to defeat the Liberal party? Yes / No

e. Fill in a suitable connecting word or phrase in each space. Choose from the words below. Use capital letters when necessary.

because • despite • fortunately • however • in my opinion

1. A reporter interviewed Mr. Brown after Joe Lynch was arrested and asked him what he thought. Mr. Brown answered, "_____, he is guilty."
2. Mr. Brown was afraid that someone was trying to kill him. _____ his fear, Mr. Brown continued working.
3. _____, no one was hurt in the fire. This was _____ Mr. Brown and his staff weren't in the office at the time.
4. The police didn't have any evidence that someone was attempting to murder Mr. Brown. _____, they still sent policemen to keep a close watch on the building where he was working.

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New Manager

a. Do you remember the dialogue, "New Manager"? What were they talking about? Mark the correct answers.

- ☐ 1. Office politics
- ☐ 2. Somebody being fired
- ☐ 3. Somebody being hired

b. The speakers were not pleased about the situation. Copy two sentences from the dialogue in which they express their displeasure.

_____

_____

_____

_____

c. Complete these sentences that express displeasure by filling in the missing word in each one. Use the words below.

unhappy • believe • don't like • pleased

1. I can't _____ that the boss has hired someone else instead of me!
2. I'm really _____ about what he did.
3. I'm not _____ with the way he did it – why didn't he discuss it with me first?
4. I _____ the idea of hiring outside people.

d. Which of the sentences express displeasure?

- ☐ 1. I'm surprised that you didn't get the job.
- ☐ 2. I was surprised when I got the new job.
- ☐ 3. I didn't like the way that the new manager spoke at the meeting.

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e. Read the dialogue and underline the expressions of displeasure. Then answer the questions that follow.

Dave: Did you hear the news? The boss promoted Johnson to the position of sales manager.

Sergei: Of course I heard. And I'm not very happy about it.

Dave: Yeah, I'm sure. Didn't he promise you that job?

Sergei: Yes, he did. I'm really surprised that he did something like that.

Dave: I'm not pleased about it either. You'd be a better manager.

Sergei: Thanks. But why didn't the boss didn't tell me about it first? Why did I have to hear about it from Johnson?

1. Who got the job of sales manager? _____
2. Who thought he was going to get that job? _____
3. Who told Sergei about the promotion? _____

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Reported Speech: Review

a. What might people say in an election campaign office? Match the speech bubbles to the correct pictures.

THE CAMPAIGN OFFICE

They asked me how much food we wanted for the post-election party tonight.

a.

Bob warned us that we would lose the election.

The police said he'd been stealing from the campaign funds.

d.

c.

b.

The boss said I had to give out all these flyers by lunchtime!

I would like to know why you are not working!

e.

1. ☐ 2. ☐ 3. ☐ 4. ☐ 5. ☐

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