

Unit 12 Written quiz

Name: _____

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Total Score

_____/50 points

A Listen to the conversation about a news story about a tornado. Circle *True* or *False* for each sentence.

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| 1. Tornadoes are very common in the Midwest this time of year. | True | False |
| 2. A tornado hit two stores owned by the same man. | True | False |
| 3. The tornado picked up the car some tourists were in. | True | False |
| 4. Some tourists had serious injuries. | True | False |

A _____ /8 points (2 points each)

B Complete the sentences using the simple past passive form of verbs from the box. Use each verb only once. There is one extra verb.

break into	cause	delay	rescue	spill
call	close	feel	see	steal

- The airport _____ for five hours because of the fog yesterday.
- Police reported that several homes _____ over the weekend.
- Authorities say the recent wildfires _____ by lightning.
- Several computers _____ from the high school.
- Emergency workers _____ right away after the accident.
- A child _____ from a burning building by firefighters.
- Traffic _____ for hours because of the snowstorm.
- A rare bird _____ in a local park.
- A minor earthquake _____ across the city last night.

B _____ /9 points (1 point each)

C Write sentences about news events. Put the words in parentheses in the correct order. Use the simple past passive with *by* + agent.

Example: (destroy / partially / the fire / the restaurant)

The restaurant was partially destroyed by the fire .

- (the bad weather / delay / temporarily / many flights)

_____ .

- (the hailstorm / many homes / damage / badly)

_____ .

- (close / the building / emergency workers / temporarily)

_____ .

- (the flood / completely / destroy / the bridge)

_____ .

- (seriously / the earthquake / electric power / disrupt)

_____ .

C _____ /10 points (2 points each)

D Cross out the word that cannot be used to complete each sentence.

1. The man was _____ injured in a car accident.
badly completely severely seriously
2. The mountain was hit by a(n) _____ hailstorm.
aftershock freak heavy severe
3. The village was _____ by an earthquake.
damaged destroyed injured struck
4. _____ was delayed because of the bad weather.
An airport The flight Traffic Train service
5. The _____ damaged many trees in the neighborhood.
lightning hailstones thunder winds

D _____ /5 points (1 point each)

E Use the words in parentheses to introduce news. Then match each question with the correct news item. There is one extra news item.

1. _____ the news about my sister? (heard) _____
2. I just bought a new watch. And _____ ? (guess) _____
3. _____ about the flash flood in my town? (tell) _____
4. _____ my neighbors? (know) _____
 - a. It destroyed several houses.
 - b. They're moving next month.
 - c. I lost it yesterday.
 - d. She's having a baby.
 - e. It was a freak accident.

E _____ /8 points (1 point each)

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Generation Gap in the News

A recent survey shows some major differences in the news habits of younger and older Americans.

- In general, younger people spend much less time during the day keeping up with the news. Americans aged 18 through 24 spend about 35 minutes a day getting news from all sources (printed material, online, TV, radio). In contrast, Americans aged 65 and older spend 90 minutes a day on the news.
- Younger people are less likely than older people to start the day with the news – for example, by watching a morning talk show. However, some 60 percent of young people still start their morning with some type of news.
- Younger people are much less likely to read a newspaper regularly – about 23 percent of people under 30 compared with 60 percent of Americans aged 65 and older. On the other hand, younger people are more likely to get their news from online sources.
- Younger people are not great fans of TV news. Only 18 percent of Americans aged 18 through 24 said they watched a nightly news show on a regular basis, compared with 56 percent of Americans aged 65 and older. However, the number of younger Americans who watch cable news channels has been increasing.



1. Younger people don't spend enough time on the news.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say
2. Very few young Americans start their day with the news.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say
3. Many younger people get their news from the Internet.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say
4. More than half of older Americans watch news on TV.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say
5. Younger Americans watch less news on TV than older Americans.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say

F _____ /10 points (2 points each)