

- 2 At the end of the holiday, Kevin was ... to go back home.
A happy
B not happy
- 3 Gerfa asked questions, but the men ...
A didn't understand her.
B pretended not to understand.
C told her not to speak.
- 4 Kevin's father, Heiko, spoke ...
A English with a German accent.
B German with an English accent.
- 5 Kevin, his mom, and his cousin were very hungry, ...
A and even ate goat brains.
B but couldn't eat when they were sick.
C but refused to eat goat hooves.
- 6 A week after they had been moved they heard gunfire; ...
A their 'old camp' was liberated.
B the other hostage was killed.
- 7 After Gerfa had been released, she ...
A stayed in the Philippines.
B went home to raise more ransom money.
- 8 When Kevin had escaped, he ...
A asked some local farmers for help.
B was afraid local farmers would betray him.

B

Now read the article and check your answers.

Reading

Assignment 9

10



Each of the following statements contains an inaccuracy. Find the mistake, and correct the statement.

- 1 Kevin has nightmares about school.
- 2 Kevin tried to teach his cousins' language.
- 3 The terrorists said that the Philippine government had to pay \$100 million.
- 4 Kevin's father was in hospital when the kidnappers contacted him.
- 5 Every day, Heiko was hoping for another phone call.
- 6 A Filipino terrorist organisation claimed that they had kidnapped Gerfa and Kevin.
- 7 Kevin wasn't allowed to stand upright in the cage in which they were held captive.
- 8 After three and a half months the kidnappers took Kevin's cousin away and killed him.

Language Organiser

Assignment 10

10



A

Match the words on the left, all taken from the text, with the correct synonym. Then find the correct translation.

line	word	synonym or description	Dutch
22	fatigues	activist	activist
22-23	assault rifle	cautiously	behoedzaam
27	dense(ly)	hurt	de benen nemen
28	to loom	improvisatory	dicht(begroeid)
33	to stumble	locked up	geïmproviseerd
36	sore	machine gun	klusjesman
44	to counter	(military) uniform	machinegeweer
47	maintenance man	odd-job man	neervallen
66	makeshift	small, poor	onderhandelen
68	meagre	thickly	opdoemen
76	to collapse	to emerge	opgesloten
91	to negotiate	to fall down	pijnlijk
99	militant	to flee	schraal, pover
105	to bolt	to lose balance	struikelen
109	confined	to offer in response	tegenbod doen
119	warily	to talk terms	tenue, werkkleding

B

Find the correct word (choose from Assignment A) to fill the blanks.

- 1 He didn't have any tools, so he used a rock as a(n) ... hammer.
- 2 The weight of the snow was too much and the roof ...
- 3 When the teacher said that I was sloppy, I ... that I was too busy to be thorough.
- 4 The fog is so ..., you can barely see anything.
- 5 The kidnapper ... with the cops for a getaway car.
- 6 Mum ... my brother to his room when he refused to apologise.
- 7 I fell off my bike yesterday, and my back is still ...
- 8 The poor man could only afford a(n) ... amount of food.

Reading

Assignment 11

10



The excerpts below were taken from the original article in *The Washington Post*.

Step 1

Choose the correct words to fill in the blanks.

Step 2

Where do the excerpts belong in the article? Put them in the right place. Choose from:

1. 12 - 1. 21 - 1. 57 - 1. 63 - 1. 73 - 1. 126

1

They watched the militants making bombs, cleaning their guns. They watched the animals around them in the jungle, monkeys and rats and birds and frogs. Gerfa shooed away the frogs, ... (1) she was worried that poisonous snakes might slither after them into their cage. The militants usually hit the animals with a log or a stick when they saw them.

Every 15 minutes, all night long, the men would shine a bright light inside, checking on the captives.

- A although
- B because
- C besides
- D nevertheless

This excerpt should be placed in (or after) I. ...

2

One time, exhausted by fear and rage, he broke from the ... (2) negotiations and blurted out to the kidnappers that he couldn't possibly raise millions of dollars. 'I'm not Mel Gibson! I don't live in Hollywood!' he shouted. 'I'm a maintenance man. I change light bulbs and unplug toilets!'

- A bold
- B cautious
- C careless
- D ridiculous

This excerpt should be placed in (or after) I. ...

3

Kevin thought he was having a bad dream: he heard shouting, and people running, then he was running, then he and his mom were surrounded by men in military camouflage fatigues on the soft sand of the beach. A bright light shone in his eyes. He saw assault rifles pointed at them. He couldn't understand the words, ... (3) the meaning was obvious: the men were motioning with the guns, ordering them into a wooden speedboat.

- A because
- B but
- C hence
- D so

This excerpt should be placed in (or after) I. ...

4

Kevin, who missed a full semester of high school, went back right after the holidays. His teachers said he was disciplined and very low-key. 'What can I do to catch up?' he asked, and got to work. He switched from advanced classes to basics and found he had ... (4) a lot, as though he had to teach his brain how to think in equations and hypotheses again. By the end of the year, he had scored well enough to go on to tenth grade and get back to advanced classes.

- A achieved
- B forgotten
- C learned
- D missed

This excerpt should be placed in (or after) I. ...

5

Gerfa saved money all year from her work as a lab technician so that she and Kevin could travel to the Philippines. She knew the region was troubled – scarred by decades of poverty and violence from Islamic separatists – and that foreign tourists were targets. But she thought they would be ... (5) visiting her Muslim family.

- A at risk
- B exposed
- C foolish
- D safe

This excerpt should be placed in (or after) I. ...

6

Officials thought they might be hidden somewhere on Basilan Island, where Abu Sayyaf was founded and which was a stronghold for the group.

... (6) is now the most significant terrorist-financing threat, according to the US Treasury Department, which estimates that over the past eight years, terrorist groups have raised \$120 million in ransom worldwide.

- A Bombing ships
- B Kidnapping for ransom
- C Killing tourists
- D Smuggling drugs

This excerpt should be placed in (or after) I. ...

Grammar Assignment 12

10



A

Give the past simple tense of the verbs below. Mind, this list contains regular verbs as well as irregular verbs!

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>	<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>
1 come		28 endanger	
2 forget		29 hear	
3 visit		30 become	
4 grow up		31 know	
5 move		32 stand	
6 spend		33 give	
7 eat		34 drag	
8 teach		35 force	
9 learn		36 go	
10 shout		37 think	
11 awake		38 stay	
12 spot		39 negotiate	
13 run		40 raise	
14 hold		41 withdraw	
15 order		42 cut off	
16 meet		43 leave	
17 try		44 take	
18 speak		45 notice	
19 march		46 creep	
20 wear		47 keep	
21 sleep		48 fall	
22 follow		49 find	
23 understand		50 hide	
24 fight		51 see	
25 kill		52 tell	
26 pay		53 demand	
27 say		54 escape	

Speaking Assignment 13

20



Usually, in recounting a story you have heard or read, you use the past tense, and that is what you are going to practise now. You are going to recount the article by telling about Gerfa and Kevin and what happened to them, using the past tense.