

Spotlight 7

Module 4

In the news

John



Sue



Tony



Laura



Mary



James took these pictures yesterday at 6 o'clock.
What was each person doing? What type of media were they using?







local / national / international news

daily horoscopes

interviews

weather reports

interesting articles

music

TV guide

cartoon strips

chat shows

celebrity gossip

fashion and beauty advice

documentaries





The bear necessities

A woman from Vancouver, Canada, came home from work one day to find herself in the middle of a real-life nursery rhyme! Paula Green is now called "Goldilocks" by her friends after finding a hungry bear in her kitchen.

The two-year-old brown bear was eating Paula's porridge, so she quickly went into the next room and called for help.

Eventually, the baby bear finished his meal and ran off into the forest. Luckily, there was no sign of a daddy or mummy bear!

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NEWS

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Only fresh news

Scorpion in bunch of grapes

A deadly scorpion found on a kitchen table caused panic for a family in Wales. Michelle Smith, 42, thinks the scorpion came into her house inside a bag of grapes she bought at the supermarket. While the rest of the family were hiding, Mrs Smith's husband bravely caught the beast.

News Text Alert Sport

A player for a Lincolnshire football team broke a record when he scored 16 goals in a match yesterday. 'I was just playing my best for the team', he said.

Which text is about

- a brave pet?
- an amazing success?
- an unwanted visitor?
- a beast and a brave man?

Real life Lassie saves boy's life

A dog was called a hero after he came to the rescue of his eight-year-old owner - just like in the film Lassie.

James Thomas broke his leg when he fell into the river. Realising he was badly hurt he called his dog 'Buddy' who amazingly pulled him to safety. James was recovering in hospital yesterday but can't wait to get home and say 'thank you' to Buddy!



Past Continuous

used to describe:

an action in progress at a specific time in the past

He was watching TV at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

an action in progress when another action interrupted it

He was cooking when there was a power cut.

Time markers:

while
when
as
all day
yesterday at ... o'clock



Ask and answer questions about people
in the photos using Past Continuous

John



Sue



Laura / read the newspaper / 6 o'clock

John / read magazine / 6 o'clock

Sue / send messages on her mobile / 6 o'clock

Tony / send emails / 6 o'clock

Mary / watch TV / 6 o'clock

Mary



Laura



Tony



Read the headlines.
How do they make you feel?



Brother rescues sister from fire

Flying turtle 'stops' taxi

Younger generation takes better
care of the environment



Hollywood actress
visits kids in hospital

Teenagers conquer Everest

**School on Saturdays,
says Minister**



TWO PUPPIES NEED A HOME!

130 injured in train crash



happy

worried

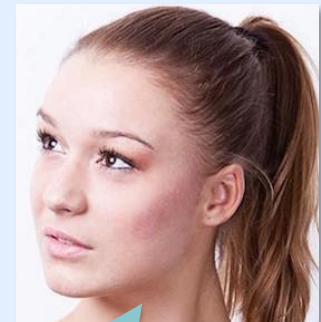


excited



interested

shocked



sad

surprised



curious

Reporter: Good evening, Mr Shiao. I'm from the Hong Kong Herald. Can you tell me what happened to you in your taxi today?

Mr Shiao: Well... it was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and I was driving home...

Reporter: Go on...

Mr Shiao: ... when suddenly something flew down from the sky and hit my car. I was surprised!

Reporter: Wow! What was it?

Mr Shiao: A huge turtle!

Reporter: That's unbelievable!

Mr Shiao: I know! I stopped the car and got out. The turtle was lying on the ground and two people were running towards it! They looked very worried!

Reporter: Who were the people?

Mr Shiao: The turtle's owners. It seems that the turtle was crawling on the balcony of their tenth floor apartment when it fell off onto my car.

Reporter: Oh dear! That's terrible! So how was the turtle ... and your car?

Mr Shiao: Well, the turtle was fine but my car was badly damaged.

Reporter: How do you feel now, Mr Shiao?

Mr Shiao: Well, I'm still a bit shocked!

Reporter: I'm not surprised! What a story! Mr Shiao! Thank you for sharing it with us!



When?

Who?

What? Turtle

onto a car

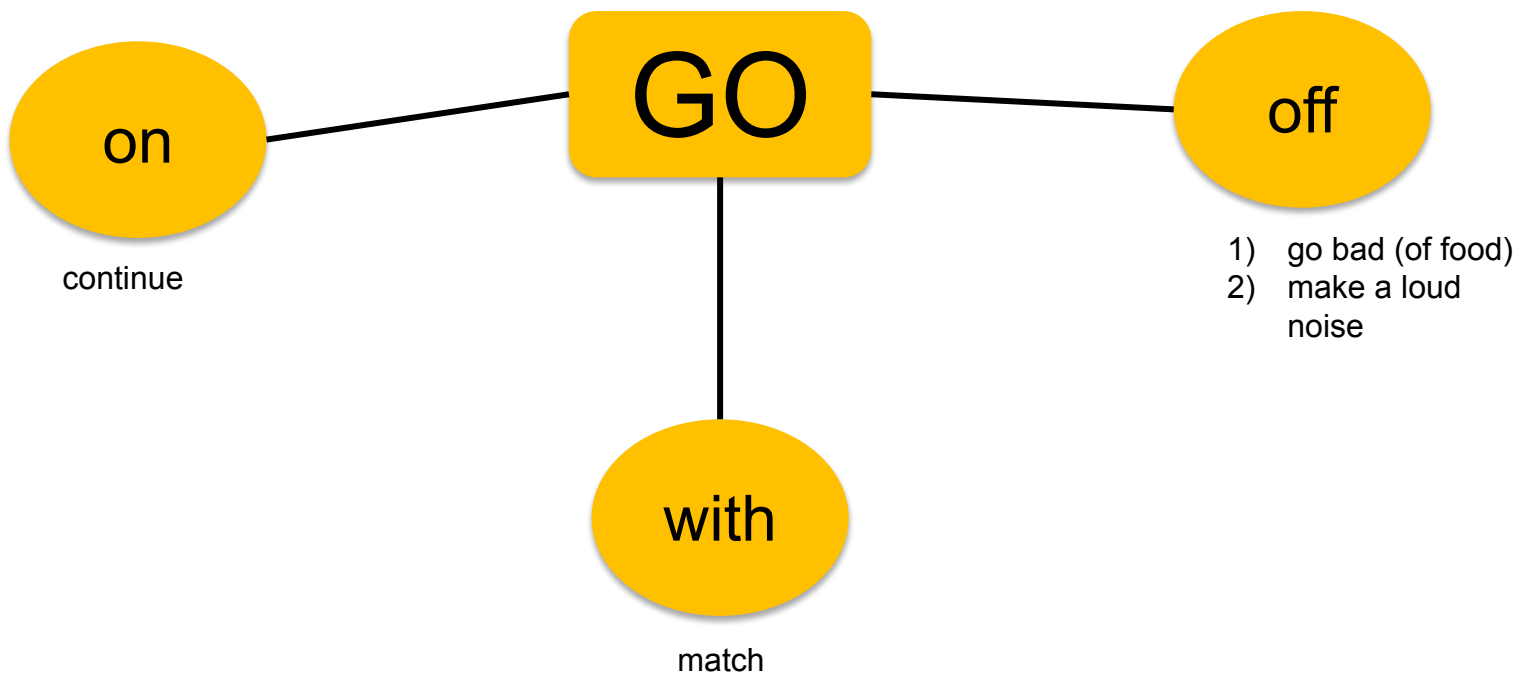
How? Turtle was

Result? Car

Turtle

Mr Shiao



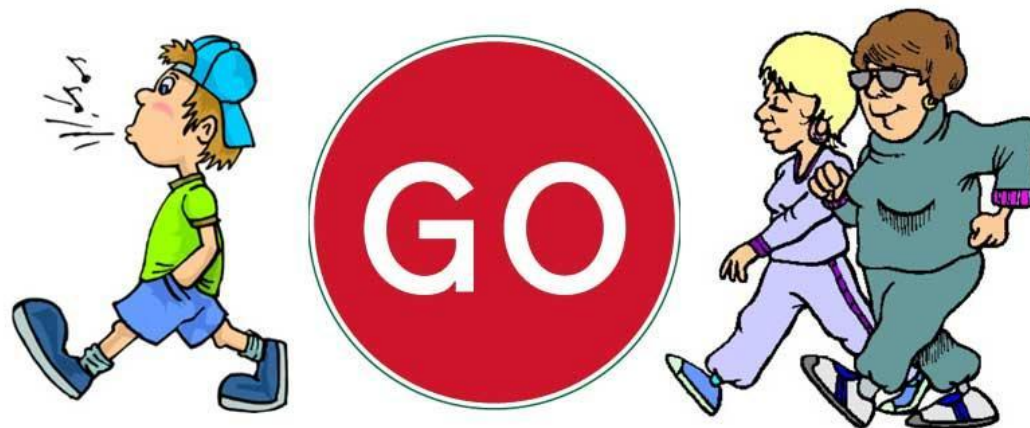


This sweater goes really well with your trousers.

The cat jumped onto the car and the alarm went off.

Go on. I didn't mean to interrupt.

Put the meat in the fridge or else it will go off.



Past Simple

Past Continuous

He was having a bath
when the phone rang

She left the house at
about 7 pm yesterday

I was cooking while
Tom was reading

She was sleeping
at 6 pm yesterday
afternoon

Two actions that were
happening at the same
time in the past

An action which
happened at a specific
time in the past

An action which was in
progress at a certain
time in the past

An action happening
when another action
interrupted it





1. Mr Shiao

(drive) his taxi when a turtle

(fall) from a balcony and

(hit) his car.

2. Timmy

(fly) his kite while Bob

(eat) a sandwich.

3. At 6 o'clock yesterday they

(fly) to Moscow.

4. She

(call) an hour ago.

Telling news

Did you hear about / that ... ?

Listen to this...

You won't believe this.

I've got some good news to tell you

Reacting to news

Wow!
Really?

What a story!

Oh dear! That's terrible / scary!

That's amazing / unbelievable / great / etc.

How awful / horrible / dreadful!



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