

Grammar Present perfect vs Past simple

★ 1 Match the beginnings of the news reports (1–6) to the endings (a–f).

- 1 A cat has attacked a large dog. *d*
 - 2 A local family has reported seeing UFOs near the river.
 - 3 The high school's website has reached 5,000 visits.
 - 4 A local girl has won a national blog-writing competition.
 - 5 High school students have recorded a podcast for the town council.
 - 6 The local newspaper has introduced a news section for teenagers.
- a The school's principal said last year's maximum was only 2,400 visits.
 - b The paper said the section was requested by teens.
 - c They made the recording in English for tourists.
 - d When the cat found itself in a corner, it jumped on the dog.
 - e Elena Márquez got first prize for her fashion blog last weekend.
 - f Both parents and children said they saw strange shapes in the sky.



Family sees UFOs.

★ 2 Choose the correct options.

- 1 Steve *has broken* / *broke* his arm last weekend.
- 2 My bicycle *has disappeared* / *disappeared*.
- 3 Firemen *have rescued* / *rescued* three people from a lift yesterday.
- 4 My grandmother *has had* / *had* an operation!
- 5 A teenager *has won* / *won* this year's national chess contest.
- 6 Five thousand people *have attended* / *attended* the local music festival.
- 7 We *have lost* / *lost* our suitcases!
- 8 A young woman *has had* / *had* a baby in a taxi last night.

★★ 3 Write the correct form of the verbs.

- A What's the most amazing newspaper story ¹ you've ever read (you/ever read)?
- B I ² (not read) very many, but I ³ (hear) a lot of stories from other people!
- A For example?
- B Well, it's the silly ones I remember the best. A player ⁴ (have) to stay in hospital with head injuries after a cricket match.
- A What happened?
- B He ⁵ (hit) the ball really hard, the ball ⁶ (go) up into the sky and ⁷ (kill) a passing duck.
- A You're joking!
- B No, no! And then the duck ⁸ (fall) out of the sky and ⁹ (strike) the player on the head!
- A I don't believe it! That's the most amazing story anyone ¹⁰ (ever tell) me!
- B Imagine that!

★★ 4 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

receive	recommend	say	send
start	take	win	write

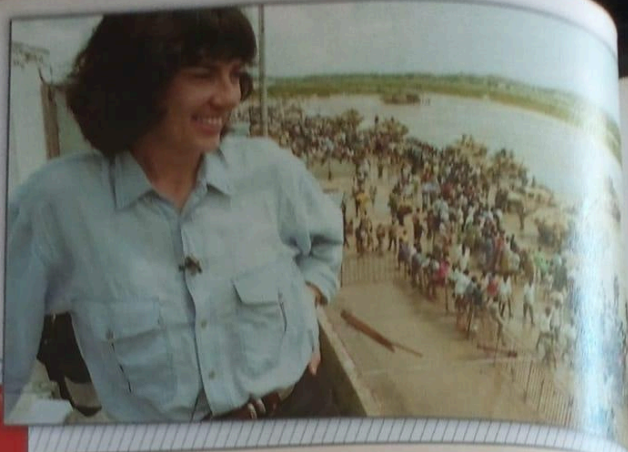
Local teen wins national blog contest

Elena Márquez, a 15-year-old from GBS High School, ¹ *has won* first prize in a national contest for school blogs. Elena ² writing the blog two years ago when she ³ a camera as a present. She ⁴ over a thousand photos of teenagers in the street, and she ⁵ a fashion report every month in that time. Her design teacher at school ⁶ that she enter the contest, and the organisers ⁷ her a text message last Monday to tell her about the prize. Her family ⁸ they are very proud of her.

Reading

1 Look at the photo. Answer the questions.

- 1 What do you think the woman's job is?
- 2 How would you describe her work?
 - dangerous • safe
 - boring • interesting
 - easy • difficult



Profile: Christiane Amanpour

Christiane Amanpour is small with dark hair. She looks like an ordinary person, but she is one of the world's most famous journalists.

Christiane was born in England in 1958 and went to school there and in Iran. She studied journalism in America and when she finished university, she got a job as an assistant with CNN. 'I arrived at CNN with a suitcase, my bicycle and 100 dollars,' she says. It was a difficult introduction to journalism, but Christiane worked hard and she soon became a foreign correspondent.

Life as a foreign correspondent is busy and often dangerous. They fly to different countries and report on international news there. Their reports appear on news websites, in newspapers and on TV and thousands, sometimes millions, of people see them.

Christiane has been all over the world and reported on

many different stories. Some of them are the biggest stories of the twentieth century. She has reported on wars and natural disasters and she has also interviewed world leaders and politicians. She has often been in danger, but luckily she has never had an injury. Christiane won the Courage in Journalism Award in 1994 for her war reports, but she is modest about it. 'It's our job to go to these places and bring back stories, just as a window on the world,' she says.

Today, Christiane is a news presenter on a current affairs programme called *This Week*. She interviews people in a TV studio, so she doesn't travel much, but she still tells people what is happening in the world. 'I believe that good journalism, good television, can make our world a better place,' she says.

Key Words

foreign correspondent	wars
natural disasters	world leaders
politicians	modest

2 Read the magazine article and check your answers to Exercise 1.

3 2.10 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Christiane Amanpour special?
She is one of the world's most famous journalists.
- 2 Where did she study journalism?
- 3 What was her first job?
- 4 What do foreign correspondents do?
- 5 What kind of stories has Christiane reported on?
- 6 Why did she win the Courage in Journalism Award?
- 7 What does Christiane do at the moment?

4 What do these words refer to?

- 1 there (line 5) – in England
- 2 she (line 9)
- 3 them (line 15)
- 4 them (line 17)
- 5 it (line 23)

Listening

1 Look at these opinions about the news. Which do you agree with?

- a I'm not interested in international news. It's not important to me.
- b The news is usually bad. It's often about wars or natural disasters.
- c It's good to know what is happening in the world.

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2 Think about a story in the news this week. Answer the questions.

- 1 Is it national, international or local news?
- 2 Where did you see it? In a newspaper, on a news website, on TV?
- 3 What is the story about?