



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings.

enjoy, holidaymakers, worried, can't face something, relatives, stairs, elderly

1. an old person (*adjective*)
2. people who go on holiday (*noun*)
3. people in your family (*noun*)
4. unhappy because you think something bad will happen (*adjective*)
5. when something is too difficult and you don't want to do it (*phrase*)
6. steps inside a building which you use to go from one floor to another (*noun*)
7. to like doing something (*adjective*)

B: Discussion

Work in small groups and discuss the questions below.

1. Do you know anyone who is **elderly**? Tell your partner about them.
2. Do you like going on **holiday**? Where do you like going?
3. Does your house have any **stairs**? How many?
4. **Aunt** and **cousin** are two words that are examples of **relatives**. What are some others?
5. Are you **worried** about anything at the moment?
6. Is there anything you **can't face**?
7. What are some things you **enjoy** doing?

Reading Activities

A: Phrases

Here are some words taken from today's article. Read them and answer the questions.

'Three elderly British holidaymakers'

1. How old do you think the holidaymakers were?
2. Where were they from?
3. What were the three people doing?

'Police in France, Spain and Britain had been looking for them'

4. Which countries were the police from?
5. Who do you think the police were looking for?

'Relatives were worried'

6. *Why do you think the relatives were worried?*

'They couldn't face the stairs'

7. The three holidaymakers couldn't face the stairs. **Why** do you think they couldn't face the stairs?

'Happily enjoying their holiday'

8. Who do you think were enjoying their holiday?



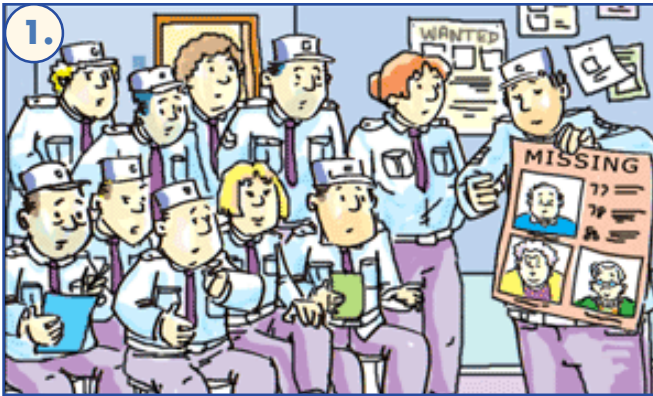
B: Pictures

Match the words from today's article with the correct pictures below.

Phrases

- 'Three elderly British holidaymakers'
- 'Police in France, Spain and Britain had been looking for them'
- 'Relatives were worried'
- 'They couldn't face the stairs'
- 'Happily enjoying their holiday'

Pictures



C: Questions

Part One: Read today's article below and underline the phrases from **Reading Activity B**.

'Missing' Holidaymakers Couldn't Face the Stairs

PARIS Friday May 10 (Reuters) - Three elderly British holidaymakers who disappeared while traveling in France and started a huge manhunt have turned up safely on Friday, happily enjoying their holiday, French police said.

The three, aged 77, 78 and 80, didn't know that police in France, Spain and Britain had been looking for them and that relatives were worried.

The holidaymakers, all frail and on medication, arrived on

May 4 at a holiday flat in the Mediterranean town of Collioure. But they left, without telling anyone, because they couldn't face the stairs.

An agency in nearby Perpignan found them accommodation in another town and telephoned police on Friday after seeing pictures of the missing three in a local newspaper.

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Part Two: Read the article again and answer the questions below.

- How old were the holidaymakers?
- Where were they from?
- What were they doing?
- Which countries were the police from?
- Who were the police looking for?
- Why were the relatives worried?
- Who couldn't face the stairs?
- Who were happily enjoying their holiday?

D: Vocabulary

Find words in today's article which match the meanings below.

- (Paragraph one) when you go to a place where no one can find you (*verb*)
- (Paragraph one) very big (*adjective*)
- (Paragraph one) when people look for a person (*noun*)
- (Paragraph three) not very strong, weak (*adjective*)
- (Paragraph three) taking medicine (*phrase*)

E: Sequencing

Read the article again and number the sentences below in the order they happened. (The first one is done for you as an example.)

- ___ They left, without telling anyone, because they couldn't face the stairs.
- ___ An agency found them accommodation in another town.
- ___ Their relatives were worried.
- ___ The police started a huge manhunt.
- ___ The agency saw pictures of the missing three and telephoned police.
- ___ The three were happily enjoying their holiday.
- 1. The three, all frail and on medication, arrived on May 4 at a holiday flat.



Post-Reading Activities

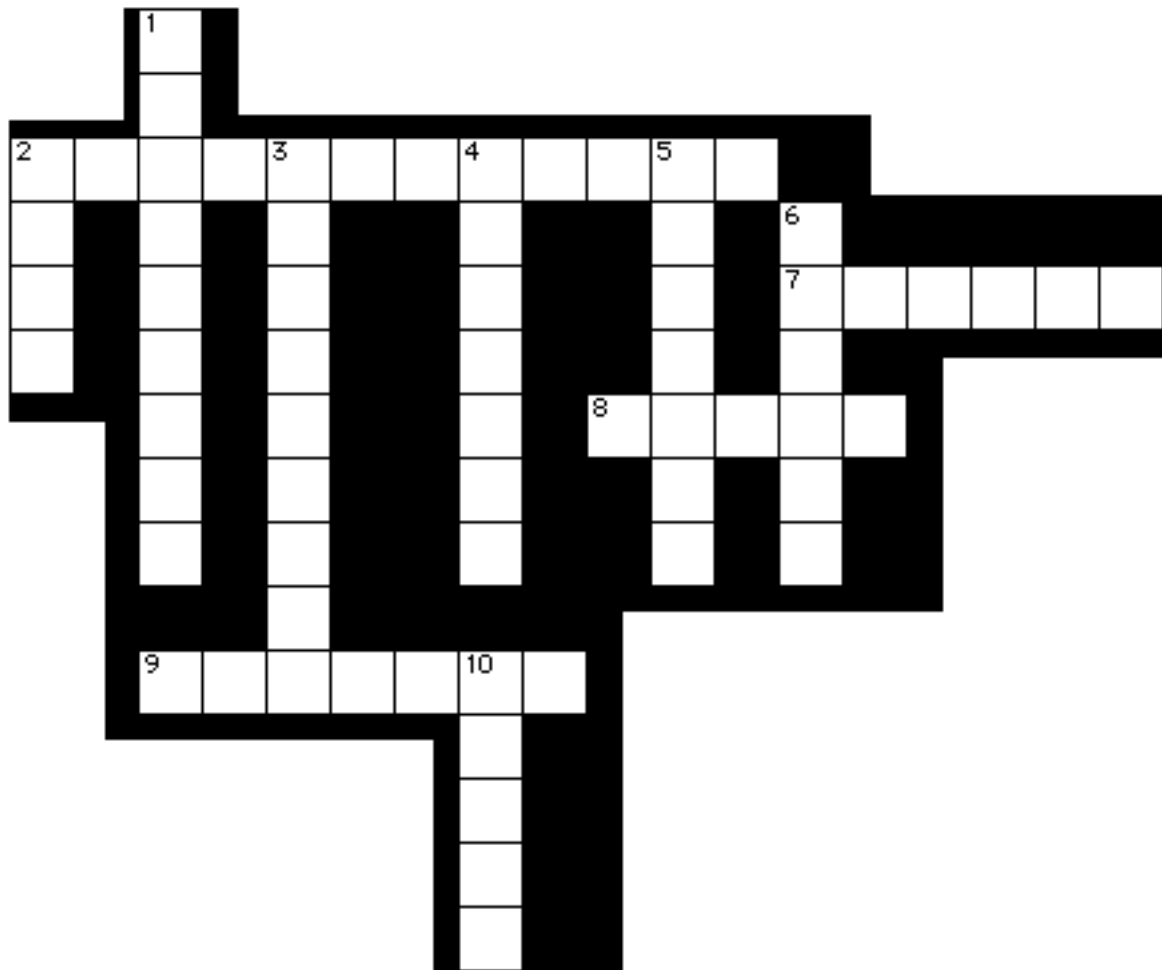
You may do one or more of these.

A: Language

- Below are some verbs from today's article. Change the verbs into the past simple.
disappear, start, do (not) know, arrive, leave, can't, find, telephone
- Read the article again, find the **verbs** and check your answers.

B: Crossword

Use the article to find the answers for this crossword puzzle.



Clues Across

- someone who goes on holiday
- when you discover or notice somebody unexpectedly
- not very strong, weak
- unhappy because you think something bad will happen

Clues Down

- people in your family
- very big
- when you go to a place where no one can find you
- when people look for a person
- an old person
- steps inside a building which you use to go from one floor to another
- to like doing something



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary - Answers

1. elderly
2. holidaymakers
3. relatives
4. worried
5. can't face something
6. stairs
7. enjoy

B: Discussion - Answers

Answers will vary.

Reading Activities

A: Phrases - Notes

In this activity students read the sentence extracts from the article and answer questions on the meaning of the extracts. Some of the questions require them to make predictions based on the information given. It may be quite challenging for some learners as some find prediction-type activities difficult. You could guide their answers by asking leading questions and do the activity as a group or in a feedback session after students have worked on their own.

Don't give any of the answers as they will be checking their answers later on in

Part 2 of Reading Activity C.

Reading Activities

B: Pictures - Answers

- a. picture 2, b. picture 1, c. picture 5, d. picture 3, e. picture 4

C: Questions - Notes

Part 1: Students simply read the article and underline the extracts that they have already studied.

Part 2: Once the students have answered the questions, ask them to compare their answers to their predictions in Reading Activity A: Phrases.

C: Questions - Answers

Part 1

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Part 2

- a. 78, 80 and 77
- b. Britain
- c. They were on holiday.
- d. France, Spain and Britain
- e. The three elderly holidaymakers
- f. Because their three elderly relatives had disappeared.
- g. The three elderly holidaymakers
- h. The three holidaymakers

D: Vocabulary - Answers

1. disappear
2. huge
3. manhunt
4. frail
5. on medication

E: Sequencing - Answers

2. They left, without telling anyone, because they couldn't face the stairs.
3. An agency found them accommodation in another town.
5. Their relatives were worried.
6. The police started a huge manhunt
7. The agency saw pictures of the missing three and telephoned police.
4. The three were happily enjoying their holiday.
1. The three, all frail and on medication, arrived on May 4 at a holiday flat.

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language - Answers

disappeared started didn't know arrived left couldn't found telephoned

B: Crossword - Answers

Across:

2. holidaymaker, 7. turn up, 8. frail, 9. worried

Down:

1. relatives, 2. huge, 3. disappear, 4. manhunt, 5. elderly, 6. stairs, 10. enjoy