

O quadro desaparecido

Nível: B1

Nome: _____ Data: _____

Leia como Elena confere uma história surpreendente antes de publicá-la no jornal da sua cidade. Depois responda às perguntas.

Reading text

Elena helped write a small newspaper for her town every month. On Monday, a photograph of an empty wall appeared on a local news page. Its caption said that a valuable painting had disappeared from the art centre. Soon, people online were calling it a theft, but the caption offered no evidence. Elena's editor told her to check the story before repeating the claim. He said, "A photograph shows an empty wall, not the reason for it."

Elena called the art centre and spoke to Sam, the caretaker. Sam said that he had moved the painting to a safe room on Sunday. He told Elena that rain had entered through a window and damaged the wall. The painting itself was dry, and a repair team was coming the next day. Elena did not publish Sam's words immediately; she asked to see the painting. At the centre, Sam opened the safe room and showed her the canvas.

The painting was there, covered with clean cloth and away from the wet wall. Elena also spoke to its artist, Rosa, on the phone. Rosa said that she knew about the move and was pleased it had been protected. Elena took a new photograph and wrote down the time and place. She compared her notes with the first caption and found a missing fact. The old caption never said that the painting had been moved for safety.

That evening, Elena wrote a short report with Sam's and Rosa's comments. She explained that the painting was safe and the wall needed repairs. Her editor checked both names and dates before the report went online. The original news page then changed its caption and removed the theft claim. Elena was glad the painting was safe, but she also remembered the first rumour. Next time, she would ask for a second source before trusting a dramatic headline.

Glossary

caption	words printed under a picture	legenda de foto
theft	the act of taking something that belongs to another person	roubo
evidence	facts that help show what happened	provas
editor	a person who checks a newspaper before it is published	editor
caretaker	a person who looks after a building	zelador do prédio
canvas	the material used for a painting	tela
source	a person or record that gives information for a report	fonte
headline	the title of a news story	manchete

Exercício 1: Escolha a resposta correta

Leia a história e escolha a melhor resposta.

1. What did the first photograph show?
a) An empty wall b) A broken window c) The safe room
2. Why had Sam moved the painting?
a) To sell it b) To protect it from a wet wall c) To put it online
3. Who else confirmed that the painting was safe?
a) The photographer b) The repair team c) Rosa, the artist
4. What happened to the original news page?
a) It changed its caption b) It stopped publishing c) It printed a new painting

Exercício 2: Verdadeiro ou falso?

Decida se cada afirmação corresponde ao texto.

5. Elena's editor wanted her to verify the story before publishing it. **Verdadeiro / Falso**
6. Sam said the painting had become wet. **Verdadeiro / Falso**
7. The first caption explained the reason for the empty wall. **Verdadeiro / Falso**

Exercício 3: Complete a frase

Use uma palavra ou expressão da história.

8. Sam ___ Elena that rain had damaged the wall. (dizer algo a alguém)
9. Rosa ___ that she knew about the move. (comunicar palavras sem nomear o ouvinte)
10. Elena explained that the painting ___ safe. (forma de *is* no discurso indireto)

Exercício 4: Escute e escolha

Listening: online only.

Exercício 5: Escute e escreva

Listening: online only.

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Exercício 1: Escolha a resposta correta

1. a) An empty wall
2. b) To protect it from a wet wall
3. c) Rosa, the artist
4. a) It changed its caption

Exercício 2: Verdadeiro ou falso?

5. Verdadeiro
6. Falso
7. Falso

Exercício 3: Complete a frase

8. told
9. said
10. was

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