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## Introduction

This Supplement is a free download to support the use of the book *Catastrophes, Crashes and Crimes in the UAE* in teaching English as a Second Language. However, it can also be used to teach Social Studies and Geography in the UAE. This document contains a series of English language questions and activities.

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We will continue to refine and update the questions in this download, and if you have additional suggestions for improvement, please send them to [athol.yates@kustar.ac.ae](mailto:athol.yates@kustar.ac.ae).

Also, we have plans to produce a 1980s version of the book in 2017 and if you are interested in joining our research and ESL team to work on this, email [athol.yates@kustar.ac.ae](mailto:athol.yates@kustar.ac.ae).

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# ESL Questions and Activities

This section exercises students' English language skills

## 3.1 Natural hazards

### Earthquake hits the Gulf area (page 18) (FK 8.0)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: shockwave, the Richter Scale, tremors, seismograph, epicenter.
2. What are "milder tremors"? Find at least two synonyms for the word "milder" in this phrase.
3. Other things can be described as mild. What do you think the following mean: mild weather, a mild cold, a mild personality, a mild argument?
4. Other words with a similar meaning to mild are: tepid, luke warm, moderate. Look up the meaning and use of each of these words in a dictionary. Then use each one in a sentence.

### Cyclone leaves trail of Eid havoc (page 19) (FK 8.3)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: cyclone, fatal, package tour, wind force, critical condition, knots, breakers.
2. Mr David Patterson, his wife and his children were in a car accident. Answer:
  - What caused the accident?
  - What happened to Mr Patterson?
  - What happened to Mrs Patterson?
  - What happened to the Patterson children?
3. Have you ever been in a car accident? Describe what happened.
4. Find two other ways of saying "hurtled".
5. *The sea was swollen by a high spring.* What does "swollen" mean? What other sorts of things can be swollen?

### Chaos as violent storms hit Gulf (page 20) (FK 11.9)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: mounted, lashed, winched, stricken, saved, torrential, moorings, abandoned, salvaged, requisitioned, write-off, bogged down, funnelled, mopping-up.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Why was an airlift of food and water needed for the drivers of vehicles in the Sabkha Buraka Flats, 200 miles west of Abu Dhabi?
  - b. In Oman, families which were in danger, were evacuated to which government buildings?
3. Describe what happened to the Khorfakan in your own words.
4. "At the height of the storm" means when the storm was strongest. Finish the following sentences:
  - At the height of the battle, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - At the height of the argument, \_\_\_\_\_.
5. To "bed down" means to make a bed in a location. Many English verbs have this sort of form. Write sentences using the following verbs: to get down, to get around, to make up something, to see through someone or something, to think through something.

### Four die as storms lash UAE (page 22) (FK 11.9)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: in living memory, trail of devastation, trough of low pressure, seeping, diverted, weatherproof, driving rain, ill-fitting windows, ran aground, sodden.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. When did the storm hit Dubai and how long did it last?
  - b. What were the different types of damage caused by the storm in Dubai?
3. The article states that “driving rain poured under doors...” Obviously, the rain was not driving a vehicle! This expression means that the rain was coming down with great force and speed. Similar expressions are used to convey related meanings. What do you think each of the following expressions means?
  - “Sheik Zayed was a driving force for unity and progress in the UAE.”
  - “He was driven by the need to know the truth.”
  - “The baby’s crying was driving me crazy.”
  - “She had a lot of drive and ambition.”
4. Can you find some other similar phrases in the article where a familiar word is used with a slightly different but expressive meaning?

### Tornado! (page 24) (FK 10.2)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: phenomenon, towering, vortex, instability, cloud formation.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. How were the water spouts discovered?
  - b. What is another name given for land tornadoes?
3. Match the numbers to the fact associated with them.
 

I. Height of the water spouts	A. 30 metres off Dubai coast
II. Width of the vortex base	B. 2800 feet
III. Location of the water spouts	C. 30 knots
IV. Speed of the water spouts	D. 10 feet

### Worst ever storm (page 25) (FK 9.8)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: violent, erosion, breached, pressing problem, shelved, peak, batter.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What was the damage to buildings and infrastructure mentioned in the article?
  - b. How many people were killed as a result of the storm?
  - c. What is the main problem with the Abu Dhabi sea wall?
  - d. The writer of the article indirectly states why the proposals for changing the sea wall have not been carried out. What is that reason?
3. Look at the words which are in bold below, and write down what noun the words refer to.
 

*The storm, which reached a peak on Thursday night, is reckoned to be one of the worst to hit the state in living memory. By Friday **it** had died down and mopping up operations had begun.*

‘it’ refers to \_\_\_\_\_

*Another victim of the storm was a pickup truck which had been overturned as **it** tried to dump its load. It is thought the driver was trying to close the gap in the sea wall.*

'it' refers to \_\_\_\_\_

*Work has begun on repairing the wall temporarily. According to one Abu Dhabi official, **this** should be strong enough to prevent serious damage in the event of another storm.*

'this' refers to \_\_\_\_\_

### **UAE storms leave trail of damage (page 26) (FK13.0)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: impassable, lashed, localized, uprooted, widespread, waterlogged.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What was the strongest recorded gust of wind at Dubai Airport?
  - b. How many mm of rain fell in Dubai during January and February 1975? 3. How many mm of rain fell in Dubai during January and February 1976?
  - c. Was this storm the most severe storm the Emirate has ever experienced?
3. Winds speed is measured in knots, and 1 knot equals 1.852km. What is 40 knots in km/h?
4. A gale is a very strong wind. Do your own research to find out what range of wind speeds is considered a gale in the UAE?
5. Think about the strongest winds you have seen or experienced. Describe what damage they caused.

### **Tidal wave hits RAK, RAK builds barriers against tidal waves (page 27)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: unprecedented, engaged in, whipped, breakwater, eastern.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What mitigation measures were built to reduce the impact of future tidal waves?
  - b. Was anyone injured in the incident?
  - c. In what other ways were people affected by the tidal wave?
3. The first article says that rescue units "were engaged in filling swamps and low areas." What do we mean when we say a person:
  - a. "is engaged to someone"?
  - b. "was engaged to complete a project"?

### **Tidal waves lash Fujairah (page 28)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them – lashed, foodstuffs, inundated, aid.
2. The verb "to execute" can have two different meanings. One meaning is to kill someone, usually because they have been found guilty of a crime. What is the meaning of the word "execution" in this article?
3. Write a sentence that illustrates both meanings of the verb "to execute".
4. *Several roads in the two towns were inundated and the roads linking them were cut off.* What does the word "them" refer to in this sentence? What does it mean to say that the roads were "cut off"?

### Two die as floods sweep Emirates (page 28)

1. Does the article say that anyone was definitely killed by the floods? Why does the journalist use the words “believed killed” and “believed drowned”?
2. Do you think newspapers should report news stories if they can’t prove that they are true?
3. The article uses the words “sweep” and “swept” to describe something that moves quickly and pushes other things in front of it. What do you think the following phrases mean:
  - “His passion swept away all their objections.”
  - “The government made sweeping changes to national security policy.”

## 3.2 Man-made (technological) hazards

### Dubai dries up as the water supply is reduced (page 30) (FK 13.3)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: shortage, fracture, out of action, unforeseen, stipulation, assumption.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What problems caused the water shortage in Dubai?
  - b. What volume of water per person are landlords required to provide in cases of loss of water supplies?
3. Identify a word or phrase which means the opposite of each of the following words: shortage, unforeseen, total, confident.

### Fire blacks out Dubai (page 31) (FK12.0)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: sweated, switchgear, bulk, to contain, by-pass, condemned, black-outs, stand-by, consignees, cold store.
2. *It took firemen three hours to contain the blaze.* To contain in this sentence means to control or to limit. You can use this verb in other contexts. Write a sentence for each of the two examples below:
  - a. To contain your anger
  - b. To contain a riot
3. The fire affected various parts of Dubai differently. How were each of the three places in Dubai impacted by the fire and subsequent power cuts? Write **SA** for **Somewhat Affected**, **U** for **Unaffected**, and **A** for **Affected**.
  - Diera side of Dubai Creek \_\_\_\_\_
  - Dubai Airport \_\_\_\_\_
  - Dubai Port \_\_\_\_\_
4. Complete the table below by writing in the correct number and unit (for example, minutes or megawatts) for each item.

Item	Number & unit
Number of units affected by fire	
Time needed to control the fire	
Number of refrigerated containers at the port	
Power Station Capacity of Deira Steam Station	
Number of units in switchgear house	

Amount of power needed for Dubai in the summer time	
Maximum time port containers can last without electricity	
Cost of damage	
Capacity of the Port Power Station	
Capacity of Deira Steam Station	

**Three die in tragic helicopter accident (page 33) (FK 9.6)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: in full view, virtually, on secondment, rehearsal, taking the salute, eye witness, plummeted, breathtakingly close, stampede, agonising.
2. Tell the story of the crash from the point of view of the pilot’s wife who is mentioned in the second-to-last paragraph of the article.
3. Refer to the article and complete the following accident report.

Item	Answer
Location of crash	
Type of aircraft (s)	
Cause of crash	
Purpose of flight	
Weather conditions	
Number of people involved in the crash	
Nationality of crew and passengers	
Survivors	

**Helicopter crash rescue bid (page 34) (FK 9.1)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: collided, training mission, commemorating, rescue bid, unconscious, stripped, halved, missile.
2. This article gives some more detail about the accident described in the previous article, but some of the details are different in the two stories. Can you identify some differences between the two stories?
3. Sometimes people who try to rescue others can die or be injured themselves. What would you have done if you have been standing at the railing on the Corniche that day? Would you have dived in to rescue the pilots? Why? Why not?

**Four safe as plane crashes (page 35) (FK12.8)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them – crash-landed, mineral survey, slithered, fuselage, skin (of the plane), personnel, unserviceable, seismographic equipment, to sustain injuries.
2. If a plane were to crash-land on a Ras Al Khaimah road tomorrow, do you think anyone would be killed or injured? Why or why not?
3. Refer to the text, and complete the following accident report for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> plane crash.

Item	Answer
Location of crash	
Type of aircraft (s)	
Cause of crash	
Purpose of flight	
Equipment on board	
Damage to plane	
Was the aircraft serviceable for future use?	
Number of people on board	
Nationality of crew and passengers	
Descriptions of injuries	

### **One killed in Dubai plane crash (page 36) (FK 10.7)**

1. Describe this crash from the point of view of one of the surviving parachutists.

### **Transmission may have caused crash (page 38) (FK 9.4)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: perished, was recovered, on charter.
2. What new information does this article give you about the helicopter crash described on the previous pages?
3. Write a letter to the family of A. W. Newton to inform them that his body has been recovered from the sea.

### **Tragic Dubai bridge death (page 42) (FK 12.8); Second victim (page 43) (FK 14.6); Death-crash barriers (page 43) (FK 17.0)**

1. Put the events from the Norwegian's accident into the correct order. Use A for the first event, B for the second, and so on.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Police arrived at the scene of the accident.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Cutlass Supreme plunged into Dubai Creek.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Jenssen climbed out of the car and onto the bridge.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Jenssen and his wife were driving home from a party in Dubai.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Jenssen and his family arrived in the UAE.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ One of the tyres blew out in Mr. Jenssen's car.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Jenssen drank some alcohol.
2. How did the accident with the Lebanese driver occur?
3. The response to these two accidents was the construction of crash barriers. What other methods would you recommend for preventing accidents such as these?

### Why the innocent suffer (page 44) (FK 12.5)

1. This article contains a lot of legal terminology. Check how well you understand the terms by replacing the bold words from the passage with words below.

**deaths**      **obligatory**      **legal**      **payments**      **complex**  
**particular**      **examples**      **responsible**      **united**      **prohibited**

- a. At the time of writing, some Emirates already have **compulsory** car insurance.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. “We would prefer **unified** action on this,” one official is quoted as saying.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Some car owners try to avoid paying high **premiums**. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. There are **certain** exceptions to the car insurance company’s liability towards third persons. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. There are a number of cases in which the insurance company is not **liable**.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Some people strongly believe family members should not be **excluded** from third party insurance. \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Another aspect of insurance relates to serious injuries involving **fatalities**.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - h. **Judicial** precedents have made the DH 16,000 a matter of practice. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Judicial **precedents** have made the DH 16,000 a matter of practice. \_\_\_\_\_
  - j. Newer companies are beginning to develop more **elaborate** forms of insurance coverage. \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the article, will the insurance company cover third party claims in the following situations?
- a. The insured car is being driven by the owner’s son when it is involved in an accident.
  - b. The insured car is being driven by the owner when it is involved in a crash.
  - c. The insured car is being driven by the owner’s driver when it has an accident.

### Splash! (page 53) (FK 11.2)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: washed onto, savage, dragged, fouled.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Describe how each boat got into trouble.
  - b. How many crew were there in total, on the two boats?
  - c. How did the crew get onto the shore?

### Skipper lost after barge goes down (page 55) (FK 10.4)

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: went down, in succession, foundered, whisked, extensive, winched, transferred.
2. Describe the three incidents at sea in your own words.
3. You may know the word “operation” in the medical sense, for example when a person has an operation in a hospital to fix a problem with their heart. Look at the words “operation”, “operations” and “operated” in the following phrases from the article and discuss what these words mean in this context:
  - I. *...in a helicopter operation that took less than an hour last Wednesday.*
  - II. *...until the tug Ribab arrived from Dubai to take charge of operations.*
  - III. *The Larkspur, operated by Bahrain Fishing Company...*

4. Complete the table below to document the three SOS calls that were made in a 24-hour period during stormy seas in the Gulf. Some of the information has already been entered for you.

Name of Ship	Origin of Ship	Nature of SOS	Rescue Transport	Number of Crew Members	Fatalities
Alamin		Ship sinking		10 plus captain	
		Sick sailor needing hospital	RAF helicopter	Unknown	
	Bahrain				None

### Rescue drama in Gulf (page 56) (FK 9.1)

- The rescue operation for the sinking dhow was in two stages. Look at the events below and put them into the table, in either Stage 1 or Stage 2, and in the correct chronological order.
  - The Gwen arrives at the well-platform.
  - The Gwen ties up to the well-platform.
  - The Gwen lands at Das Island.
  - An SOS is sent out from the dhow.
  - Two people are moved onto Al Ghaffey.
  - 48 people are moved from the dhow onto the Gwen.
  - 20 people are moved from the well-platform onto the Gwen.

Stage 1 of the rescue operation	Stage 2 of the rescue operation

### Gas danger in Dubai oil crisis (page 60) (FK 11.8)

- Answer the following questions:
  - According to this text which solution/s may be possible?
    - Drilling additional directional well to tap the rogue well.
    - Using gas masks.
    - Setting fire to escaping gas.
  - What are the dangers associated with using gas?
  - Which occupations involve potential exposure to toxic gases?
- Do you use gas in your home? What steps could you take to make it safer to use gas in your home?
- Read the article and complete the accident incident form. Some of the details have already been entered.

Item	Information
Date of incident	19 July 1973
Nature of incident	
Operated by	Dubai Petroleum (DPC), subsidiary of

Item	Information
	Continental Oil and Gas
Location	
Daily production	280,000 barrels
Immediate Action taken	1. 2.
Potential impact on wider environment	
Potential impact to intermediate environment	Jumeirah residents affected by the odious hydrogen sulphide smells
On-going action	1. Bristow Helicopters
Estimate data for resumption of pumping	unsure

### Blow out mystery (page 62) (FK 10.9)

- Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: extinction, relief, rogue, fizzled out, permitted, abandoned, unconfirmed, disintegrate, collapse, capsized, coma, armada, extinguish.
- Read the article. Look at the random list of events which occurred. Organize these events into a chronological sequence (from 1 to 10). The first one has been done for you.

Sequence	Event
	Seventeen crew members are seriously injured as rig collapses.
	25 hours after rig collapse, oil well blow-out is mysteriously extinguished.
	Body of drowned Canadian tool pusher found after rig capsizes.
	Drilling ship Wadeco breaks anchors in severe storm and starts to drift towards the Fatah rigs.
	Majority of Kent crew escape on tug boats or jump into the sea.
	Damaged drilling ship Wadeco is towed to Dubai for repairs.
1	Preparations for the 6th attempt to plug Fatah rogue wells begins.
	Wadeco crashes into Kent rig causing legs to disintegrate.
	Wells to be permanently sealed and abandoned as soon as weather permits.
	Helicopters and boats pick up survivors from the water.

- This story had a tragic twist and a mysterious ending.
  - What do you think could have been done (if anything) to avoid this maritime accident?
  - Why do you think the blowout extinguished itself?
- What are the risks arising from well fires?
- What is the potential environmental impact of oil well accidents?
- In 1975, many attempts were made to extinguish blow outs at two Fatah oil wells which were burning off the shores of Dubai. What solutions do you think were attempted?

### Blow out failure (page 63) (FK 10.0)

**Note:** The article “Blow out attempt fails” on page 60 is also relevant to these questions.

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them: directional, worsening, unfounded, stricken, prior to, previous, ignited, precautionary.
2. Which of the following solutions have now been attempted?
  - a. Pumping in barrels of mud
  - b. Pumping in oil and gas
  - c. Pumping in sea water
  - d. Drilling additional wells close by
3. How many barrels of oil are still being produced by the Fatah field during this crisis?
  - a. 280,000
  - b. 290,000
  - c. Over 250,000
  - d. None
4. The article starts with the words “Another attempt to kill the gas blow out in Dubai’s Fatah oilfield...” Clearly a gas blow out is not alive, so you can’t actually kill it.
  - a. What do you think the verb “kill” means in this sentence?
  - b. What do you think it means in the sentence “I told him to kill the noise.”

### Labourers die in gas horror (page 64) (FK 9.1)

1. Read the article. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter, quickly on the scene, questioning witnesses and making notes. Your notes are below but they are not in order. Re-organize them into a chronological sequence of events by putting the numbers 1 to 10 against each note
  - a. Three workers arrive at pumping station to clear pump.
  - b. Bodies taken to Rashid hospital.
  - c. Second man enters hole to assist workmate but slips.
  - d. Third man telephones for help, is then overcome by shock and taken to hospital.
  - e. Fire tender sucks out water revealing the body of the second man.
  - f. Civil Defence Officer and Corporal enter shaft and drag out one body.
  - g. Civil Defence Officer notices only one man in the manhole.
  - h. Blockage reported.
  - i. Water begins to rise up the manhole shaft.
  - j. One man enters hole, clears blockage but is overcome by dizziness before he can exit.
2. Complete the accident incident form below. Some of the details have already been entered

Item	Information
Date of accident	3 October 1977
Accident	
Safety infringements	1. Air in manhole not tested for toxic gas 2. 3.
Services involvement	1. Civil Defence Officer and Corporal present 2.

3. Match the words on the left with a partner from the list below to make a common collocation found in the article. For example, high + risk = high risk.

**risk    officer    harness    by shock    tender    fumes    team    apparatus**

overcome \_\_\_\_\_

potential \_\_\_\_\_

toxic \_\_\_\_\_

breathing \_\_\_\_\_

rope \_\_\_\_\_

rescue \_\_\_\_\_

civil defence \_\_\_\_\_

fire \_\_\_\_\_

4. What, if anything, do you think could have been done to prevent these deaths?
5. Do you know of any similar accidents where someone went to help but also became a victim?

### Death at breakfast time (page 70) (FK 8.1)

1. A series of unfortunate circumstances and events led to the deaths of seven people and serious injury to several more. Read the article and fill in the table below by describing the outcome, result or effect of each cause.

Cause	Outcome/Result/Effect
No fire doors in the Omar Khayam hotel	
No fire escapes or secondary means of escape	
Stairs constructed of artificial wood	
People on balcony are surrounded by flames	
Chief fire officer Ted Gibbs gives orders (in English) for his firemen to evacuate balcony	
Receptionist Sakr Jarrah, returns to the building to rescue an injured victim	
Fawzi Shalabi breaks his spine while jumping from balcony	
Omar Salameh, son of the hotel owner, goes to the 7th floor to rescue trapped guests	

2. As a result of this accident, what fire prevention requirements were recommended to prevent similar accidents in the future? Complete the table by listing all the safety measures discussed in the article.

Asset	Safety Measures
Buildings	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.

Asset	Safety Measures
	8.
Residential homes	
Shops	

3. What will be the punishments given for infringements of the fire prevention byelaws? Fill in the table below.

Infringement	Punishments
No fire alarm	1. 2.
Selling flammable articles without extinguishers on premises	
Building a roof extension without permission	1. 2.

- Who do you think are the heroes of this tragic accident?
- What, if anything, do you think could have been done to prevent these deaths and injuries?
- Do you know of any similar accidents where someone went to help but also became a victim?
- Do you think that the proposed regulations will stop fires like these happening again?

### 3.3 Man-made (malicious) threats

#### Hijacked plane in Aden (page 82) (FK 10.9)

- This hijacking was linked to a kidnapping and involved many people and groups of people. Match the names of the people with the roles they played in these incidents.

Names	Roles
Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid	Palestinians being held in Turkish Jails
Hans Martin Schleyer	West German industrialist kidnapped on Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> 1977
Palestinian Liberation Group (PLO)	West German Chancellor who received ultimatum from the hijackers
Andreeas Baader	Imprisoned West German guerrilla leader of the Baader-Meinhof group
Ibrahim Murad	Defense Minister of UAE, main negotiator
Helmut Schmidt	Tells Reuters that there are no Palestinian

	political prisoners in West German jails
Denis Payot	Linked to Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla group who kidnapped Schleyer
Red Army	Swiss lawyer acting as an intermediary between kidnappers and the West German government
Hans Joachim Neuman	West German ambassador to the UAE involved in negotiations

### Dubai's five hijack dramas (page 87) (FK 14.0)

1. Match the following phrases from the article with a phrase on the right of similar meaning. The first has been done for you:

	Phrase	Similar Meaning	No.
1	Urban guerrilla	Someone who takes part in official discussions, especially in business or politics, in order to try and reach an agreement	
2	Hostage	Soldier specially trained for carrying out raids	
3	Terrorist group	A person who has been badly affected by, killed or injured in a war or accident.	
4	Give an ultimatum	Someone who suffers as a result of a particular event or situation	
5	Air piracy	Sum of money demanded in order to release people being held prisoner	
6	Political prisoners	Refuge or safety from danger	
7	Victim	A group which uses violent means to further their political objectives	
8	Negotiator	People jailed because of their political beliefs	
9	Extremist	A final, uncompromising demand which must be met immediately or will lead to serious consequences	
10	A ransom	A member of an underground (illegal) political group engaged in terrorism or violence in urban areas	1
11	Casualty	Someone who has extreme political opinions and aims, and is willing to do illegal things in order to achieve them	
12	Sanctuary	A person being held captive	
13	Commando	Hijacking an aircraft	

2. Complete the table below with the details of the four hijackings. Some answers have been filled in already for you.

Details	July 1973	December 1973	November 1974	July 1977
<b>Aircraft</b>	Japan's Boeing 747	KLM 747	BA super VC10	Gulf Air VC10
<b>Flight path</b>	Amsterdam to Tokyo	Beirut to New Delhi		London to Oman

Details	July 1973	December 1973	November 1974	July 1977
<b>Hijackers</b>	Japanese Guerrillas	Organization of National Arab Youth for the Liberation of Palestine		
<b>Number of hostages</b>				64
<b>Hijackers' demands</b>	Release of Koza Okamoto		The release of 15 Palestinian commandos held in Egyptian and Dutch prisons	
<b>Outcome</b>	Passengers released. Plane blown up in Libya.		Guerrillas surrender	

### Assassin executed (page 91)

- Imagine you are an investigative newspaper reporter, quickly on the scene, questioning witnesses and making the following random notes. Put your notes into the chronological sequence reported. The first one has been done for you.

Notes	Order
Gunman takes several airport workers hostage.	
Syrian Minister Abdul Halim Khadam flies to Damascus.	
Security forces seal off all of Abu Dhabi island and mount roadblocks.	
Ghobash is fatally wounded by several bullets to the shoulder and stomach.	
Funeral of Saif Ghobash is held.	
Gunman is captured.	
Saif Ghobash, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, arrives at Abu Dhabi airport to bid farewell to Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Abdul Halim Khadam.	1
Seven days of official mourning are announced.	
Saif Ghobash is declared dead in Abu Dhabi military hospital.	
Abu Dhabi airport is closed and sealed off by troops for several hours.	

- Complete the accident incident form below. Some of the details have already been entered.

Item	Information
Date of Incident	25 October 1977
Location	
Nature of incident	
Name of victim/s	
Nationality of victim	UAE national

Item	Information
Civil Defence action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assassin arrested and being held for interrogation in Abu Dhabi Police Headquarters</li> <li>2. Temporary _____ of Abu Dhabi Airport</li> <li>3. Sealing off _____ with roadblocks</li> <li>4. Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese nationals not allowed to leave</li> </ol>

3. When newsworthy incidents occur, they are often reported before there is time to confirm details, or to conduct full investigations into the circumstances. For this reason, when evidence is unclear, newspapers can use language which shows they are reporting claims rather than stating facts, or report different versions of events or quote their sources. Answer the following questions about this article:
- a. Which group claimed responsibility for the attempted assassination of Khaddam?
  - b. The official version of the arrest was that a lone policeman persuaded the gunman to surrender after being refused access to the plane. What alternative version of the arrest of the gunman is given in the article?
  - c. How was the name of the assassin identified?
  - d. What details (if any) do you think are missing from the account of the assassinations?

### Mystery of the ship that died by sabotage (page 92) (FK 10.6)

1. On the 7th April 1961, a ship sank off the shores of Umm Al Quwain with dreadful consequences. Answer the following questions about the article:
  - a. Why do you think the title of the article includes the word “mystery”?
  - b. What do you think happened to the ship?
2. Look at the list of events which occurred and organize these events into a chronological sequence (1-10). The first one has been done for you.

Order	Events
	As damage is only superficial, the captain decides to remain at sea and ride out the storm.
	Sabotage using 15-25lb of explosives, planted by persons unknown, is suspected.
	A Royal Navy vessel arrives and attempts to tow the Dara near to shore.
1	April 7, MV Dara lies near Dubai port in a thunderstorm.
	Many people take to the water to escape the flames.
	The Dara rolls over and sinks in 60 feet of water.
	A nearby cement boat drags anchor in the storm and collides with MV Dara.
	An enquiry finds no one negligent or guilty of breaking safety regulations.
	Soon after 4.30 am on April 8, a violent explosion near the engine room rocks the ship.
	In a very short time, fire destroys much of the ship’s centre.

3. Complete the summary table using the information from the articles. Some of the information has already been entered for you.

Item	Information
Name of ship	MV Data
Type of vessel	
Owners	
Tonnage	
Number on board	
Location of incident	Gulf waters between Abu Musa and Dubai
Date and time of incident	
Nature of incident	
Outcome	Centre of ship is destroyed by fire. Dara rolls and sinks while being towed to shore by Royal Navy ship Empire Guillemot.
Number of casualties	

### Iran lands on the Tumbs (page 94) (FK 11.3)

1. Fill in the summary in this timeline with words from the newspaper article.

Monday Nov 29	Tuesday Nov 30	Wednesday Dec 1	Thursday Dec 2
Shaikh Khalid of Sharjah announced the terms of a _____ agreement with Iran	Iran troops arrived on Abu Musa and were _____ by the Shaikh Saqr bin Mohamed of Sharjah.	The eviction of the residents of the Tumbs set off anti-Iran _____ in Ras al Khaimah. Iranian banks and a _____ were set on fire	Demonstrators protested in _____ in Dubai.
Sharjah would have _____ control; and Iran would maintain a _____	Iran troops landed by helicopter on the _____ and killed four policemen and _____ the inhabitants of the two islands.	Shaikh Saqr bin Mohamed al Qasimi of Ras al Khaimah asked the citizens to remain _____.	The _____ events for the UAE's first National Day had to be cancelled.
Oil _____ would be shared Sharjah and Iran.	In Sharjah Shaikh Saqr bin Mohamed was shot at by an unknown _____. There were also a few minor _____ in Sharjah.	Shaikh Saqr bin Mohamed al Qasimi, _____ that the agreement pertained to the Tumbs and he _____ these islands.	

2. Answer the following questions:
- How have these events affected the United Arab Emirates as a union and a nation?
  - How have these events affected the United Arab Emirates as a member of the global community?

### Agreement reached on border crisis (page 96) (FK 14.7)

1. Use the following vocabulary from the newspaper article to complete the summary of the article.

announced	interior	withdraw	route
breached	pave	available	security
communiqué	pledged	prominence	area
crisis	revived	finally	stability
disputed	sentiment	co-operation	echoed
solidarity	contributed	era	standstill
foundation	expelled	starved	territory
involved	initialled	unchartered	residence

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of peace between Saudi Arabia and the UAE over their \_\_\_\_\_ borders. The \_\_\_\_\_ was that the agreement would \_\_\_\_\_ the way to an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ between the two nations. The agreement covered a vast \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ territory. In 1869, Saudi Amirs were \_\_\_\_\_ from the area. However, in 1949, the Saudis had \_\_\_\_\_ a claim to the region, and this \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_, with each nation claiming that the other had \_\_\_\_\_ the agreement. The full text of the current agreement is not yet \_\_\_\_\_, but it is understood that Saudi Arabia has \_\_\_\_\_ to withdraw claims to the \_\_\_\_\_ in exchange for a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gulf.

**Strike smashed (page 98) (FK 8.7)**

1. Complete the table below using the information in the article.

Item	Information
Periods of demonstration	
Reason for/cause of demonstrations	
Number of people striking	
Outcome/effect	

**Ras Al Khaimah demo: two killed**

1. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Where did the information come from?
  - b. Who was directly quoted in the article?
  - c. What information is missing from the article?

**Hormuz hijack threat (page 108) (FK 8.5)**

1. Read the article. Complete the sentences below using numbers from the boxes below.

300	200	20	14	10	4	3
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- a. Around \_\_\_\_\_ ships each day navigate the Strait of Hormuz.
- b. This narrow channel is \_\_\_\_\_ miles long and \_\_\_\_\_ feet in depth.
- c. Shipping agencies organize crew changes \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ times each day.
- d. A small tanker is an attractive target to hijackers as it is worth around \_\_\_\_\_ million US dollars.
- e. With its oil cargo, these tankers are worth over \_\_\_\_\_ million US dollars.

2. Complete the summary using words from the boxes below.

Suspicious	Tip off	Threats	Ploy	Security	To ransom
Danger	Seize control	In distress	Warnings	Guerillas	Dynamite

Acting on a \_\_\_\_\_, a warning has been issued about potential hijack \_\_\_\_\_ to shipping navigating through the narrow Strait of Hormuz. All captains have received these \_\_\_\_\_ and advised to tighten up \_\_\_\_\_ and be on guard against any \_\_\_\_\_ movements. The \_\_\_\_\_ lies in hijackers attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ of tankers and their oil cargo, and hold the ships \_\_\_\_\_. One \_\_\_\_\_ used involves posing as a ship \_\_\_\_\_ then coming alongside claiming to be packed with \_\_\_\_\_ in order to board the tanker. Another technique involves \_\_\_\_\_ hijacking a relief launch, then posing as the relief crews in order to take control of the tanker.

**Clerk robs own bank in UAE murder (page 110) (FK 11.9)**

1. What kind of security measures would you expect in a bank to prevent armed robbery?
2. Look at the list of events from the article below. Put them in the correct chronological order. The first one has been done for you.

Order	Events
	M. Rashid refuses.
	Accountant and cashier lock themselves in treasury room.
	Al-Badareen tells MR not to open blinds.
	Staff held captive for ten minutes.
	Detective Inspector Ebrahim Ali Jafia, already wounded, breaks into the bank.
	Mr Vargis shot in the hand.
	M. Rashid shot four times and is killed.
	Police storm the bank.
	Raider fires and wounds DI Ali Jafia again.
	Four clerks in another room try to call the police.
	Mr. George hit in the shoulder.
	Al-Badareen shoots himself twice in the chest.
	Al-Badareen draws .22.pistol.
	M. Rashid is shot in the chest.
1	Al-Badareen enters bank and walks around.
	Accountant and cashier lock themselves in treasury room.
	Mr. George hit in the shoulder.

3. In this article there are many actions leading to reactions and results. Draw a line to match the sentences to show the result of effect of each action.

Action
Mohammed Rashid is shot and killed.
Only 15 police able to attend scene at judge's house.
Armed townspeople gather at Judge Al-Badareen's house.
Commandant of Sharjah Police arrives.
Judge sustains injuries to head and leg.
Emergency squadron seals off Khor Fakhan.

Result/Effect
Public Prosecutor and 2 CID officers arrive from Sharjah by helicopter.
Victim is taken to Sharjah's military hospital.
Streets are deserted.
Judge is severely beaten.
He negotiates with the group of armed townspeople.
Townspeople hear the news and come together.

### Bandits In Dh 200,000 Dubai Robbery (page 112) (FK 12.8)

1. Complete the summary below with information from the article.

Item	Information
Date, time and location of robbery	
Method of entry to store	
Number and type of items stolen	536
Escape route	Back through the hole in the wall

2. Put the words below into the correct column

**Appealed**      **Adjoining**      **Concrete**      **Assumption**  
**Daring**      **Crawl**      **Inform**      **Discovered**  
**Premises**      **Modern**      **Undisturbed**      **Undetected**

Thieves	Police	Building

**'Hippies' in ban swindle (page 118) (FK 13.0)**

- Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them – swindle, falsified, alleged, duly, despatched, certified, bills of lading, hippies, to save face.
- Answer the following questions:
  - Name the three men that were arrested.
  - Why does one man have two names?
  - Why is it a mystery how the swindle actually happened?
  - How much money may be involved?
- International trade has made use of banks and letters of credit for hundreds of years. In the news story above something went wrong with the system. Use the information from the article to fill in the table below.

Person	Name
Consignee	
Consignor	

**Cargo of shame (page 122) (FK 11.9)**

- From the following table, select the person who made each of the statements below.

a. A fruit seller from Waziristan	f. A member of the crew
b. A survivor	g. Mina Gul
c. deputy commissioner at Turbat	h. The mother with the 3-month old child
d. Qatar Bakhsh	i. A UAE official
e. The captain of the launch	j. A Fujairah policeman

- \_\_\_\_\_ It was like slave trade.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You can make it big in Dubai. Life is good there!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please, I don't want food for myself, please just a little water for the baby.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We have to get this man overboard. He is sick and will infect all the others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I did not know anything. They told me that the boat was going to the next village for a wedding.
- \_\_\_\_\_ What did I know?
- \_\_\_\_\_ This water will cost you 12 rupees today. Tomorrow it might be 20.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Animals would have been treated better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We think 90 people are still hiding in the mountains near where they landed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We thought we would celebrate Ramadan in the UAE. The authorities in Turbat knew what was happening. They were paid off by the smugglers to keep quiet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We had no toilet. Anybody who got sick was thrown overboard.

**UAE clamp down on drugs (page 128) (FK 10.1)**

1. Look up the following terms and make sure you understand them – tightening up, sky-high, narcotics, noticeable, principally, peak physical condition, to combat, addict, rehabilitation.
2. What do the following statistics in the article refer to?

Statistic	Explanation
56	
12	
5-8	
28	
5	

3. Answer the following questions:
  - a. The article says that the police are “closing their nets” on drug sellers. What does this expression mean in the context of this article? This expression is a metaphor – what industry do you think it comes from?
  - b. What are the effects of heroin, if taken for a period of several years?
  - c. What are the effects of methadone on a heroin addict?
4. In your opinion, what might the social effects of heroin addiction be?
5. What policies are in place today to prevent drug smuggling?
6. What are the jail sentences today for smuggling, selling and possession of various drugs?
7. What treatments are available to drug addicts today?

**Rapist gets 100 lashes (page 133) (FK 10.8)**

1. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What was the crime committed in this case?
  - a. What was the sentence passed on the criminal?
  - b. What part of the sentence was carried out publicly?
  - c. Why was that part of the sentence carried out publicly?
2. Find out when the last public flogging happened in the Emirates. Find out what crime the person who was flogged had committed.

**Two die after vicious rooftop struggle (page 134) (FK 6.4)**

1. This story involves several stages leading to the two deaths. Put a tick in the appropriate column in the table below to identify who did what.

Statement	Zafar Iqbal	Mohammed Ijaz Mohammed
Made fun of the other man.	√	
Thought he was going to die.		
Waited in the building on Wednesday.		
Was armed with a knife.		
Stabbed the other man in the belly.		

Followed his assailant to the 12th floor.		
Pushed the other man off the roof.		
Died an hour later in hospital.		
Died on arrival at hospital.		

### 14 year sentences (page 135) (FK 9.4)

1. Fill out the two police incident report forms below, one for the husband and one for the wife.
  - a. Husband

Item	Information
Name of victim	
Nationality	
Age	
Location of incident	
Nature of incident	
Injuries	
Police response to incident	

- b. Wife

Item	Information
Name of victim	
Nationality	
Age	
Location of incident	
Nature of incident	
Injuries	
Police response to incident	

### Unknown gunmen kill army officer in Ras Al Khaimah (page137) (FK 10.0); Silence over machine-gun killing (page 137) (FK 11.0)

1. Read the two articles, and complete the police incident form below.

Item	Information.
Name of victim	
Age of victim	
Occupation	
Location of crime	
Nature of the crime	
Estimated time of death	

Weapons used	
Details of suspects	

- Imagine that you are in charge of the investigation into the killing of Captain Abdalla. How would you investigate what happened and who did it?

**Abominable fishgirl is a hoax (page 138) (FK 11.4)**

- Do the following statements agree with the information in the newspaper article? Answer **True, False** or **Not given**. (T/F/NG)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Kuwait Times reported that the body of the creature was not kept.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Gulf Mirror said that the Kuwait Times had the creature.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The photographer explained how he made the picture.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Al Ridha agreed that the UAE television authorities repeatedly showed the fantastic creature on the screens.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The photo was made in the Middle East.
- Have you ever been taken in by a hoax?
- Why would a hoax spread so quickly in the 1970s?
- How and why do rumours and hoaxes spread today?

**Flying saucer makes appearance in Dubai (page 142) (FK 10.7)**

- Work as a team. Partner A should fill in the table with information about the Dubai UFO. Partner B should fill in the table with information about the Kuwait UFO. Give many details as possible. Compare your information with others in the class.

Information required	UFO sightings	
	Partner A – Dubai UFO	Partner B – Kuwait UFO
Where		
When		
Who		
Shape		
Sounds		
Motion		
Path		
Impact on local communications		
Length of time observed		

- Do the following statements agree with the information in the article? Answer **True, False** or **Not given**. (T/F/NG)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Major Juma believed the reports of a UFO even before he saw the UFO.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The UFO flew over the Dubai World Trade Centre.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The UFO in Dubai appeared suddenly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Dubai sighting was picked up on the radar at the airport.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Firebugs were probably the cause of the UFO sighting in Dubai.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grenada is the only country that wants to prepare a plan for space visitors.
3. Have you or anyone you know ever seen an Unidentified Flying Object? If so, what did it look like?
  4. How does the popular media portray UFOs and aliens?
  5. Do you think that the world should prepare for a meeting with aliens from beyond our world?
  6. Do you think that UFOs should be considered a threat or an opportunity?
  7. What message would you give to a visitor from space?

### No sign of Michelle (page 152) (FK 10.6)

1. Do the following statements agree with the information in the newspaper article?  
Answer **True**, **False** or **Not given**. (T/F/NG)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Finch was last seen on December 10, 1977.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle's parents left her alone in the villa.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The other children on the beach were interrogated by the police.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ As of December 19th, the Abu Dhabi CID and neighbours gave up looking for Michelle.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The search for Michelle included questioning people in their homes and searching under the sea and from the air.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle was a student at Al Khubairat Community School.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Finch family have Indian friends.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle might have drowned.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Somebody saw Michelle with a suspicious man on the night of December 10.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle was the Finches' only daughter.

### Donkey bites off youngster's nose (page 155) (FK 9.7)

1. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Why should you pick up a severed limb or body part after an accident?
  - b. How long can the severed part survive and still be re-attached to the body?
2. The following events are a summary of the article in two parts; however, the events have been scrambled. Label them from first (1) to last (15).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Simon Canon was feeding her.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Canon family visited Schnecklerl in Jumairah.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ She nursed from her mother.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ She bit off his nose.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ He was taken to Rashid Hospital.
  - \_\_1\_\_ Schnecklerl was born.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The zoo solved this by giving her formula.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Her mother stopped giving milk.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The team at Rashid Hospital cleaned and cooled it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ After looking for two hours, he found the nose.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Then they reattached it to Simon's face.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Kazim told Simon's father that they needed Simon's nose.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The team at Rashed Hospital are waiting for news from them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Canon family flew to London.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He went back to find it.

### UAE snake plague problem (page 156) (FK 9.3)

1. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What caused the increase in the snake population?
  - b. Why do the snakes attack humans?
  - c. What did the article state as the first aid treatments for snakebites, and is this the current first aid advice?
2. What poisonous snakes are found in the UAE?
3. Have you ever seen a snake in the UAE? If so, where, when and what did you do?

### The hidden dangers that lurk below the Arabian Gulf (page 160) (FK 8.9)

1. What is the main purpose of this article?
  - a. To teach residents about the biology of certain Arabian Gulf sea creatures.
  - b. To tell residents what solutions to apply to sea snake bites.
  - c. To recommend first aid steps for common encounters with animals found in the Arabian Gulf.
  - d. To encourage the government to build more hospitals.
2. Select the correct answers. There could be one, two or three correct answers for each question.
  1. According to the articles sea snakes can be found in:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ the Indian Ocean
    - \_\_\_\_\_ the Arabian Gulf
    - \_\_\_\_\_ the Red Sea
    - \_\_\_\_\_ the Pacific Ocean
  2. A sea snake usually has:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ a flat tail
    - \_\_\_\_\_ a yellowish-green colour
    - \_\_\_\_\_ small fangs
    - \_\_\_\_\_ an occupational hazard for fishermen
  3. Dead sea snakes:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes wash up on a beach
    - \_\_\_\_\_ bite swimmers
    - \_\_\_\_\_ cause muscle pain in 30 – 60 minutes
  4. A good first aid measure for a sea snake bite includes:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ incision and suction
    - \_\_\_\_\_ telling the victim that people rarely die from sea snake bites
    - \_\_\_\_\_ cleaning and covering the bite
    - \_\_\_\_\_ tying a handkerchief tightly above the bite
  5. An example of a poisonous fish in the Arabian Gulf is:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ a coral reef

- \_\_\_\_\_ a Moray eel
- \_\_\_\_\_ a lion fish
- \_\_\_\_\_ a stone fish
- 6. An animal which might bite a person is:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a sea snake
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a Moray eel
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a stone fish
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a jelly fish
- 7. An animal which might sting a person is:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a sea snake
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a Moray eel
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a stone fish
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a jelly fish
- 8. According to the article, one way to stop the poison of a jelly fish’s stinger is:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ be stung by a ‘Portuguese-man-of-war’
  - \_\_\_\_\_ apply alcohol
  - \_\_\_\_\_ urinate on the stinger
  - \_\_\_\_\_ apply dry sand
- 9. When confronted, most sea creatures will usually try to:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ attack the man
  - \_\_\_\_\_ keep their distance from the man
  - \_\_\_\_\_ retreat from the man
  - \_\_\_\_\_ be provoked by the man

### 3.4 Biological hazards

#### Campaign to clean up fever grounds (page 174) (FK 10.3)

1. Use words from the article to fill in the table.

Campaign Problems	Control Measures	Breeding Places	Steps in Campaign
Difficulties telling where cases _____	Find the _____ areas	Water _____ just which are uncovered	Prepare _____
Oman has issues with size and _____ to be covered	Spay the above for _____ and _____ mosquitos	Still and _____ water	Attack and _____ of mosquitos
Difficulties identifying the _____ of infection	Residual spraying of _____	Badly maintained _____ plants and septic tanks	_____ of above efforts
People can easily cross _____	Biological control in Oman includes a fish called _____	Leaking showers	_____ of the programme