

## Reading Level 1: News Roundup

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Topics:** sport, economics, charity

### Learning points:

- vocabulary
- prepositions
- modal verbs: will, must, could, should
- regular and irregular verbs

1 Last night Chelsea won the Champions League Final. This was a football match between Bayern Munich and  
2 Chelsea. At the end of extra time, the score<sup>1</sup> was 1-1. Bayern lost on penalties<sup>2</sup>. The goalkeeper<sup>3</sup> Cech and  
3 the striker<sup>4</sup> Drogba were the two best Chelsea players. It was the first time that Chelsea won the Champions  
4 League.

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6 Yesterday the Olympic torch<sup>5</sup> started its journey around England. Before the Olympics in London in July, eight  
7 thousand people will carry the torch through over one thousand cities, towns and villages.

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9 The G8 summit<sup>6</sup> in Camp David ended yesterday. All the leaders<sup>7</sup> agreed<sup>8</sup> that growth<sup>9</sup> and jobs are  
10 important. The new French president will be happy with that.

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12 The G8 leaders also said that Greece should<sup>10</sup> stay in the eurozone. The next general election<sup>11</sup> in Greece  
13 could be a referendum on the Euro. But Greece must keep to<sup>12</sup> its austerity measures<sup>13</sup> to remain<sup>14</sup> in the  
14 eurozone.

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16 It was a bad weekend in Italy. On Saturday a bomb exploded outside a school in Brindisi, south Italy.  
17 One girl died and six were hurt<sup>15</sup>. Very early this morning, an earthquake<sup>16</sup> hit the north of Italy, near  
18 Bologna. At the moment, new reports<sup>17</sup> are saying that 6 people died.

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20 It was the 20<sup>th</sup> Life Ball in Vienna yesterday. This is one of the biggest charity events<sup>18</sup> in Europe. It is part of  
21 the fight<sup>19</sup> against<sup>20</sup> HIV/AIDS. In 2011 it raised<sup>21</sup> over €2 million. It is now a big international event for  
22 Austria.

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<sup>1</sup> score = Spielstand

<sup>2</sup> penalty = Elfmeter

<sup>3</sup> goalkeeper = Tormann

<sup>4</sup> striker = Stürmer

<sup>5</sup> torch = Fackel, Feuer

<sup>6</sup> summit = Gipfel

<sup>7</sup> leader = Führer

<sup>8</sup> to agree = zustimmen

<sup>9</sup> growth = Wachstum

<sup>10</sup> should = sollte

<sup>11</sup> general election = Parlamentswahlen

<sup>12</sup> to keep to = etw einhalten

<sup>13</sup> austerity measures = Sparprogramm

<sup>14</sup> to remain = bleiben

<sup>15</sup> hurt = verletzt

<sup>16</sup> earthquake = Erdbeben

<sup>17</sup> report = Bericht

<sup>18</sup> charity event = Benefizveranstaltung

<sup>19</sup> fight = Kampf

<sup>20</sup> against = gegen

<sup>21</sup> to raise money = Geld aufbringen / Spenden sammeln

## Level 1 questions

### Prepositions

1. Can you write the correct preposition (in / at / on / through / over / outside) in the gaps:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of extra time, ....
- b. Before the Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ London \_\_\_\_\_ July, ....
- c. ... 8,000 people will carry the torch \_\_\_\_\_ over 1,000 cities...
- d. The G8 summit \_\_\_\_\_ Camp David ended yesterday.
- e. Greece should stay \_\_\_\_\_ the eurozone. The next general election \_\_\_\_\_ Greece ...
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday a bomb exploded \_\_\_\_\_ a school \_\_\_\_\_ Brindisi
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 the Life Ball raised \_\_\_\_\_ €2 million

### Modal verbs: will, should, could, must

Modal verbs always keep the same form in English. They are similar to auxiliary verbs.

The main verb always follows the modal verb and always has the 1<sup>st</sup> form.

Modal verbs often express possibility in the future.

2. Can you order these, from the most fixed/certain to the least?

- a. The new French president **will be** happy.
- b. Greece **should stay** in the eurozone
- c. The next general election **could be** a referendum
- d. Greece **must keep** to its austerity measures

### Regular and irregular verbs

3. Can you give the three forms of these verbs:

- a. won (line 1)
- b. was/were (lines 1, 2, 3)
- c. started (line 6)
- d. carry (line 7)
- e. said (line 12)
- f. died (line 17)
- g. hit (line 17)
- h. raised (line 21)

**Level 1 answers**

1.
  - a. At the end of extra time, ....
  - b. Before the Olympics in London in July, ....
  - c. ... 8,000 people will carry the torch through over 1,000 cities...
  - d. The G8 summit in Camp David ended yesterday.
  - e. Greece should stay in the eurozone. The next general election in Greece ...
  - f. On Saturday a bomb exploded outside a school in Brindisi
  - g. In 2011 the Life Ball raised over €2 million
  
2. Here, the order is: will - must - should - could
  
3.
  - a. win - won - won
  - b. am/is/are - was/were - been
  - c. start - started - started
  - d. carry - carried - carried
  - e. say - said - said
  - f. die - died - died
  - g. hit - hit - hit
  - h. raise - raised - raised