

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: Winnipeg man opens preschool in Kenya

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>d</u> a preschool	a)	someone who was forced to leave their country but has now settled in a new country
2. ___ a refugee camp	b)	to officially arrange to go to a school or take a course
3. ___ a former refugee	c)	something you hope to achieve in the future
4. ___ a cash donation	d)	a school for younger children that prepares them for future studies
5. ___ a goal	e)	a temporary settlement built for people who are forced to leave their country because of war or political / religious beliefs
6. ___ to be enrolled in something	f)	to contribute money, time etc. to help others or to make your community a better place
7. ___ to give back	g)	money someone contributes to support an organization or cause

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. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the box below. The first one is completed for you as an example.

1. A former Somalian _____ who now lives in Winnipeg has _____ a preschool in a Kenyan refugee camp.
2. Muuxi Adam started an _____ called Human Kind International.
3. The organization collected _____ from people to open the _____.
4. The preschool has seventy-one _____ .
5. The students are between the ages of _____ and _____.
6. The goal is to _____ one hundred and _____ students by the end of March.
7. Muuxi says the school is his way to _____ to other children.

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 five students former cash donations refugee enroll

To find out more: www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-man-starts-preschool-in-kenyan-refugee-camp-1.2575870

Story 2: Wireless carriers increase prices across Canada

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> a wireless carrier	a)	never ending; a very large amount
2. ___ a basic plan	b)	a legal agreement for phone / data services that is part of the purchase of a smartphone
3. ___ to charge (an amount)	c)	a company that provides wireless communications services for computers, smartphones etc. to customers
4. ___ a smartphone	d)	to offer different services, products or prices to consumers than other companies offer to try to persuade them to choose your company
5. ___ a contract	e)	information in a form that can be stored and used, e.g. on a computer or smartphone
6. ___ a megabyte	f)	a service that shows the number of the person who is calling you on your phone
7. ___ data	g)	to bill the cost of a service to a customer
8. ___ unlimited	h)	a unit for measuring the size of computer files
9. ___ call display	i)	a cell phone that is able to perform many of the functions of a computer
10. ___ to compete	j)	a cell phone plan with necessary services but without any extra or special services

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.	Some wireless carriers in Canada have raised prices on _____.	a) <u>basic smartphone plans</u> b) special smartphone plans
2.	The companies are charging eighty dollars a month for _____.	a) new smartphones with new plans b) existing smartphone plans
3.	Wireless plan costs did not increase in Manitoba and Saskatchewan because _____.	a) Rogers, Telus and Bell Mobility do not offer services in these provinces b) there are more companies competing to provide services in these provinces

To find out more:

www.cbc.ca/news/business/wireless-carriers-hike-prices-across-canada-1.2575886

Story 3: Malaysia Airlines flight missing

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>g</u> to be missing	a)	the parts of something that are left behind after an accident or explosion
2. ___ an airplane communications system	b)	to look closely at pieces left behind after an accident, explosion etc. to try to find out more about them, e.g. a piece of metal
3. ___ to be switched off	c)	to look for something very carefully
4. ___ to do something on purpose	d)	to use violence or threats to take control of a plane
5. ___ to search for something	e)	a reason or theory about something
6. ___ to examine debris	f)	to do something intentionally, not accidentally
7. ___ wreckage	g)	to disappear; to not be found
8. ___ to hijack a plane	h)	to be shut down or turned off
9. ___ to sabotage something	i)	a system the pilot uses to talk to air traffic control
10. ___ a possible explanation	j)	to secretly damage something so it breaks down or can't be used

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. 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.	A Malaysian Airlines plane is missing.	<u>True</u>	False
2.	The plane was flying from Beijing to Kuala Lumpur.	True	False
3.	Two thirds of the passengers are from China.	True	False
4.	Officials believe the plane's communication system was switched off by accident.	True	False
5.	Twenty-six countries are searching for the plane.	True	False
6.	It is unclear what happened to the flight.	True	False

Find out more: www.cbc.ca/news/world/malaysia-airlines-flight-mh370-search-intensifies-as-mystery-deepens-1.2575295
www.cbc.ca/news/world/malaysia-airlines-mh370-search-spreads-through-australia-sized-area-1.2576620

Hi, this is Heather Wells. You're listening to Learning English with CBC newscast for the week of March 17th.

Here is our first news story.

Winnipeg man opens preschool in Kenya

A man from Winnipeg has opened a preschool in one of the largest refugee camps in Kenya. His name is Muuxi Adam. He is a former Somali refugee who came to Canada. Muuxi started an organization called Human Kind International in 2008. He used cash donations from people to open the preschool in Kenya. The preschool opened in January and has seventy-one students. The students are between the ages of five and seven. The goal is to have one hundred and fifteen students enrolled by the end of March. Muuxi has two small children and he said he wanted to give back to other children.

And in Canadian news,

Wireless carriers increase prices across Canada

Rogers, Telus and Bell Mobility raised their basic plan prices by five dollars over the past two months. All three companies now charge eighty dollars per month for new smartphone plans with new contracts. The cost used to be seventy-five dollars per month. The eighty dollar plan includes five hundred megabytes of data, unlimited nationwide calling, unlimited messaging, voicemail and call display. Manitoba and Saskatchewan are the only two provinces where the cost did not increase. The two provinces have more companies competing to provide wireless services.

And in international news,

Malaysia Airlines flight missing

A Malaysia Airlines plane flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing went missing on March 8. Two hundred and thirty nine people were on the plane. Two-thirds of the passengers are from China. The plane's communications system was switched off about two hours after the plane left Kuala Lumpur. Officials believe that the system was switched off on purpose. Twenty-six countries are involved in the search to find the plane. Ships have been examining debris found in the ocean to see if it is the plane wreckage. Hijacking, sabotage or terrorism by someone on the plane are all seen as possible explanations of what happened to the flight.

Answers for Story 1

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

Questions: 1) former, refugee, opened 2) organization 3) cash donations, preschool
4) students 5) five, seven 6) enroll, fifteen 7) give back

Answers for Story 2

Vocabulary: 1) c; 2) j; 3) g; 4) i; 5) b; 6) h; 7) e; 8) a; 9) f; 10) d

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

Answers for Story 3

Vocabulary: 1) g; 2) i; 3) h; 4) f; 5) c; 6) b; 7) a; 8) d; 9) j; 10) e

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