

Unit 11 News Article

Part 1 In-depth Reading



Suggested reading time: 10 mins

Smartie is reading a news article about a robbery.

Local news 14th November, 20XX Hong Kong Daily

Masked Men Snatch Bags of Jewels

Pauline Ma

There was a robbery at Julie's Fine Jewellery in Tsim Sha Tsui yesterday morning. Two masked men broke the shop window and escaped with jewels valued at HK\$20 million.

The robbers visited the shop at 7:20 am, almost three hours before the shop opened. They smashed the shop window with a hammer in only 9 seconds. Then they put the jewels in two bags and hopped on a motorbike to escape. CCTV footage showed that the motorbike drove off down Nathan Road.

Witnesses said one robber **was talking** on the phone **while** the other **was smashing** the shop window. Mr Lee, the owner of a restaurant nearby, witnessed the robbery, 'I **was working** in my shop **when** the robbers **arrived**. They acted so fast!'

The police are now asking for more information from the public to see if they saw **anybody** or found **anything** suspicious around the area at that time.

Name, date and section of the newspaper

Headline

- Catchy
- Written in the simple present tense
- With NO articles or auxiliary verbs, e.g. A Man ~~Was~~ Killed in a Car Crash

By-line

State the name of the reporter

Lead paragraph

State 'when', 'where', 'who' and 'what' the news is about in brief

Ending paragraph

- Comments from different people
- Conclusion

Body

- Include details of the event
- Written in the past tense

USEFUL TIP

We can use '**anyone**', '**anybody**' or '**anything**' in questions or negative statements.

e.g. Is there **anyone** in the room? I can't see **anything** in the dark.

ABC Choose the Best Answers

1. Which of the following can be an alternative headline for this news article? **Headline**
- A. Two Men Robbed Shop in Tsim Sha Tsui
- B. Masked Robbers Escape with Jewels
- C. Robbers Broke into a Jewellery Shop at Peak Hour
- D. Robbers Have Fled with Bags of Jewels
2. Who is Pauline Ma? **By-line**
- A. A reporter B. A writer
- C. A witness D. The jewellery shop owner

? Fill in the Blanks

3. What does the lead paragraph tell us? **Lead paragraph**
- It tells us what happened _____.
4. The adjective ' _____ ' in the news article means 'strange-looking'.

Word choice

🔍 Know More about the Structure

Answer the 'Wh-' questions below.

5. When did the robbery happen?	On _____
6. Where did the robbery happen?	At _____
7. Who committed the robbery?	_____
8. What happened during the robbery?	The robbers _____ shop the window and _____ with _____ of jewels.
9. How did the robbers escape?	By _____
10. What does the police ask the public to do?	To _____

Part 2 Fun Text Grammar

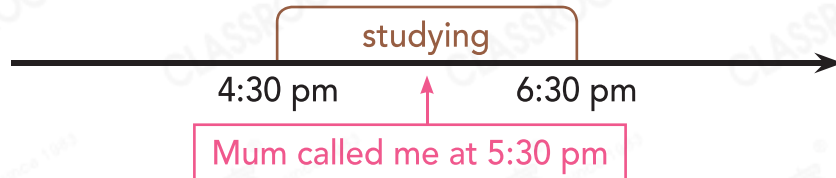
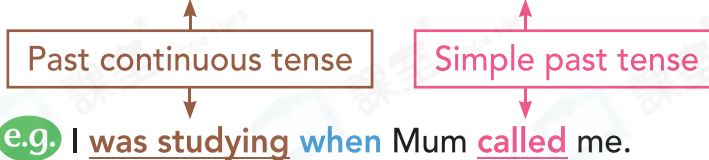


Suggested reading time: 5 mins

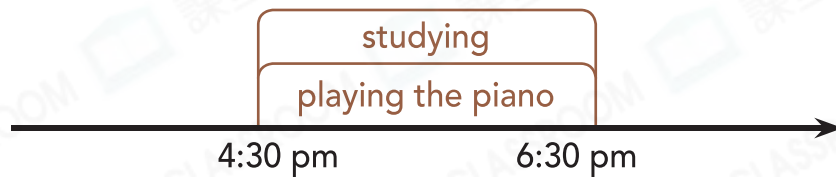
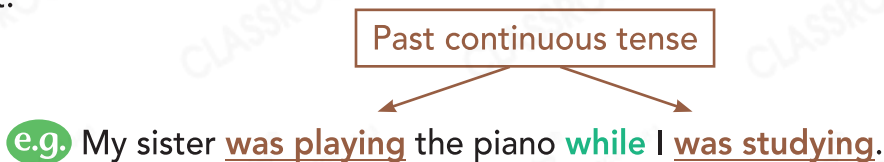


Magic Grammar Points

- a** We can use 'when' to link a longer action with a shorter action in the past.



- b** We can use 'while' to link two continuous actions that happened at the same time in the past.



Ex. Circle the correct words to complete what the children say.



I was playing games on my mobile phone ① (when / while) I was walking home yesterday. Suddenly, someone ② (pushed / was pushing) me from behind. I fell and hurt my knee. I was trying to call Mum ③ (when / while) I found that my phone was lost.

Mum was shouting at Eddie again ④ (when / while) I was taking a bath. He ⑤ (ran / was running) back to school ⑥ (when / while) he dropped his wallet last week. He should be more careful!



Part 3 Getting to Write

 Suggested finishing time: 10 mins

Unit 11

Brain Boost

Smartie is watching a news report about a burglary. Fill in the blanks with the correct 'Wh-' question words.

1. _____ broke into...?	A burglar.
2. _____ did it happen...?	In the living room of the house.
3. _____ happened...?	We were asleep / the burglar came in / stole a fake painting
4. _____ did he escape...?	He carried the painting / climbed down the drainpipe

What happened last night?

Lora
Anna Wong's maid

Let's Practise

Fill in the blanks to complete the news article about the burglary.

Burglary at ① _____ Home
 Martin Ho

There was a burglary at the famous actress ② _____
 _____.

③ _____ broke into the house and
 ④ _____ a painting from the living room. He did not know
 the painting was ⑤ _____.

Wong's maid Lora is the only witness to the burglary. She said
 everyone in the house was sleeping ⑥ _____ the burglar
 ⑦ _____. Suddenly a loud bang woke her up. She
 looked out and found that the burglar ⑧ _____.

'I couldn't see ⑨ _____ except that. It was too
 dark,' said the maid.

Which one do you write, 'Film Star's' or 'the Film Star's'?

Where and when did the burglary happen?

Which one do you write, 'when' or 'while'?

The burglar was doing two things at the same time.