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Preface

Introduction

After publishing “News & Views: A Course in Reading British & American News” in 2010, I received some constructive positive feedback from both my colleagues and students regarding the video-based activities of the book. This provided me with further impetus to work on the present book to satisfy the needs and interest of readers, and this was how “**Learn English News through Videos**” came into existence.

Objectives

The book is overridingly intended to offer an authentic multi-skills syllabus in listening, reading and writing of news items that is specifically geared towards the needs of the students of EFL, as well as of media and cultural studies. To this end, 100 thematically-based lessons have been designed to encourage readers to work with dictionary while reading a piece of news text, practice their intensive and extensive listening skills, and write summaries for the news items they see.

Key Features

Taking the objectives into account, the book has been developed so that a set of specific features are included. Here are some of the key features of the book:

- 100 easy-to-use lessons containing 400 video clips in total
- Four video-based exercises in each two-page lesson, with the first exercise representing the theme of the lesson on the left-hand page and three follow-up exercises on the right-hand page
- A-Z thematic classification of news items with 44 different subjects such as accidents, archaeology, attack, cars, clashes, conflict, crime, culture, demonstration, diplomacy, economy, education, elections, energy, environment, finance, etc.
- Hands-on multimedia-based exercises supported by the accompanied DVD
- Coverage of more than 1500 frequently used new words and expressions
- Suitable for self-study and English laboratory use
- BrE and AmE phonetic transcriptions of new words
- Comprehensive reader-friendly answer key
- Alphabetical index of new words and expressions

The Organisation of the Lessons

The general structure of the lessons is as the following:

1. Exercise 1 is a kind of warm-up which elicits the context-based meaning of important words and expressions used in the first video clip. The pronunciation and part of speech of the words are also provided.
2. Fill-in-the-blank exercise whose main purpose is to improve intensive listening and to draw readers' attention towards certain words and expressions.
3. Guided summarisation intends to enable the readers to write the summary of a piece of news through having access to potentially difficult words and expressions.
4. Summarisation exercise which functions mainly as a wrap-up for each lesson. This exercise aims at improving readers' extensive listening and requires them to draw on their global understanding of a video clip to derive and provide an oral/written summary of the news item.



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Pronunciation Guide

Pronunciation Symbols

Consonants	Symbol	Key Word	Vowels	Symbol	Key Word	
	b	bee	Short	ɪ	pit	
	d	do		e	wet	
	f	fat		{	cat	
	g	go		ʌ	run	
	h	hat		ɒ	hot	
	j	yet		ʊ	put	
	k	key		@	ago	
	l	led		i	cozy	
	m	map		u	influence	
	n	nose		Long	i:	see
	p	pen			A:	arm
	r	red			ɔ:	saw
	s	sun			u:	too
	t	ten			ɜ:	her (BrE)
	°	better (AmE)			ɜ:	bird (AmE)
	v	vat			@	father (AmE)
	w	wet	Diphthongs		eɪ	day
	z	zip			aɪ	my
	dʒ	general			ɔɪ	boy
	ŋ	hang			@ʊ	low (BrE)
	ð	that			oʊ	low (AmE)
	θ	thin			aʊ	how
	ʃ	ship			ɪə	near (BrE)
	ʒ	measure			eə	hair (BrE)
	tʃ	chin			ʊə	poor (BrE)
				aɪə	fire	
				aʊə	sour	

Other Symbols Used in the Pronunciations

- /r/** This shows that the /r/ as in the word **teacher** /ˈti:tʃə(r)/ is pronounced in UK English when followed by a vowel sound, but not when followed by a consonant sound. In US English it is always pronounced.
- ˈ** primary stress (the part of the word you emphasize most), as in **above** /əˈbʌv/
- ˌ** secondary stress (the part of the word you emphasize as well as, but not quite as much as, the primary stress), as in **backyard** /ˌbækjɑ:d/
- /l/** This is used when a consonant (usually 'l') can be pronounced as a syllable on its own, as in the word **angle** /ˈŋɡl/.
- ||** This separates British and American pronunciations: British on the left and the American on the right.
- .** This is the syllable mark shown as a full stop, coming before each new syllable as in the word **standard** /ˈstændəd/. The syllable mark shows that the word 'standard' has two syllables. If stress marks are shown in a word, they also show when a new syllable starts. So, in a word like **banana** /bəˈnɑ:nə/ the stress mark and syllable mark show that there are three syllables in the word.

Lessons

Lesson Accident

1

Pilots Hailed as Heroes in Russian Crash

The latest **aviation** accident in Russia involving an **ageing** Tupolev **airliner** is raising questions about the **airworthiness** of Russia's **civil** aviation **fleet**.

While three people died in the accident – one the brother of the Dagestan's president – the pilots and **crew** are being praised for **averting** a far worse disaster.

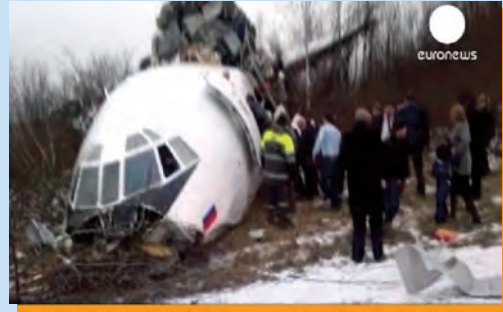
172 people were on **board**, and 87 needed hospital **treatment**, but how more did not die is as much a mystery as the cause of the forced landing.

"The plane's broken in half. It broke in half after the engines failed, and stopped just two metres from the airport fence. Had it hit the fence we wouldn't be talking to you now," said one **survivor**.

The Tupolev 154, the same model in which Poland's president and 90 others died in April, and 11 others died in a **crash** in Siberia in August, had just taken off from Moscow's Vnukovo airport when all three of its engines failed and it lost its **navigation** system.

It turned back to Moscow, but on landing the electricians cut, removing the **servo** assists from the brakes, so the plane **overshot** the **runway** and **ploughed through** trees before coming to rest.

The plane was **operated** by Dagestan Airlines and was **heading for** the Caucasian **republic**. The airline has been quick to insist its **maintenance** is of the highest standard.



1 VIDEO CLIP 1: *New Words*

See Video Clip 1 and find the meaning of the following words in a dictionary.

- ageing /'eɪ.dʒɪŋ/ *adj.* :
- airliner /'eɪəl.aɪ.nə(r) || 'erəl.aɪ.nə/ *n.* :
- airworthiness /'eɪwɜːθ.nəs || 'erwɜː-/ *n.* :
- avert /ə'vɜːt || -'vɜːt/ *v.* :
- aviation /'eɪ.vi'eɪ.ʃən/ *n.* :
- board /bɔːd || bɔːrd/ *n.* : **on board:**
- civil /'sɪv.əl/ *adj.* :
- crash /kræʃ/ *n.* :
- crew /kruː/ *n.* :
- fleet /fliːt/ *n.* :
- hail /heɪl/ *v.* :
- head /hed/ *v.* : **head for** :
- maintenance /'meɪn.tɪ.nəns/ *n.* :
- navigation /ˌnæv.ɪ'geɪ.ʃən/ *n.* :
- operate /'ɒp.ə'reɪt || 'Aː.pə'reɪt/ *v.* :
- overshoot /'əʊ.və'suːt || 'əʊ.və-/ *v.* :
- plough /pləʊ/ *v.* : **plough through sth:**
- republic /rɪ'pʌb.lɪk/ *n.* :
- runway /'rʌn.weɪ/ *n.* :
- servo /'sɜː.vəʊ || 'sɜː.vəʊ/ *n.* :
- survivor /sə'vaɪ.və(r) || sə'vaɪ.və/ *n.* :
- treatment /'triː.tmənt/ *n.* :

2 VIDEO CLIP 2: Vocabulary Practice

See Video Clip 2 (Soviet-era Crash Jet to be Grounded) and fill in the blank spaces.

Russian transport are about to
grounding all Tupolev 154 aircraft.

It comes after three people died when one of the
jets caught fire before take-off at Surgut airport in the far north of
the country.

It is the latest in a of deadly incidents
involving the Soviet-era of Russian air transport.

Last month two passengers died when a 154 broke into
three pieces on in Moscow.

It was the same type that in Smolensk last April,
killing the Polish President and dozens of
government officials.

The Tupolev said more than 900 154s have been since 1968 but there is no mention
of how many still fly.



3 VIDEO CLIP 3: Guided Summarization

See video clip 3 (Qantas Suspends A380 Flights after Engine Scare) and answer the following questions.

A. Find the meanings, pronunciations and parts of speech of the following words.

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| 1. prompt | 9. witness |
| 2. airline | 10. explosion |
| 3. suspend | 11. debris |
| 4. flight | 12. missing |
| 5. en route | 13. fatal |
| 6. emergency | 14. launch |
| 7. takeoff | 15. champion..... |
| 8. confident | 16. airliner |

B. Using the words in part (A), provide a summary of the piece of news.

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4 VIDEO CLIP 4: Summarization

See video clip 4 (Qantas Jet Plunges 25,000ft in Mid-flight) and provide a brief summary of what you understood.

Lesson Accident

2

Man Jumps from Balcony of Romania's Parliament

It was always going to be a **dramatic** day in Romania's parliament with Emil Boc's government facing yet another **no-confidence vote**.

But no-one could have predicted the **tragic** turn of events that **interrupted** the prime minister's speech.

A protest **plunge** from a TV technician sent **shockwaves** through the **chamber**.

Angry at **austerity measures**, the man wore a T-shirt saying "You killed our children's future."

Media reports said he had lost benefits for his **autistic** son.

For this **opposition** leader, it is a sign that public **endurance** of government policies has reached and **surpassed** its limit.

The prime minister was among those who rushed to the aid of the man who suffered **multiple** but not **life-threatening** injuries.

"These are difficult times and all of us must get through them with **solidarity, lucidity, reason** and **composure**," said Emil Boc. "The solution is not what we have seen today in parliament."

A **walkout** by shocked opposition **MPs** meant the government **survived** the no-confidence motion.

It is now set to **pursue** cost-cutting measures aimed at **lifting** Romania's economy out of **recession**.

1 VIDEO CLIP 1: *New Words*

See Video Clip 1 and find the meaning of the following words in a dictionary.

- austerity /O:"ster.l.ti || A:ster.l.oi/ n. :
- autistic /O:"tɪs.tɪk || A:-/ adj. :
- balcony /"b{ l.k@.ni/ n. :
- chamber /"tʃeɪm.bə(r) || -b@/ n. :
- composure /kəm"pəʊ.Zə(r) || -"pəʊ.Zə/ n. :
- dramatic /drə"m{ t.ɪk || -"m{ ɔ-/ adj. :
- endurance /ɪn"dʒU@.rəns || -"dʒU@.rəns/ n. :
- interrupt /%n.t@r"vʌpt || -"ɪ-/ v. :
- life-threatening /"laɪf"θret.ən.ɪn/ adj. :
- lift /lɪft/ v. :
- lucidity /lu:"sɪd.l.ti || -"ɪ-/ n. :
- measure /"meʒ.ə(r) || -ə/ n. :
- media /"mi:.di.ə/ n. :
- MP /%m"pi:/ n. :
- multiple /"mʌl.tɪ.pl|| -"l-/ adj. :
- no-confidence vote /nəʊ "kɒn.fl.dəns vəʊt || noʊ "kA:n.fl.dəns vəʊt/ n. :
- opposition /%ɒp.ə"zɪs.ən || %A:.pə-/ n. :
- plunge /plɪvndʒ/ n. :
- pursue /p@sju: || p@s'u:/ v. :
- reason /"ri:.zən/ n. :
- recession /rɪ"seʃ.ən/ n. :
- shock wave /"ʃɒk welv || "SA:k welv/ n. :
- solidarity /%sɒl.lɪ"dɪ r.l.ti || %A:.ɪl"der.ə.oi/ n. :
- surpass /sə"pA:s || sə"p{ s/ v. :
- survive /sə"vaɪv || sə-/ v. :
- walkout /"wɔ:k.aʊt || "wA:k-/ n. :

2 VIDEO CLIP 2: Vocabulary Practice

See Video Clip 2 (Search for Missing Netherlands Ferry Captain) and fill in the blank spaces.

A small passenger has after a with a German ship in a busy shipping 30 kilometres south of Amsterdam.

.....,, a helicopter and a boat with imaging cameras have been called in to search for the ferry captain who is

It happened near the city of Utrecht.

The 72 kilometre canal Amsterdam to the Rhine.

It is a major European

Police said the two on the German-..... were being held for questioning.

Both have tested negative for alcohol.

The collision happened at 4.00 am time, and there are not thought to have been any passengers on the ferry.



3 VIDEO CLIP 3: Guided Summarization

See video clip 3 (Barge Carrying Sulphuric Acid Capsizes on Rhine) and answer the following questions.

A. Find the meanings, pronunciations and parts of speech of the following words.

- 1. vessel 7. fire brigade
2. sulphuric acid 8. deploy
3. capsize 9. authority
4. closure 10. barge
5. crew 11. hull
6. missing 12. pollution

B. Using the words in part (A), provide a summary of the piece of news.

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4 VIDEO CLIP 4: Summarization

See video clip 4 (Dozens Dead in Iran Air Crash) and provide a brief summary of what you understood.

Lesson Accident

3

India Stampede Kills more than 100 Pilgrims

More than 100 Hindu **pilgrims** have been killed in a **stampede** in southern India.

Dozens more have been injured.

It happened as people headed home from a **remote mountainous temple** at the end of an **annual** religious festival.

Police say the driver of a **packed** jeep lost control of the **vehicle**, sending it **hurtling** into the crowd and **provoking** mass **panic**.

The shrine of Sabarimala is **surrounded** by mountains and **dense** forest.

It is one of the most remote temples in southern India, yet it still draws three to four million pilgrims each year.

The **rescue** operation continued well into the night but was **hampered** by the **terrain** as well as thick fog. The **pilgrimage** was **struck** by another **disaster** 12 years ago when a **landslide** killed more than 50 people. **Crushes** at Indian temples are not **uncommon**.

Religious events attract huge crowds often in **confined** areas, with few safety controls.

1 VIDEO CLIP 1: *New Words*

See Video Clip 1 and find the meaning of the following words in a dictionary.

- annual /ˈæn.ju.əl || -jʊl/ adj. :
- confined /kənˈfaɪnd/ adj. :
- crush /krʌʃ/ n. :
- dense /dens/ adj. :
- disaster /dɪˈzɑː.stə(r) || -zɪ s.tə/ n. :
- festival /ˈfes.tɪ.vəl/ n. :
- hamper /ˈhæ.m.pə(r) || -pə/ v. :
- hurtle /ˈhɜː.tl || ˈhɜː.tl/ v. :
- landslide /ˈlænd.slaɪd/ n. :
- mountainous /ˈmaʊn.tɪ.nəs || -tən.əs/ adj. :
- packed /pækt/ adj. :
- panic /ˈpæ.nɪk/ n. :
- pilgrim /ˈpɪl.ɡrɪm/ n. :
- pilgrimage /ˈpɪl.ɡrɪ.mɪdʒ/ n. :
- provoke /prəˈvəʊk || -voʊk/ v. :
- remote /rɪˈmoʊt || -moʊt/ adj. :
- rescue /ˈres.kjuː/ n. :
- stampede /stæmˈpiːd/ n. :
- strike /straɪk/ (past tense struck) v. :
- surround /səˈraʊnd/ v. :
- temple /ˈtem.pl/ n. :
- terrain /təˈreɪn/ n. :
- vehicle /ˈviː.lɪkəl/ n. :
- uncommon /ʌnˈkɒm.ən || -ˈkɑː.mən/ adj. :

2 VIDEO CLIP 2: Vocabulary Practice

See Video Clip 2 (Stampede Kills Hundreds at Cambodian Festival) and fill in the blank spaces.

The water in Cambodia has ended in after a left at least 340 people dead.

Footage showed the as people across a small bridge to an and shopping island.

It is thought several were by the lights – they tripped and were to death.

Others fell from the bridge and were Hospitals in the Phnom Penh were quickly with the dead and injured.

More than 300 people were also hurt. Most of the were women.

Relatives searched for family members having been separated in the

Police carried bodies from the laying them out for identification.

Cambodia’s Prime Minister has a day of

He has an investigation into what he described as the country’s worst tragedy since the Khmer Rouge were in power.



3 VIDEO CLIP 3: Guided Summarization

See video clip 3 (Six Dead in China Cafe Blast) and answer the following questions.

A. Find the meanings, pronunciations and parts of speech of the following words.

- 1. explosion 7. determine
2. Internet café 8. incident
3. province 9. emergency personnel
4. blast 10. victim
5. shatter 11. debris
6. survivor 12. ambulance

B. Using the words in part (A), provide a summary of the piece of news.

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4 VIDEO CLIP 4: Summarization

See video clip 4 (Ecuador Bus Plunge Kills Dozens) and provide a brief summary of what you understood.

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