

6.1 *Hot news!*

Aim: Practice scanning for information

Preparation: Make one copy of Worksheet 6.1 for every four Ss. Cut as indicated.

Comment: Use at the end of Unit 6, Lesson A.

- Ss work in groups of four. Give one set of the cut up news stories and one set of questions to each group. Explain that they will have five minutes to find the answers to the questions in the news stories.
- Give Ss time to decide on their strategies for finding the answers (e.g., making different people responsible for different questions or reading different stories).
- Stop the activity after five minutes and check answers. The group with the most correct answers wins.

Answers

1. He had a heart attack in a medical emergency training center.
2. set off
3. canine, puppy
4. They have the same first and last name, are less than a year apart, have the same eye color, are the same height, and have the same pets.
5. His dogs needed to be rewarded.
6. She used the flame of a disposable lighter.
7. paramedic
8. meet up
9. seeing-eye dog
10. She set off the fire alarm by lighting a disposable lighter.

- Ask Ss to comment on their strategies for finding the answers.

Jon Landen, who trains seeing-eye dogs in Oklahoma City, has recently created a special pizza for his dogs. It is made from special beef jerky and a wheat-free crust that's crunchy and dog friendly. "My animals have been training really hard these days. Being a seeing-eye dog is a tough job. So I thought my dogs needed a special treat," he said. Landen has found a local dog food company to manufacture the treat, called "Puppy Pizza." Needless to say, this great new food has become Oklahoma City's number one canine treat.

Firefighters have rescued restaurant worker Mona Zakin, a 25-year-old woman who spent several hours trapped inside a refrigerated storage room. Zakin was doing inventory in the room when another employee, not noticing that anyone was inside, closed the door, locked it, and went home for the night. Fortunately, when Zakin tried to get warm with the flame from a disposable lighter, she set off the fire alarm and was discovered by two members of the local fire department. Hospital officials have said that Zakin was lucky to be discovered when she was.

A helium balloon released by an almost-10-year-old Laura Buxton has been found 87 miles (140 kilometers) away by a 10-year-old girl with the same name. After attaching a note with her name and address to the balloon, Laura sent the balloon flying and then pretty much forgot about it. Though she had hoped someone would find it and contact her, she really didn't expect that anyone would – especially another girl named Laura Buxton. When this second Laura got in touch with the first Laura to say she'd found the balloon, they discovered that they not only have the same name but also the same eye color, height, and the same pets: a dog, a guinea pig, and a rabbit. The two girls soon made plans to meet up.

When 41-year-old Chuck Glenn collapsed Monday morning during his paramedic class, his classmates jumped right into action conducting CPR. Their quick action has saved his life. The excitement started around 9 A.M. Friday, when Glenn felt chest pains in a room full of paramedics preparing for a training session at a medical emergency training center. He insisted it was just heartburn, but his classmates worried that he was having a heart attack. Glenn protested but suddenly collapsed and stopped breathing. His classmates rushed to his rescue. Classmate Susan Turner explained, "Chuck's just lucky it happened here." Since the incident, Glenn has been recovering in Valley Hospital.

1. Why was Chuck Glenn so lucky?
2. Find an expression that means *to cause a loud noise to begin*.
3. What are two other words for *dog*?
4. What things do the two Laura Buxtons have in common?
5. Why did Jon Landen invent a special pizza for his dogs?
6. What did Mona Zakin do to keep warm?
7. Find a word that means *medical rescuer*.
8. Find another phrase that means *get together*.
9. Find another term for *dogs that help the blind*.
10. How was Mona Zakin discovered?