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Movie director killed in El Salvador

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Top French movie director Christian Poveda has been killed in El Salvador. He was shot on a road near the capital San Salvador. He was busy filming a new documentary. The filmmaker is famous for his 2008 movie "La Vida Loca", which means "The Crazy Life". The film is all about gangs and violence in El Salvador. Local police believe gang members killed him. They have arrested one man and are now questioning him. Poveda was just 53 years old. His first career was as a journalist. He covered El Salvador's 1980-1992 civil war.

People like Christian Poveda are very, very brave. They risk their lives every day to bring us stories about the world. It must be a scary job to report on wars and follow dangerous gangs. I guess it's also very exciting. You get to see so many things. It makes most of our lives look boring. I can't imagine how his family felt. They probably worried every time he went to work. I really hope someone makes a prize called the Christian Poveda Award. The winner is the bravest movie maker of the year.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. busy filming a | a. as a journalist |
| 2. famous for his | b. new documentary |
| 3. "La Vida Loca", which | c. civil war |
| 4. all about gangs | d. 2008 movie |
| 5. His first career was | e. and violence |
| 6. El Salvador's 1980-1992 | f. means "The Crazy Life" |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. They risk | a. job |
| 2. It must be a scary | b. makes a prize |
| 3. most of our lives | c. of the year |
| 4. They probably worried | d. their lives |
| 5. I really hope someone | e. every time |
| 6. the bravest movie maker | f. look boring |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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El Salvador. He was shot on a road near the capital San Salvador.
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famous for his 2008 movie "La Vida Loca", which means "The
Crazy Life". The _____ gangs and violence in El
Salvador. Local police believe gang members killed him. They
have _____ and are now questioning him. Poveda
was just 53 years old. His first _____ journalist. He
covered El Salvador's 1980-1992 civil war.

People like Christian Poveda are very, very brave. They
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MULTIPLE CHOICE

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(1) _____ French movie director Christian Poveda has been killed in El Salvador. He was (2) _____ on a road near the capital San Salvador. He was busy filming a new documentary. The filmmaker is famous for his 2008 movie "La Vida Loca", which (3) _____ "The Crazy Life". The film is all about gangs and violence in El Salvador. Local police believe gang members killed him. They have arrested one man and are (4) _____ questioning him. Poveda was just 53 years old. His first career was as a journalist. He covered El Salvador's 1980-1992 civil (5) _____.

People like Christian Poveda are very, very (6) _____. They risk their lives every day to bring us stories about the world. It must be a (7) _____ job to report on wars and follow dangerous gangs. I guess it's (8) _____ very exciting. You get to see so many things. It makes most of our lives look boring. I can't (9) _____ how his family felt. They probably worried every time he went to work. I really hope someone makes a prize called the Christian Poveda Award. The winner is the bravest movie maker (10) _____ the year.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) Tip | (b) Tap | (c) Top |
| 2. | (a) shot | (b) shoots | (c) shooting |
| 3. | (a) meaning | (b) means | (c) mean |
| 4. | (a) know | (b) then | (c) now |
| 5. | (a) battle | (b) war | (c) wwwww |
| 6. | (a) bravery | (b) bravest | (c) brave |
| 7. | (a) scary | (b) afraid | (c) fear |
| 8. | (a) and | (b) plus | (c) also |
| 9. | (a) imagine | (b) imaginary | (c) imagination |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) at |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. movie rdetoirc
2. busy mginilf a new documentary
3. gangs and Inieeocv
4. gang ermmseb
5. His first areecr
6. liivc war

Paragraph 2

7. very rbeva
8. toirses about the world
9. dsgneuoar gangs
10. our lives look norgib
11. orriedw every time
12. the Christian Poveda ardwA

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () exciting. You get to see so many things. It makes most of our lives look boring. I can't imagine how his family
- () People like Christian Poveda are very, very brave. They risk their lives every day to bring us stories
- () felt. They probably worried every time he went to work. I really hope someone makes a prize
- () near the capital San Salvador. He was busy filming a new documentary. The filmmaker is famous for his 2008
- () him. Poveda was just 53 years old. His first career was as a journalist. He covered El Salvador's 1980-1992 civil war.
- () Top French movie director Christian Poveda has been killed in El Salvador. He was shot on a road
- () about the world. It must be a scary job to report on wars and follow dangerous gangs. I guess it's also very
- (**1**) movie "La Vida Loca", which means "The Crazy Life". The film is all about gangs and violence in El Salvador. Local
- () called the Christian Poveda Award. The winner is the bravest movie maker of the year.
- () police believe gang members killed him. They have arrested one man and are now questioning

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. the He on near shot road capital was a.

2. was He documentary new a filming busy.

3. about The gangs film and is violence all.

4. gang believe police Local him killed members.

5. El - war covered 1980 civil He Salvador's 1992.

6. are very People Poveda , Christian very brave like.

7. day They their every risk lives.

8. be a scary job to report on wars It must.

9. to get You things many so see.

10. probably They went he time every worried.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Christian Poveda. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about movie directors. Include an imaginary interview with your favourite filmmaker. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a top film director. Ask him/her three questions about making movies. Give him/her three reasons why you should be in movies. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.