

Questions – Newsreel 15

Philippines devastated by Typhoon

1 A typhoon caused devastation in the Philippines

A have ☐

B has ☐

C had ☐

2 Hundreds of thousands of others have been left _____ .

3 It has been easy for international organisations to get basic supplies and medical help to the people worst affected?

True ☐

False ☐

4 What facts are in the story about Typhoon Haiyan?

Language lessons in Mandarin

1 Mandarin is a _____ language

2 How often is Mandarin taught in some primary schools in Australian?

3 What percentage of high school students choose to stop studying the subject?

A 75 percent ☐

B 85 percent ☐

C 95 percent ☐

4 Explain why politicians in Australia want to see more students study Mandarin.



Preparing for a lesson in Mandarin: Flickr/natalia love

Miami for team Beckham

1 Footballer David Beckham has chosen Miami as the _____
for a new soccer team he plans to set up.

2 Beckham spent six years in the US playing football for Miami.

True ☐

False ☐

3 Why did a previous attempt to set up a soccer club in Miami fail?

4 “Enough people know him as a great athlete and he’s very so a lot of women know him for that so I think he could do it.”

A attracted ☐

B attractive ☐

C attraction ☐



David Beckham being interviewed when playing in the US. Photo: Flickr/ramseymohsen

A new star for Star Wars

1 You can join the thousands of people who _____ to the first UK auditions for the new Star Wars film.

2 What is an ‘open’ audition?

3 Open auditions are being held in which two countries?

4 The director is looking for two talented teenage boys to star in the new film.

True ☐

False ☐

Translation time

1 Typhoon Haiyan was one of the most powerful storms on record.

2 A previous attempt to set up a soccer team in Miami failed.

Grammar grill

1 “But towns and cities have been torn down and it has been difficult getting basic supplies and medical help to the people worst *affected*.”

Effect/Affect – do you know the difference? Find out more and fill in the blanks below. Careful – if the word is used as a verb, ensure you use the right tense!

a). They discussed the of the law on children.

b.) The weather our mood.

c). Do not allow this incident to your decision.

d). My family’s opinion did not my decision to move to Sweden.

e). His speech my outlook on life.

f). The medicine had an immediate on my back pain.

g). The special in the movie were incredible.

h). Some experts think that video games children’s brains negatively.

2 British v US English

In the UK it's called football, in the US it's called soccer – American football is a different sport altogether! There are a number of words that are different in British and US English although they mean the same thing. Here's a selection – can you fill in the blanks?

British English

pavement

aubergine

sweets

wardrobe

US English

elevator

bangs (hair)

diaper

Now, can you think of any more?

10-minute discussion

As asked at the Star Wars open audition, what's your favourite film and why?

The big debate

Do young people today need to speak numerous languages in order to secure a job in the future?

Answers

Philippines devastated by Typhoon

1 B - has

2 homeless

3 false

4 Typhoon Haiyan was one of the most powerful storms on record. The winds got up to 235 kilometres per hour and the waves were as high as 15 metres.

Language lessons in Mandarin

1 Chinese

2 Once a week

3 C – 95 percent

4 Politicians in Australia see Asia – and China in particular – as important for the country's economic development. For business and cultural relations to develop in the future, the country must have a workforce that understands the Chinese language.

Miami for team Beckham

1 location

2 False

3 A previous attempt to set up a soccer team in Miami failed because very few people turned up to watch the games and the club lost money.

4 B - attractive

A new star for Star Wars

1 turned up

2 An open audition means anyone can come if they want a chance of being in the movie.

3 The UK and US

4 False

Translation time

1 Tyfonen Haiyan var en av de kraftigaste stormarna som uppmätts.

2 Ett tidigare försök att starta ett fotbollslag i Miami misslyckades.

Grammar grill

1 Affect/effect

- a). They discussed the effect of the law on children.
- b.) The weather affects our mood.
- c). Do not allow this incident to effect your decision.
- d). My family's opinion did not affect my decision to move to Brazil.
- e). His speech affected my outlook on life.
- f). The medicine had an immediate effect on my back pain.
- g). The special effects in the movie were incredible.
- h). Some experts think that video games affect children's brains negatively.

2 British v US English

British English

pavement
lift
aubergine
fringe
sweets
nappy
wardrobe

US English

sidewalk
elevator
eggplant
bangs (hair)
candy
diaper
closet