

I read an unusual story.

- Talking about news
- Adding information

1 | Vocabulary

A Look at the news headlines below. Complete the headlines with the correct words.

saves	closes	scores	donates	crashes
cancels	denies	catches	breaks	causes

1. Actress _____ marriage rumors.
2. Woman _____ leg after ski accident.
3. Storm _____ millions in damages.
4. Truck _____ into store window.
5. Teen _____ \$10,000 to charity.
6. Boy _____ family from fire.
7. Network _____ all reality shows.
8. Stock market _____ higher.
9. Young fan _____ second baseball.
10. Soccer star _____ five goals.

B PAIR WORK Tell your partner which stories interest you and which don't.

2 | Conversation

CD1 39 **A** Listen. Who is Cameron Titus? What charity has he donated money to?

Aaron: I saw an interesting news story about a 10-year-old boy who wrote a children's book. His name is Cameron Titus and the book is called *Cameron's A-Z*.

Molly: Really?

Aaron: The towns near him had some bad storms. He wanted to help, so he donated all the money he made to the charity, Habitat for Humanity.

Molly: What a great kid.

Aaron: He's already started to write a second book, too. He's donating all that money as well—to a local hospital.

B PAIR WORK Practice the conversation.

CD1 40 **C** Listen. Write the three extra sentences you hear in the conversation. Practice the new conversation.



3 | Language Booster

A Notice the different ways we talk about news and add information.

Talking about news

I saw something interesting on TV last night.
I read an unusual story online earlier today.
I heard something funny from a friend yesterday.

Adding information

Also, he's donating all the money to charity.
He's already started to write a second book, too.
He's donating all that money to charity as well.

B PAIR WORK Choose a story from the Vocabulary section and tell your partner about it. Add information to give more details.

Example:

A: I saw something interesting on TV last night. This woman found her long-lost twin sister. They were separated at birth. Also, the amazing thing is—they were living in the same city!

4 | Pronunciation Reduced vowel sounds

CD1 41 **A** Listen and practice. Notice how vowel sounds are often reduced to /ə/ in unstressed syllables.

1. broken /ə/
2. today /ə/
3. agree /ə/
4. woman /ə/

CD1 42 **B** Listen and underline the reduced vowel sounds. Then practice saying the words.

1. children
2. local
3. second
4. cancel

ONLINE PRACTICE

SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

A PAIR WORK Choose one of these news stories. What do you think happened next? Prepare the next few lines of the story.

NEWS

Singer cancels tour

Isabel Perez has canceled her world tour. The popular pop star...

Grandmother breaks record

Eighty-year-old Millie West has broken a world record. Millie...

Teen starts college

Fifteen-year-old Raj Gupta has started his first year at Harvard University. He...

Actor saves life

A famous TV actor is a real-life hero after he saved the life of a child. Tony Lee...

B GROUP WORK Join another pair. Take turns telling your stories. Ask follow-up questions.