

## 11.2 Positive news

### Vocabulary talking about news

1 Choose the best option to complete each collocation.

- 1 medical breakthroughs / agreements
- 2 armed crisis / robbery
- 3 unfortunate death / campaign
- 4 economic crisis / robbery
- 5 peace crisis / agreement
- 6 environmental campaign / death

2 Complete each sentence with a suitable word from the unit. The first letter is given.

- 1 The protest was peaceful, rather than becoming violent.
- 2 A young man was badly w\_\_\_\_\_ in a knife attack in a busy street.
- 3 With fighting breaking out daily, there seems to be little hope of avoiding a wider c\_\_\_\_\_ between the two nations.
- 4 And now, an u\_\_\_\_\_ and i\_\_\_\_\_ story about a teenager who was able to save his best friend's life.
- 5 After the recent s\_\_\_\_\_, we ask if gun ownership should be better controlled.
- 6 Scientists have made a new breakthrough in their search for a c\_\_\_\_\_ for cancer.
- 7 Millions of people are s\_\_\_\_\_ from an inability to get a good night's sleep.
- 8 A man fell thirty metres and, amazingly, he s\_\_\_\_\_ with only minor injuries.
- 9 Bangladesh won a comfortable v\_\_\_\_\_ against England in the cricket.
- 10 Recent reports about the economy have been more e\_\_\_\_\_, with some signs of a recovery.
- 11 The government has just released some rather d\_\_\_\_\_ unemployment figures, showing a sharp increase.

3 Complete the news items with words and phrases from the boxes. In each case, there is one word or phrase you do not need.

~~armed robbery~~ shooting survived unfortunate death wounded suspects

Two policemen responding to a/an <sup>1</sup> armed robbery were shot and badly <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday night, and police are still hunting for one of the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Although the officers <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, they remain in a critical condition.

cure disturbing encouraging medical breakthrough suffering

Patients <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from the pain of arthritis have been given hope with a new <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from researchers at the University of Illinois. While they have not yet discovered a/an <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, they have learnt much more about how the disease develops and how to treat it. This is <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ news, as current treatments do not work effectively for up to a third of patients.



➔ **STUDY TIP** When you read a text about a particular topic, such as a medical breakthrough or a crime, underline all the words you can find related to the topic and list them together in your vocabulary notebook.

## Grammar reporting verbs

4 Use the words given plus any other necessary words to make reported speech sentences.

1 He / persuade / her / stay out later.

*He persuaded her to stay out later.*

2 She / remind / me / not forget / my key.

3 He / blame / her / lose / the race.

4 I / admit / be / rude.

5 She / claim / be / very wealthy.

6 They / deny / take / the money.

7 I / warn / you / not say / that.

8 He / suggest / go early.

5 Find and correct the mistakes in six of the sentences.

1 He asked her <sup>to</sup> help him carry the suitcase.

2 She promised emailing him every day.

3 He announced that he would be leaving at the end of the week.

4 She pointed out him that they were already late.

5 He argued that he was the best candidate for the job.

6 She encouraged him go to university.

7 He warned him that not to go.

8 She assured that he was doing it correctly.

6 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

add admit assure encourage invite praise remind

### Getting in touch

A few years ago, Hannah Brencher <sup>1</sup> *admits* that she was feeling lonely living in the big city of New York. She started leaving notes all over the city, inside books, or tucked into benches, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the readers that she believed in them or <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them that they shouldn't give up on their dreams.

Hannah explained that she hoped that people would read them and feel better, <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that she never expected the idea to grow in the way that it has. There are now around 13,000 people involved in doing the same thing, and people who find the letters are <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to post them on a website.

Social policy research charity, the Joseph Rowntree Trust, warns us that social isolation is one of the biggest problems in people's lives and Hannah has been widely <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for helping both the people who find the notes, and those who have been <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to write them by finding out about her project.



#### I can ...

talk about news.

Very well    Quite well    More practice

      

use reporting verbs.