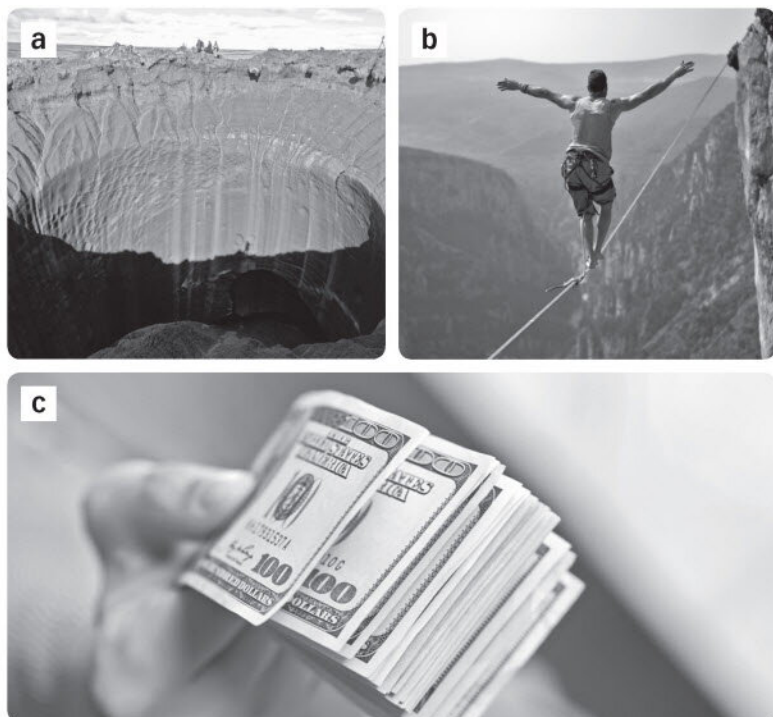


11.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking retelling a (news) story

- 1 11.2))) Listen to two conversations about some recent news stories. Which of the photos are mentioned?



- 2 11.2))) There is a mistake in each of the following extracts from the conversations in exercise 1. Listen again and correct the mistakes.

- 1 Have you heard about ...? ^{Apparently} ~~Apparent~~, they've found even more of them.
- 2 Yes, I think so. Weren't they anything like eighty metres wide?
- 3 What's worrying on it is that they think they may have been caused by climate change.
- 4 Well, I exactly can't remember, but ...
- 5 Well, accord to this news item I saw ...
- 6 From that I understand, he spent the lot!

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- 3 Choose the best options to complete the essay.

Too much of the news we hear is bad news. Discuss.

- 1 _____ Every day we hear about shootings, armed robberies, disasters and deaths.
- 2 _____ Why, therefore, do newspapers, television and online news outlets not choose to tell more positive news stories? Surely we should receive a balanced account of what is happening in the world?
- 3 _____ People are far more interested in finding out about the latest disaster than they are in reading an inspiring or uplifting story about something which turned out well. According to scientists, we may have a natural bias towards hearing bad news because we are programmed to pay attention to stories which could warn us of a danger which might affect us.

That said, most of the bad news stories we hear nowadays do not directly affect our own lives. 4 _____ So, although I think it is natural to be interested in bad news, 5 _____

- 1 (a) There is no question that the majority of the daily news is bad news.
b Definitely most news we hear is bad news.
- 2 a I think because we hear so much bad news we usually think that the world is really bad.
b Without doubt, this daily diet of negativity has an effect on how we perceive the world.
- 3 a Bad news sells, doesn't it?
b The simple fact is that bad news sells.
- 4 a Much of the bad news we hear does nothing other than to make us feel sad and anxious about the world.
b Hearing bad news mainly just makes us feel sad and anxious about the world.
- 5 a I do think that the news providers should make more of an effort to give a balanced view of the world.
b I do think that more of an effort should be made by the news providers to present a balanced view of the world.

I can ...

retell a (news) story.

Very well Quite well More practice

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