

# **Breaking** news

## LISTENING









## Part 4

- 1 Label the pictures *meteorite*, *oil spill*, *volcanic eruption* and *wildfire*. Then discuss the questions in pairs.
  - 1 Which of these are natural events, and which at least partly are man-made?
  - 2 How much media coverage does each receive? Why?
  - 3 How would you feel if you witnessed each one? Use some of the C1-level adjectives in the box below.

alarmed appalled disgusted distressed helpless hysterical irritated overwhelmed speechless unsafe

- 2 Look at the exam task instructions and options A–H in both tasks. Answer these questions.
  - 1 How many speakers are there?
  - 2 What information will you have to listen for in each task?
  - 3 How many of the options in each task are <u>not</u> needed?
- 3 Note down words you might hear used about each of the options A–H in Task One, e.g. an earthquake ground, trembling. Then highlight the key words (e.g. number, injured) in options A–H in Task Two and think of words associated with them, too.
- 4 1.02 Listen and do the exam task. Listen particularly for the same ideas as those expressed by the words you highlighted in Exercise 3.

#### **Quick steps to Listening Part 4**

- Quickly read the instructions and the options in Tasks One and Two, identifying the key words in both.
- Think of other words you might hear used to express those key words.
- Listen for the answers to the questions in both tasks. Or, if you prefer, do one task on each listening.

# Exam task

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about unusual events they witnessed.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

#### TASK ONE

For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–H) the event each speaker is talking about.

Α	an earthquake		
В	an oil spill	Speaker 1	1
С	a tropical storm	Speaker 2	2
D	a wildfire		
Ε	a volcanic eruption	Speaker 3	3
F	a meteorite strike	Speaker 4	4
G	a flood	Speaker 5	5
Н	a tornado	Speakers	

#### **TASK TWO**

For questions **6–10**, choose from the list **(A–H)** what surprised each speaker most about the event.

Α	the number of people injured		
В	the likely cause of the event	Speaker 1	6
С	the sudden decrease in speed	C	
D	the direction of travel	Speaker 2	/
Ε	the extent of the damage	Speaker 3	8
F	the relative lack of noise		
G	the place where it happened	Speaker 4	9
Н	the number of unreported similar events	Speaker 5	10

#### Exam tip )

Don't choose an option just because you hear the same word or phrase. Listen for the same *idea*.

# **GRAMMAR**

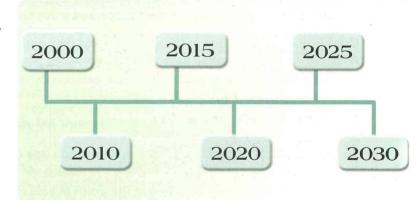
#### Review of verb tenses

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- **1** Explain the difference in meaning each time between sentences *a* and *b*. Name the different tenses used.
  - 1 a I see my friends at the weekend.
    - b I'm seeing my friends at the weekend.
  - 2 a The theme tune *began* when the programme ended.
    - b The theme tune *had begun* when the programme ended.
  - 3 a The press were taking photos when Melanie walked in.
    - **b** The press *took* photos when Melanie walked in.
  - 4 a We'll be watching that film when you get here.
    - b We'll watch that film when you get here.
  - 5 a Carla's written a book about animals that can predict earthquakes.
    - **b** Carla's been writing a book about animals that can predict earthquakes.
  - 6 a The thunderstorm will have ended by the time our plane takes off.
    - **b** The thunderstorm *will be ending* by the time our plane takes off.
  - 7 a The economy *grew* rapidly when government policy changed.
    - **b** The economy *had been growing* rapidly when government policy changed.
  - 8 a When I'm 25, I'll work abroad for several years.
    - **b** When I'm 25, I'll have been working abroad for several years.
- 2 O Correct the mistakes made by exam candidates. In some cases more than one answer is possible.
  - 1 Do you come to the meeting next week?
  - 2 I'm waiting for you at Vicenza Station tomorrow afternoon.
  - 3 Barbara and I know each other for years. We went to primary school together.
  - 4 In your memo you asked me to write a report, so now I send it to you.
  - 5 I was waiting for 30 minutes when a man came and spoke to me.
  - 6 I promise that when you'll come to visit me next summer, you'll have a wonderful holiday.
  - 7 On Wednesday we went to St. Andrews, as I arranged to meet a friend of mine there.
  - 8 Club membership is falling so we are needing new members, especially young people.

- 3 Choose the correct answer.
  - 1 | enjoy / enjoyed / have enjoyed studying history since | was a child.
  - 2 I'll look for a job when I get / will get / will have got my degree.
  - 3 I'm waiting / 've been waiting / was waiting in this queue for hours!
  - 4 By the end of this century, we're exploring / 'Il have explored / explore distant planets.
  - 5 My friend Stefan was reading / has been reading / read a book when I called at his house.
  - 6 I'm not yet sure which subject I want to study, but I think I'll do / 'm doing / 'Il have done maths.
  - 7 When politicians at last realised what was happening, the climate already became / had already been becoming warmer.
  - 8 By next July, I'll be living / 'm living / 'll have been living in this town for ten years.



- 4 Mark some important past events in your life, e.g. starting secondary school, on the timeline above. Then tell your partner what you:
  - were also doing and used to do at that time, e.g. I was living in the city centre. I used to walk to school.
  - had done and had been doing before then.
  - have done and have been doing since then.
- 5 Now put in some likely future events, e.g. *graduating*, *starting work*. Tell your partner what you:
  - will also be doing then.
  - will have done by then.
  - will have been doing by then, and for how long.



# READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

## Part 7







- 1 Look at these digital versions of printed reading material. Discuss these questions, giving reasons.
  - 1 Which is more convenient: print or digital? Which is more enjoyable?
  - 2 Which of the digital versions do you think are free? Which websites have a 'paywall', i.e. you have to pay for access?
  - 3 Will any of the print versions have disappeared within ten years?
- Quickly read the main text in the exam task and then options A-G. Which of the following have recently been rising, and which have been falling?
  - 1 sales of news & current affairs magazines
  - 2 sales of printed books
  - 3 sales of European printed newspapers
  - 4 online advertising in newspapers
  - 5 worldwide sales of printed newspapers
- 3 Read the third Quick step, then look at the words in bold after gaps 1, 2 & 3 and in options A, B & C. Answer these questions.
  - 1 What kind of expressions are they?
  - 2 How can each expression help you match the option to the gap?
  - 3 Which similar expressions are used after gaps 4–6, and at the beginning of D–G?
- Do the exam task, using the expressions in Exercise 3 to help you.

#### Quick steps to Reading and Use of English Part 7

- Look at the introduction to find out the text type and the topic.
- Quickly read the title, the main text and then options A–G, noting any topic links.
- For each gap, look for grammar links, e.g. reference words, linking expressions and matching verb tenses.
- Read the completed text to check it makes sense.

## Exam task

You are going to read a newspaper article about online versions of printed publications. Six paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose from the paragraphs **A–G** the one which fits each gap (**1–6**). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use.

# The end of print may take some time

Peter Preston

Transition. It's a pleasant word and a calming concept. Change may frighten some and challenge others. But transition means going surely and sweetly from somewhere present to somewhere future. Unless, that is, it is newspapers' 'transition' to the online world, as uncertain and highly uncomfortable processbecause, frankly, it may not be a process at all

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All of which may well be true, depending on timing, demography, geography and more. After all, everyone – from web academics to print analysts – says so. Yet pause for a while and count a few little things that don't quite file.

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As for news and current affairs magazines – which you'd expect to find in the eye of the digital storm – they had a 5.4% increase to report. In short, on both sides of the Atlantic, although some magazine areas went down, many showed rapid growth.

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**Yet**, when booksellers examined the value of the physical books they sold over the last si<sup>x</sup> months, they found it just 0.4% down. Screen paper, then? It wasn't one or the other: it was both.

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And even within Europe, different countries have different stories to tell. There's Britain, with a 10.8% drop in recent years (and a 19.6% fall for quality papers), but in Germany the decline has only been 7% all round – with a mere 0.8% lost to quality titles. And France shows only a 3.1% fall (0.8% at the quality end of the market).

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Already 360 US papers – including most of the biggest and best – have built paywalls around their products. However, the best way of attracting a paying readership appears to be a deal that offers the print copy and digital access as some kind of joint package.

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Of course this huge difference isn't good news for newspaper companies, as maintaining both an active website and an active print edition is difficult, complex and expensive. But newspaper brands still have much of their high profile in print; adrift on the web, the job of just being noticed becomes far harder.

## Exam tip )

Fill in the gaps you find easiest first to reduce the number you have to choose from.

# Part 1

#### Collocations

- 1 In each of 1−6, which three verbs form collocations with the words on their right?
  - 1 show/put/present/schedule
  - 2 publish / submit / send in / contribute
  - 3 broadcast/perform/read/report
  - 4 carry / print / feature / show
  - 5 draft / edit / broadcast / research
  - 6 run / cover / promote / tell

- A In other words, print is also a crucial tool in selling internet subscriptions. And its advertising rates raise between nine and ten times more money than online.
- **B** Tales like **these** of young people abandoning newspaper-reading are wildly exaggerated. Turn to the latest National Readership Survey figures and you'll find nearly 5,000,000 people aged between 15 and 35 following the main national dailies.
- **G Such** varying national trends may well reflect a situation far more complicated than the prophets of digital revolution assume. America's media analysts used to argue that booming online advertising revenues would pay for change and, along with lower production costs, make online newspapers a natural success. But now, with digital advertisements on newspaper sites actually dropping back, such assumptions seem like history.
- D One is the magazine world, both in the UK and in the US. It ought to be collapsing, wrecked by the move to the tablets which fit existing magazine page sizes so perfectly. But, in fact, the rate of decline in magazine purchasing is relatively small, with subscriptions holding up strongly and advertising remarkably solid.
- E But surely (you say) it is bound to happen eventually. Everybody knows that print newspaper sales are plummeting while visits to the same papers' websites keep on soaring. Just look at the latest print circulation figures. The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian and many of the rest are down overall between 8% and 10% year-on-year, but their websites go ever higher.
- You can discover a similar phenomenon when it comes to books. Kindle and similar e-readers are booming, with sales up massively this year. The apparent first step of transition couldn't be clearer.
- G So if sales in that area have fallen so little, perhaps the crisis mostly affects newspapers? Yet again, though, the messages are oddly mixed. The latest survey of trends by the World Association of Newspapers shows that global circulation rose 1.1% last year (to 512 million copies a day). Sales in the West dropped back but Asia more than made up the difference.

a TV programme a photo to a magazine the news on TV a newspaper story a magazine article a news story on TV

- 2 Complete the collocations in *italics* with the correct form of verbs from Exercise 1. In some cases more than one answer is possible.
  - 1 The writer will have to ..... the article down to 1,000 words.
  - 2 That's a lovely photo. Why don't you ......it to a nature magazine?
  - 3 Both channels ..... their main news bulletin live at ten o'clock.
  - 4 The *documentary* was ...... for 21.00, but will be shown at 21.30 instead.
  - 5 It's best to \_\_\_\_\_ an article, make any changes, and then write a final version.
  - 6 Channel 19 has decided not to .....the story.
  - 7 Our reporter Carla Montero has been this story since the crisis began.
  - 8 The web edition of the paper is .....the story on its front page.

# Quick steps to Reading and Use of English Part 1

- Look at the title and the example, then quickly read the text without filling in any gaps.
- Look before and after each gap for words that collocate with the missing word.
- Make sure your answers make sense.
- 3 Read quickly through the exam task. How does the text answer the question in the title?
- 4 Look at the example. Which word in the first sentence goes with *capture*?
- 5 Underline words that might go with missing words 1–8. Then do the exam task.
- 6 Discuss these questions.
  - 1 If you witnessed a news event, would you photograph it? Would you submit the images to the media? Why/Why not?
  - 2 How would you feel if the media published pictures from your Facebook page (for example) without permission?

#### Exam task

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

# Should the media earn money from content they don't own?

Although digital cameras and camera phones have made it easier to (0) \_\_B\_\_ newsworthy events, it is social media that have revolutionised citizen photography. With news regularly breaking on social (1) \_\_\_\_\_, some journalists are now turning to them as (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of images as fast-moving events occur.

Unfortunately, some reporters have published user-generated content (UGC) without permission. Despite official guidance that images (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media can be used without permission if there are exceptional circumstances or (4) \_\_\_\_ public interest, debate continues about whether this is ethical.

1	Α	networks	В	complexes	С	frames	D	structures
2	Α	bases	В	sources	С	roots	D	springs
3	Α	deposited	В	planted	С	imposed	D	posted
4	Α	sharp	В	strong	C	heavy	D	fierce
5	Α	indicating	В	displaying	С	presenting	D	expressing
6	Α	serve	В	apply	С	play	D	face
7	Α	climbed	В	made	С	walked	D	taken
8	Α	applied	В	sought	С	demanded	D	searched

#### Exam tip >

Pencil in the words you choose on the question paper. This will make it easier to check the text makes sense when you finish.

#### Frequently confused words

- Choose the correct alternative in these exam candidates' sentences. Use your dictionary where necessary.
- 1 People are not sensible / sensitive enough to the problem of pollution.
- He was brought up / grown up in Tunisia by a Sicilian mother.
- 3 This restaurant, as its name infers / implies, specialises in unusual dishes.
- 4 My income has raised / risen very little in the last four years.
- I had to assist / attend an interview before the company offered me a job.
- 6 A bicycle is the most economic / economical, the cheapest and the easiest to park.
- I lied / lay down on the couch and cried.
- 8 When I moved to my own apartment, I seized the occasion / opportunity to get rid of all those ugly objects.
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- In pairs, decide whether these statements about Part 1 are True or False. Check your answers in the Speaking guide on page 107.
- Part 1 usually lasts about two minutes.
- There will be two examiners, but only one of them will ask you questions.
- You have a conversation with the other candidate.
- 4 You must use formal language and call the examiner 'Madam' or 'Sir'.
- 5 You can learn your answers by heart and give a prepared speech.
- You can invent information about yourself if it makes it easier for you to answer.

- 3 Look at these possible Part 1 questions. Which verb tenses would you mainly use to reply to each?
  - Where are you from?
  - What do you do here/there?
  - 3 What do you think you'll be doing in five years' time?
  - 4 How important do you think it is to speak more than one language?
  - What do you most enjoy about learning English?
  - Do you prefer to get the news from television, newspapers or the Internet?
  - 7 What would you do if you suddenly became very rich?
- 1.03 Listen to Cristina and Markus practising Part 1. Which of 1-5 below do you think describe each student's speaking? Write Yes (Y), No (N), or Possibly (P) in each box.

		Cristina	Markus
1	clear pronunciation, good use of stress and intonation		
2	wide range of vocabulary, appropriate choice of words		
3	links speech well, with little hesitation		
4	generally correct grammar, wide range of structures		
5	good communication skills		

- 1.04 Listen again and improve Markus's answers. Use your own ideas and some of these expressions:
  - Well, as a matter of fact I ...
  - That's not an easy question to answer, but ...
  - I've never really thought about it before, but ...
  - Yes, I do/have actually. In fact, ...
  - No, I'm afraid I don't/haven't. But one day I'd like to ...
  - I haven't made my mind up yet, but I might ...

#### Quick steps to Speaking Part 1

- Ask the examiner to repeat a question if necessary.
- Reply with full answers, not just 'yes', 'no' or 'maybe'.
- Use the right verb tense if asked about your past experiences or future plans.
- 6 Work in groups of three: one 'examiner' and two 'candidates'. The examiner asks each candidate questions from Exercise 3. Afterwards the examiner uses points 1-5 in Exercise 4 to comment on their performance, possibly suggesting improvements.

#### Exam tip >

Remember that one aim of Speaking Part 1 is to help you relax by getting you to talk about yourself.

#### Contrast links

- 1 Choose the two correct contrast links in italics in each sentence.
  - 1 30 years ago almost everyone lived in the countryside whereas / even though / while nowadays most people live in cities.
  - Whereas / Although / However the poorest 10% have become poorer, the richest 1% are now even richer.
  - 3 In spite of / Despite the fact that / Even though aid has increased, famine still exists.
  - 4 A generation ago most doctors were male. In contrast / While / However, today the majority are female.
  - Contrary to / Whereas / In spite of what many people think, discrimination is still common.
  - 6 By law all children must attend school. Nevertheless / Despite this / Although, many still work in the fields.
  - 7 In spite of the fact that / In contrast / Though the war is over, the border region is still dangerous.
  - 8 The south of the country is flooded. Conversely / Contrary to / On the other hand, the north is suffering from drought.
- Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.

1	Many ordinary criminals have been released, though political prisoners remain in jail.  Whereas
2	Health care has improved, but it is still not up to international standards.  Even
3	Although unemployment has fallen, the number of homeless people has risen.  In spite
4	Though the workers' income is increasing, their quality of life is going down.  On the one hand
5	That country produces a lot of food, but ordinary people have little

- 6 Some people say that we spend enough on overseas aid, but this isn't true. Contrary.
- 7 In spite of the rise in fruit prices, farmers are getting paid less. Although ..
- 8 The Government bans all opposition but claims the country is a democracy.
  - The Government claims the country is a democracy. Conversely,

**3** What issue do the pictures illustrate? Write sentences using expressions from Exercise 1.





# Part 1: essay



- 4 Look at the exam task instructions and the notes with it on page 15. Answer these questions.
  - What do you have to write about, and for
  - 2 Which aspects of the topic must you write about?
  - 3 What <u>can</u> you include if you want to? What shouldn't you do with these?

#### Quick steps to writing a Part 1 essay

- Read all the instructions and the notes, underlining the key words.
- Think of as many relevant ideas as you can.
- Decide how many paragraphs you will need and put your ideas under headings, including those from the printed notes. Choose which of the three opinions to use.

to eat.

Despite the fact...

## Exam task

Write your answer in **220–260** words in an appropriate style.

You have listened to a discussion on how people in richer countries can be made more aware of poverty in other parts of the world. You have made the notes below:

Ways of raising awareness of poverty as a global issue.

- education
- · campaigns by charities
- increased media coverage

Some opinions expressed in the discussion:

"Schools should teach every child the terrible effects of poverty."

"We should support charities that expose the awful reality of poverty."

"People would be shocked if they saw real poverty on TV every evening."

Write an essay for your tutor discussing two of the approaches in your notes. You should explain which approach you think would be more effective, giving reasons to support your opinion.

You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.

- 5 Read the model essay in the next column and answer these questions.
  - 1 In which paragraph does the writer introduce the topic?
  - Which two of the notes does she use? In which paragraphs?
  - 3 Which of the opinions expressed does she include, and where?
  - 4 Which approach does she prefer? Where does she state this? What reasons does she give?
  - 5 Is her essay the right length? Is it fairly formal or quite informal in style?
  - 6 Which contrast links does she use?

## Exam tip >

Use a variety of contrast links to connect points in your essay.

There exists today an ever-widening wealth gap between different parts of the world, with an increasing number of people living in extreme poverty. Urgent measures are needed, and the first step must surely be to raise awareness in richer countries of just how desperate the situation is. To achieve this, there would appear to be two possible approaches.

Firstly, the media could cover world poverty much more frequently and in far greater depth. Currently, television rarely focuses on this human tragedy, despite the awful conditions in which hundreds of millions of people spend their entire lives. Regular in-depth reports, however, would surely bring it home to viewers that this appalling situation never goes away, leading to greater pressure on governments to take steps such as increasing overseas aid.

Schools could also have an important role to play. Although it is essential that pupils are taught about the social problems of their own country, attention should also be paid to the difficulties of those, especially children, in poorer nations. Students need to learn why such terrible living conditions exist, both by studying the history of those countries and by looking at the political, economic and social factors that make poverty so difficult to eliminate.

Nevertheless, relying on the education system would take many years to bring results, whereas change is needed right now. It should also involve the whole population, not just young people. Only the media can have this immediate impact, and nowadays it is only the media that almost everyone pays attention to.

- **6** You are going to write your own essay. To help you get ideas, discuss these questions and make notes.
  - 1 Which are the worst examples of poverty that you know about?
  - 2 Which had most impact on you: reading or hearing about them, or seeing images?
  - Which do you think influence people's feelings about global issues most: schools and universities, charities, or the media? Why?
- 7 Look at the third Quick step and plan your essay. Here is one possible paragraph plan:
  - 1 Introduction: the topic
  - 2 Charities: direct experience, tell the truth, opinion 1
  - 3 Education: scarce resources, contrast rich/poor, opinion 2
  - 4 Conclusion: charities more effective + reasons
- **8** Write your **essay** in **220–260** words in an appropriate style. When you have finished, check it for the following:
  - correct length
  - coverage of all the necessary points
  - good organisation into well-linked paragraphs
  - a wide range of structures and vocabulary
  - correct grammar, spelling and punctuation
  - appropriate style of language
  - positive effect on the reader.

# WORDLIST

adj = adjective, adv = adverb, n = noun, v = verb, pv = phrasal verb, prep = preposition, exp = expression conj = conjunction

# Unit '

alarmed adj worried or frightened by something (8)

appalled adj very shocked and feeling great
disapproval (8)

break v (news) If news or a story breaks, or if someone breaks it, it becomes known by the public for the first time. (12)

circulation *n* (of newspaper) the number of people that a newspaper or magazine is regularly sold to (11)

contrary to adj + prep opposite to what someone said or thought (14)

conversely adv in an opposite way (14)

cover v (news story) to report the news about a particular important event (11)

**current affairs** *n* political news about events happening now (10)

**demography** *n* The demography of an area is the number and characteristics of the people who live in an area, in relation to their age, sex, if they are married or not, etc. (10)

**disgusted** *adj* feeling extreme dislike or disapproval of something (8)

distressed adj upset or worried (8)

**draft** *v* to write down a document for the first time, including the main points but not all the details (11)

helpless adj unable to do anything to help yourself or anyone else (8)

hysterical adj unable to control your feelings or behaviour because you are extremely frightened, angry, excited, etc. (8)

imply v to communicate an idea or feeling without saying it directly (13)

infer v to form an opinion or guess that something is true because of the information that you have (13)

irritated adj annoyed (8)

overwhelmed adj feeling sudden strong emotion (8)

**phenomenon** n something that exists or happens, especially something unusual or interesting (11)

readership *n* the group of people who regularly read a particular newspaper, magazine, etc. (11)

**revenue** *n* the income that a government or company receives regularly (11)

run v (publish) to publish something in a newspaper or magazine (11)

**source** *n* (of information) someone or something that supplies information (12)

**speechless** *adj* unable to speak because you are so angry, shocked, surprised, etc. (8)

subscription n an amount of money that you pay regularly to receive a product or service or to be a member of an organisation (11)

tablet *n* (computer) a small, flat computer that is controlled by touching the screen or by using a special pen (11)

**transition** *n* a change from one form or type to another, or the process by which this happens (10)

unsafe adj not safe (8)

# Unit 2

allude to pv to mention someone or something without talking about them directly (17)

**applause** *n* the sound of people clapping their hands repeatedly to show enjoyment or approval of something such as a performance or speech (20)

bilingual *adj* (of a person) able to use two languages equally well, or (of a thing) using or involving two languages (19)

**chilly** *adj* (of weather, conditions in a room, or parts of the body) cold (23)

**discourse** *n* a speech or piece of writing about a particular, usually serious, subject (17)

edible adj suitable or safe for eating (23)

enhanced adj improved (17)

ethically adv in a way that is morally right (17)

**feast** *n* a day on which a religious event or person is remembered and celebrated (20)

**gathering** *n* a party or a meeting when many people come together as a group (20)





# **GRAMMAR REFERENCE**

# Unit 1 Review of verb tenses

#### Referring to the present

The present simple is used

- 1 to refer to routine actions or habits: Stefan goes to the cinema most weekends.
- 2 to refer to repeated events: Tropical storms often occur in the Caribbean.
- 3 to show that a situation is regarded as permanent:
  Sarah works for a small TV production company. (It's a permanent job.)
- 4 to show that something is always true, or a definite fact:

  Two and two make four.

The present continuous is used

- 1 to describe an action which is happening now: This storm is causing damage all over the country.
- 2 for a temporary situation:
  I'm using Jack's car while he's on holiday.
- 3 for changes or developing situations: The number of hurricanes is increasing year on year.
- 4 with always or forever to express irritation:

  The editor is always/forever making me rewrite the articles I submit.

! The present continuous is normally used with active verbs:

The editor **is talking** to the sports journalists at the moment.

It is not normally used with **stative verbs** (which describe a state, such as existing or feeling):

The head of the TV channel isn't believing this programme is too controversial to be broadcast. The head of the TV channel believes this programme is too controversial to be broadcast.

However, some stative verbs can be used in the present continuous when they describe actions: What are you having for lunch?

Here, *have* is used as an active verb, meaning to *eat*.

The present perfect is used

- 1 to refer to the present result of a past action or event: *I can't phone for an ambulance I've lost my mobile.*
- 2 to show that an event or action that started in the past has continued until the present:

  Thousands of homes have been built in this town in the last few years, and many more are planned.
- 3 to refer to an event or action that happened at an unspecified time in a period up to now:
  I've seen that film already. (the period is my life up to the present)
- 4 to focus on the number of times an action has been repeated: *I've read this article ten times and I still don't understand it.*

The **present perfect continuous** is used to refer to an event or action that started in the past and has continued until the present. While the present perfect focuses on a completed action, the present perfect continuous usually focuses on one that is ongoing:

I've written the article. (It's finished.)

*I've been writing the article all morning.* (It probably isn't finished.)

#### Referring to the past

The past simple is used for past events, actions or habits:

We last **experienced** a tropical storm only a week ago.

I always watched the TV news when I lived abroad.

It is normally used with a specific time reference (a week ago, in 2010, when I lived abroad).

The past continuous is used

- 1 to show a continued action which was happening when another action took place:
  - The magazine was launched just when the sales of news magazines were falling.
  - The phone rang when I was watching an interesting documentary on TV. (I may or may not have stopped watching to answer the phone.)
- 2 to refer to two actions happening at the same time in the past: While some journalists were discussing the latest developments, others were watching the breaking news online.

The **past perfect** is used to show that an action happened earlier than another past action; it makes the sequence of events clear:

I didn't watch the programme about hurricanes on TV last night, because I'd already **seen** a similar programme. (I saw the similar programme before last night's programme was shown.)

The past perfect continuous is used

- 1 to refer to an action that happened during a period leading up to another past action:
  - The newspaper **had been losing** so much money that the owner decided to close it down.
- 2 to show how long an action continued until a certain point in the past:

The reporters **had been following** the film star for days before they were able to interview her.

Used to / didn't use to + infinitive and would + infinitive are
used

- 1 to refer to repeated actions or habits in the past that are no longer the case:
  - Before digital cameras were invented, people **used to take** / **would take** photos on film.
  - When I was a teenager, I didn't use to take many photos, but now I do.
- 2 to refer to a past state. Would cannot be used here: This used to be a very quiet neighbourhood. This would be a very quiet neighbourhood.

*Used to* is not normally used with time expressions specifying the duration of the action:

I used to live in Edinburgh before I moved to London.
I lived in Edinburgh for five years before I moved to London.
I used to live in Edinburgh for five years before I moved to London.
London.

#### Referring to the future

will + infinitive (the future simple) is used

- 1 to predict the future:
- Aftershocks from yesterday's earthquake will probably continue for several days.
- 2 to express a decision that has just been made, usually by the speaker: I know! We'll go to the Science Museum.
- 3 to express the speaker's insistence on doing something:

  We will find somewhere better to live I promise you.

#### going to + infinitive is used

- 1 for decisions or intentions about the future:

  The owner of the local bookshop is going to invite a wellknown author to give a talk. (The speaker is reporting
  what the owner has decided to do.)
- 2 for predictions about the future based on evidence, or to refer to the outcome of a process that has already started:
  - You drive much too fast. You're going to have an accident one of these days.
  - My sister's going to have a baby at the end of March.

The **present continuous** is used to refer to something already arranged:

We're meeting the journalist tomorrow morning.

The **present simple** is used for future events fixed by a timetable or schedule:

The sun rises at 5.30 tomorrow.

The next train is at 11 o'clock.

#### The future continuous is used

- 1 for temporary actions in progress at a particular time in the future:
  - This time next week, we'll be flying to Brazil.
- 2 to ask about the listener's plans, often to lead on to a request:
  - Will you be going out this evening? If not, can I come round and see you?

#### The future perfect is used

- 1 for actions in a period up to a particular time in the future:

  The oil spill will have caused a lot of damage by the time
  - the oil spill **will have caused** a lot of damage by the tir the flow from the ship can be stopped.
- 2 for actions which will be completed before a particular time in the future:

I'll have finished lunch long before you arrive.

The **future perfect continuous** is used for actions in a period up to a particular time in the future, emphasising the length of time:

At the beginning of next March, I'll have been working in the same job for 17 years.

In **time and conditional clauses referring to the future** *will* is not normally used to refer to the future. Instead, present tenses (simple, continuous and perfect) are used:

If the volcano **erupts**, the surrounding area will be badly affected. (not will erupt)

*I'll ring you at 7p.m. unless you're having dinner then.* (not will be having)

As soon as the flood water **has receded**, the residents will start clearing up their homes. (not will have receded)

# Unit 2 Participle clauses

The present participle active (-ing) is used to make a statement where the subject is omitted because it is the same as the subject of the main clause. The events of the two clauses can relate to each other in various ways:

- 1 cause and effect; the participle clause, which states the cause, normally comes first:
  Realising the mountain top was covered in mist, we decided to turn back. (= Because we realised ...)
- 2 description of the subject of the main clause; the participle clause normally comes second: The volunteers arrived at the clinic feeling a little nervous.
- 3 two simultaneous events with the same subject; the participle clause normally comes second:

  The woman hurried after her dog, calling to him to come back.