

# News on the Local Radio

Level: B1

A radio presenter reads the morning news for a small town. Listen to the three stories, then do the exercises.

*The audio for this activity is available online.*

## Reading text

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Good morning, and welcome to the Riverside local news at eight o'clock. I'm Anna Reed, and here are today's three main stories. It is a cool, cloudy morning in Riverside, so take a coat if you are going out.

First, the old stone bridge in the town centre will be closed for two weeks. The mayor said that workers have found cracks in the road. Police told residents that they should use the new road near the station. The repairs will start on Monday, and buses will also be moved. The mayor thanked drivers for being patient. The bridge is one of the oldest in the region, and thousands of people cross it every day.

Next, a small brown dog was found in the park yesterday evening. A woman who was walking there heard it crying under a bench. She took it home and gave it some water. She said that the dog looked tired and hungry. The animal shelter asked if anyone knew the owner. If you have lost a dog, please call the shelter before noon today.

Finally, the weekend market has been moved to the sports centre because of the weather. The woman in charge of the market told us that many stalls had been damaged by last night's storm. She said she wished the rain would stop, but the forecast says it will rain until Sunday. Visitors were asked to bring umbrellas. Stalls selling fruit, bread and flowers will be open as usual.

That is all for now. I'll be back at nine with the weather and traffic news.

## Glossary

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| <b>mayor</b>     | the person who leads a town or city                         |
| <b>cracks</b>    | thin lines where something is broken but still in one piece |
| <b>residents</b> | people who live in a place                                  |
| <b>repairs</b>   | work to make a broken thing good again                      |
| <b>shelter</b>   | a place where animals without a home can stay               |
| <b>owner</b>     | the person that something belongs to                        |
| <b>stalls</b>    | small tables or shops where people sell things at a market  |
| <b>forecast</b>  | a report that says what the weather will be like            |

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## Exercise 1: Listen and choose

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*Listening: online only.*

## Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer

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*Listen to the whole bulletin, then select the option that answers the question.*

1. Why will the stone bridge be closed?  
a) There is a festival   b) Workers found cracks in the road   c) There was a car accident
2. What did the woman say about the dog?  
a) It looked angry   b) It was very old   c) It looked tired and hungry
3. What does the animal shelter want people to do?  
a) Call if they have lost a dog   b) Bring food for the dogs   c) Visit the park on Sunday

### **Exercise 3: Right or wrong?**

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*Listen to the bulletin and decide whether each sentence is correct.*

4. The bridge will be closed for a month.   True / False
5. A woman found the dog in the park.   True / False
6. The weekend market will stay in its usual place.   True / False
7. The forecast says it will be dry on Saturday.   True / False

### **Exercise 4: Listen and write**

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*Listening: online only.*

# Answer key

## Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer

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1. b) Workers found cracks in the road
2. c) It looked tired and hungry
3. a) Call if they have lost a dog

## Exercise 3: Right or wrong?

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4. False
5. True
6. False
7. False

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