

## Welcome to the CBC Newscast Lesson!

The CBC EAL Newscast is a listening lesson for students who are learning English. The lessons are for students who are at Canadian Language Benchmarks 3 and 4 (high beginner / low intermediate). Each newscast has a lesson file and an audio file.

### The Lesson File

You will need to print the lesson file first. Here's what you will find in each lesson.

#### 1. A vocabulary match exercise for each story

Learning new vocabulary before you listen makes it easier for you to understand the story.

#### 2. Questions on the main ideas or details of each story

Can you listen to a news story and understand the main ideas? Are you hearing the most important details? Answer the questions and find out!

#### 3. A transcript for the newscast

If you are having difficulty understanding the story when you listen, you can use the transcript to help you.

#### 4. Answers to the questions in the lesson

The answers are at end of the lesson on page 5.

#### 5. An internet link or other resource suggestion

Some stories will have an internet link or suggest another resource you can use to find more information.

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### The Audio File

Click on this file to hear three real world news stories read by a CBC news reader. The first is a Manitoba story. The second is a Canadian story. The third is an international story. All of the stories are in the same audio file

There are new stories and lessons every Thursday.

**Now you are ready to begin. Read on!**

## Story 1: Winnipeggers protest Bodies exhibit

**Step 1: Learn new vocabulary.** Learning new vocabulary before you listen makes it easier for you to understand the story. Can you match these vocabulary words with their meaning? The first one is completed for you as an example.

Vocabulary Word		Meaning
1. <u>b</u> to protest	a)	where Winnipeg's elected officials meet
2. ___ the Bodies exhibit	b)	to show publicly that you think something is wrong and unfair
3. ___ to shut down	c)	proof
4. ___ to preserve a body	d)	a written document signed by many people which demands action from government or others in authority
5. ___ body systems	e)	a display of human bodies which is open to the public
6. ___ evidence	f)	to treat a body using a chemical process to prevent it from decaying
7. ___ to get consent	g)	to close; to bring to an end
8. ___ a petition	h)	to obtain approval or permission
9. ___ city hall	i)	the respiratory system; the digestive system; the circulatory system etc

**Step 2: Listen to the first story** in the audio file. Focus on listening for the main ideas and key information. Listen as many times as you need to.

**Step 3: Answer questions about the story.** Does option a) or option b) make the sentence correct? Underline or circle your answer. The first one is completed for you as an example.

1.	A group of protesters in Winnipeg are trying to _____.	a) stop the Bodies exhibit from opening b) <u>shut down the Bodies exhibit</u>
2.	The bodies in the exhibit are _____.	a) preserved b) fake
3.	The protesters want to shut down the exhibit because_____.	a) all of the bodies came from China b) the organizers may not have got consent to use the bodies
4.	The protesters want to present a petition to _____.	a) the exhibit organizers b) the Mayor

**To find out more:** <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/manitoba/story/2010/11/13/mb-bodies-exhibit-protest.html?ref=rss> and <http://www.bodiestheexhibition.com/winnipeg/>

## Story 2: Cave explorers rescued in Prince George area

**Step 1: Learn new vocabulary.** Learning new vocabulary before you listen makes it easier for you to understand the story. Can you match these vocabulary words with their meaning? The first one is completed for you as an example.

Vocabulary Word		Meaning
1. <u>e</u> cave explorers	a)	to move someone or something from one place to another
2. ___ to rescue someone	b)	to get medical care for an injury or illness
3. ___ to be injured	c)	to save someone from harm or danger
4. ___ a climbing trip	d)	a mobile device that sends and receives calls using satellites
5. ___ a popular spot	e)	people who travel to large natural holes in the side of mountains to find out more about them
6. ___ a satellite phone	f)	a place many people like to go
7. ___ volunteer rescuers	g)	to be hurt or wounded
8. ___ to transfer to	h)	a vacation where people explore mountain areas
9. ___ to be treated for	i)	people who give their time to help rescue others

**Step 2: Listen to the second story** in the audio file. Focus on listening for the main ideas and key information. Listen as many times as you need to.

**Step 3: Answer questions about the story.** Which of the following statements about the story are true? Which are false? Underline or circle the correct answer. The first one is completed for you as an example.

1.	Two climbers were rescued from a cave in Prince George.	<u>True</u>	False
2.	The third climber was not injured and called for help.	True	False
3.	Very few cave explorers come to this cave.	True	False
4.	Fifty volunteer rescuers worked through the night to reach the climbers.	True	False
5.	The volunteer rescuers also had to climb up the mountain.	True	False
6.	The climbers were treated at the scene and were sent home.	True	False

**To find out more:** <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2010/11/12/bc-prince-george-cave-rescue.html>

### Story 3: Nigerians strike over monthly minimum wage

**Step 1: Learn new vocabulary.** Learning new vocabulary before you listen makes it easier for you to understand the story. Can you match these vocabulary words with their meaning? The first one is completed for you as an example.

Vocabulary Word		Meaning
1. <u>c</u> to go on strike	a)	the leader of the government
2. ___ a minimum wage	b)	to be the same as; equivalent
3. ___ unions	c)	when workers stop working because of a disagreement about wages or other issues
4. ___ the president	d)	to see your life improved as a result of something
5. ___ to raise	e)	to produce a lot of oil and sell it to other countries for profit
6. ___ to be equal to	f)	the lowest amount an employer can pay an employee according to the law
7. ___ currency	g)	organizations formed by workers to protect their rights
8. ___ to be oil-rich	h)	the system or type of money a country uses
9. ___ to benefit from something	i)	to increase

**Step 2: Listen to the third story** in the audio file. Focus on listening for the main ideas and key information. Listen as many times as you need to.

**Step 3: Answer questions about the story.** Fill in the blank with the correct word from the box below. The first one is completed for you as an example.

- Two unions in Nigeria are on \_\_\_\_\_.
- They want the president to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Nigerian monthly minimum wage is \_\_\_\_\_ to \$50 in Canadian \_\_\_\_\_.
- Even when they are working, many Nigerians are \_\_\_\_\_. They do not share in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ country.

benefits	strike	currency	oil-rich	equal	raise	unions
		minimum wage	poor			

**To find out more:** <http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2010/11/10/world-nigeria-minimum-wage.html>

Hi, this is Heather Wells. You're listening to Learning English with CBC newscast for the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Here is our first news story.*

### ***Winnipeggers protest Bodies exhibit***

A group of protesters is trying to shut down the Bodies exhibit in Winnipeg. The exhibit has more than two hundred preserved human bodies that show different diseases and body systems. The bodies on display came from China. The protesters say there is no evidence that the company got consent from the individuals or families to use the bodies in their exhibit. They have a petition with one thousand signatures that they want to give to Mayor Sam Katz. They want city hall to close the exhibit.

*Moving on to Canadian news,*

### ***Cave explorers rescued in Prince George area***

Two people were rescued from a cave in Prince George, British Columbia after they were injured during a climbing trip. The cave they were in is a popular climbing spot. The third person in the group climbed out of the cave to get help by using a satellite phone. Sixty volunteer rescuers worked through the night to reach the two injured people. The rescuers had to climb two-and-a-half kilometres up the mountainside and then go inside the cave. The rescued climbers were transferred to the hospital where they were treated for head and leg injuries.

*And in international news,*

### ***Nigerians strike over monthly minimum wage***

Two unions in Nigeria are on strike to protest the current monthly minimum wage in the country. The unions on strike want the president to raise the monthly minimum wage, which is now equal to about fifty dollars in Canadian currency. They say they will continue to strike until the amount is increased to at least three times the current amount. The unions say the low wages keep Nigerians poor even though they are working. Nigeria is an oil-rich country but only a small percentage of Nigerians are benefiting from the oil sales.

#### **Answers for Story 1**

Vocabulary: 1) b; 2) e; 3) g; 4) f; 5) i; 6) c; 7) h; 8) d; 9) a

Questions: 1) b; 2) a; 3) b; 4) b

#### **Answers for Story 2**

Vocabulary: 1) e; 2) c; 3) g; 4) h; 5) f; 6) d; 7) i; 8) a; 9) b

Questions: 1) T; 2) T; 3) F; 4) F; 5) T; 6) F

#### **Answers for Story 3**

Vocabulary: 1) c; 2) f; 3) g; 4) a; 5) i; 6) b; 7) h; 8) e; 9) d

Answers: 1) unions, strike 2) raise, minimum wage 3) equal, currency 4) poor, benefits, oil-rich