

## EJERCICIO 1

### SKY NEWS HEADLINES UPDATE

Listen to these ten news items. There is one question for each item.

*Listening material from Sky News.*

1. **A young student threw a fire extinguisher while protesting against university ...**
  - A. tuition prices
  - B. lack of vacancies
  - C. entry requirements
  - D. accommodation fees
  
2. **On a weekend of travel chaos, U.S. authorities have ...**
  - A. cancelled over 1,500 flights in New York
  - B. arranged new flights for stranded passengers
  - C. announced that storms will continue in the east
  - D. announced an improvement in weather conditions
  
3. **Thousands of Australians have been evacuated after flood waters killed ...**
  - A. 11 people in Brisbane
  - B. 77 people in Brisbane
  - C. 11 people in Toowoomba
  - D. 77 people in Toowoomba
  
4. **The average British woman is now heavier than in 1986 because of the ...**
  - A. increase in the amount of women
  - B. increase in the intake of food
  - C. poor diet they follow
  - D. lack of exercise
  
5. **Eric Illsley has been asked to resign as ...**
  - A. Labour leader
  - B. Prime Minister
  - C. Member of Parliament
  - D. member of the Labour Party
  
6. **According to the ICM poll, support for the Conservative - Liberal Democrat coalition has fallen to ..... since May.**
  - A. 32%
  - B. 43%
  - C. 47%
  - D. 59%

**7. Valerie Lewis will have to go to jail ...**

- A. for two years
- B. for twenty-four weeks
- C. for twenty-four weeks and two years
- D. only if she breaks the law in the next two years

**8. Carlo Trabona killed ..... people before killing himself.**

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. several (not specified)

**9. Sales are expected to decline in 2011 due to ...**

- A. the increase in VAT
- B. extremely high prices
- C. post-Christmas bargains
- D. customers' poor economy

**10. Which statement is NOT TRUE according to the news on Joanna Yates' case?**

- A. Her body was found near Bristol
- B. The autopsy results are still unknown
- C. Her body was found next to a golf course
- D. The police are conducting a murder inquiry

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**NEWS ITEM 1:** A student has been sent to a Young Offenders Institute for two years and eight months after throwing a fire extinguisher from a roof during a riot. 18-year-old Edward Woollard was among the thousands in London protesting against university tuition fees on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He was filmed throwing an empty metal fire extinguisher from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor on Millbank Tower as hundreds of people gathered below.

**NEWS ITEM 2:** Heavy snow along America's east coast has led to travel chaos in one of the busiest weekends of the year. No flights are coming in or out of New York and over 1,500 flights have been cancelled nationwide. It's left thousands of passengers stranded on both sides of the Atlantic. US authorities have issued winter storm warnings for nearly the entire eastern seaboard.

**NEWS ITEM 3:** Thousands of residents in Australia's third largest city of Brisbane have been evacuated as flood waters head east. Flash flooding in the city of Toowoomba has left 11 people dead and 77 missing. A wall of water is expected to reach Brisbane later today. Residents who haven't been evacuated have been given sand bags.

**NEWS ITEM 4:** If you're worried you might have overindulged this Christmas, the British Heart Foundation's warning you're not alone. It would seem that Brits are piling on the pounds. The British average man weighs 17 pounds more now than in 1986. Women aren't far behind though, on average 12 pounds heavier. Researchers say the increase among women can be explained by increases in the amount they eat. For men are poor diet and lack of exercise.

**NEWS ITEM 5:** MP Eric Illsley is facing calls to quit after he admitted falsely claiming £14,000 in parliamentary expenses. The Prime Minister and Labour leader Ed Milliband have both demanded his resignation. The member for Barnsley Central has already been suspended from the Labour Party.

**NEWS ITEM 6:** Support for the Conservative - Liberal Democrat coalition has fallen sharply since they took office according to an opinion poll. The ICM poll for the Guardian found 47% of people thought the two parties shouldn't have formed a government against 43 who did. Back in May 59% supported the coalition while 32% were opposed.

**NEWS ITEM 7:** A woman has been caught fiddling more than £40,000 in benefits after investigators found her playing golf several times a week. Valerie Lewis from Runcorn claimed it was virtually impossible to walk outdoors without help. She was sentenced to 24 weeks in jail suspended for two years.

**NEWS ITEM 8:** A 74-year-old man has shot his neighbours dead in Genoa, Italy, before killing his wife and himself. Police say Carlo Trabona went to a coffee bar where he shot one of his neighbours and chased another before killing him. He returned home to kill his wife and then shot himself when police surrounded the building. Detectives believe the man thought his wife was having an affair with one of the men next door.

**NEWS ITEM 9:** Most shops are expecting a decline in business in the New Year despite millions hitting the high streets in search of a post-Christmas bargain. A survey for the British Retail Consortium found that two thirds of retailers expected sales to decline in 2011. It's thought the increase in VAT and fears over the economy could put consumers off spending.

**NEWS ITEM 10:** The family of Joanna Yates have been visiting the country lane near Bristol where her body was found. Police are hoping to discover how the 25-year-old died when the results of the post-mortem examination are revealed. The investigation could then be declared a murder inquiry. Jo's remains were discovered next to a north Somerset golf course on Christmas morning. She was last seen alive 10 days ago.

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