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Blinded police hero found dead at home

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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An English policeman who was shot and blinded by a gunman has been found dead at his house in the north of England. The body of David Rathband, 44, was discovered by police officers at his home. They went to his house because no one had seen him for a few days. Mr Rathband was shot in the face at close range while sitting in his police car in July 2010. He lost his sight in both his eyes and suffered many facial injuries. The man who shot him died several days later in a 6-hour shootout with police.

Mister Rathband became a hero as he battled with his blindness and started a charity to help other police officers injured while doing their job. British Prime Minister David Cameron said he was an "extraordinarily brave man" who did "an enormous amount for charity". Another tribute came from blind politician David Blunkett, who said: "[Rathband] was a man who was struggling inside as well as with the practicalities of coping with blindness. He was actually coping extremely well, but he didn't believe so."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. shot and | a. range |
| 2. for a few | b. days later |
| 3. at close | c. both his eyes |
| 4. He lost his sight in | d. with police |
| 5. several | e. blinded |
| 6. a 6-hour shootout | f. days |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. he battled with | a. for charity |
| 2. injured while doing | b. inside |
| 3. an extraordinarily | c. his blindness |
| 4. an enormous amount | d. extremely well |
| 5. a man who was struggling | e. brave man |
| 6. coping | f. their job |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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An English policeman who was _____ by a gunman has _____ at his house in the north of England. The body of David Rathband, 44, was discovered by police officers at his home. They went to his house because no _____ for a few days. Mr Rathband was shot in the face at close range while sitting in his police car in July 2010. He _____ in both his eyes and suffered many facial injuries. The man who shot him died _____ in a _____ with police.

Mister Rathband became a hero _____ with his blindness and _____ to help other police officers injured while doing their job. British Prime Minister David Cameron said he was an "_____ man" who did "an enormous amount for charity". Another _____ blind politician David Blunkett, who said: "[Rathband] was a man who was _____ as well as with the practicalities of coping with blindness. He was actually coping extremely well, but he _____."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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An English policeman who was shot and (1) _____ by a gunman has been found dead at his house in the north of England. The body of David Rathband, 44, was (2) _____ by police officers at his home. They went to his house because no one (3) _____ seen him for a few days. Mr Rathband was shot in the face at close range (4) _____ sitting in his police car in July 2010. He lost his (5) _____ in both his eyes and suffered many facial (6) _____. The man who shot him died several days later in a 6-hour shootout with police.

Mister Rathband became a hero as he battled (7) _____ his blindness and started a charity to help other police officers injured while (8) _____ their job. British Prime Minister David Cameron said he was an "extraordinarily brave man" who did "an (9) _____ amount for charity". Another tribute (10) _____ from blind politician David Blunkett, who said: "[Rathband] was a man who was struggling inside as well (11) _____ with the practicalities of coping with blindness. He was actually coping extremely well, but he didn't believe (12) _____."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) blind | (b) blinded | (c) blindly |
| 2. | (a) discovered | (b) discovery | (c) discover |
| 3. | (a) has | (b) having | (c) had |
| 4. | (a) while | (b) was | (c) will |
| 5. | (a) seeing | (b) sight | (c) sees |
| 6. | (a) damage | (b) broken | (c) injuries |
| 7. | (a) with | (b) at | (c) for |
| 8. | (a) doing | (b) did | (c) does |
| 9. | (a) great | (b) enormous | (c) lot |
| 10. | (a) went | (b) left | (c) came |
| 11. | (a) has | (b) as | (c) was |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) as | (c) so |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. shot and ndbilde
2. oclei fsocefir
3. at close eagrn
4. facial niiusrej
5. aseerlv days later
6. a 6-hour osohottu with police

Paragraph 2

7. he bedltat with his blindness
8. started a yrtachi
9. an extraordinarily raevb man
10. did an enormous atomun
11. siggtrlun inside
12. icpngo extremely well

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () his sight in both his eyes and suffered many facial injuries. The man who shot
- () Mister Rathband became a hero as he battled with his blindness and started
- () a charity to help other police officers injured while doing their job. British Prime Minister David Cameron said
- () he was an "extraordinarily brave man" who did "an enormous amount for charity". Another tribute
- () dead at his house in the north of England. The body of David Rathband, 44, was discovered
- () him died several days later in a 6-hour shootout with police.
- () with blindness. He was actually coping extremely well, but he didn't believe so."
- () by police officers at his home. They went to his house because no one had seen him for
- (**1**) An English policeman who was shot and blinded by a gunman has been found
- () was struggling inside as well as with the practicalities of coping
- () a few days. Mr Rathband was shot in the face at close range while sitting in his police car in July 2010. He lost
- () came from blind politician David Blunkett, who said: "[Rathband] was a man who

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

1. policeman blinded who was An shot English and.

2. days one him few No seen a had for.

3. range close at face the in Shot.

4. in He both lost his his eyes sight.

5. later man him days The shot several who died.

6. a hero as he battled with his blindness Rathband became.

7. other a police charity officers to help Started.

8. an amount charity Did enormous for.

9. A who struggling man was inside.

10. extremely was coping well He actually.

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. POLICE OFFICERS: Search the Internet and find more information about police officers. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about police officers. Include an imaginary interview with a police officer. 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 police officers expert. Ask him/her three questions about police officers. Give him/her three of your opinions on police officers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.