

TALK ABOUT NEW EVENTS



INTRODUCTION

Every day, there are new events around us.

Some events are local. For example:

- A new shop or café opens in your neighborhood.
- A school festival or sports competition.
- A traffic accident near your house.

Other events are global. For example:

- A famous singer gives a concert in another country.
- A big sports final.
- News about the weather, a storm or an earthquake.

We get information about new events from many places:

- TV and radio.
- News websites and online articles.
- Social media.
- Our friends and family.

Sometimes, new events are normal (for example, a new restaurant). Sometimes, new events are strange or mysterious, and people don't understand what happened.

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In this unit, you will learn how to describe new events and how to say what you think about them.

VOCABULARY

1 Types of events and news

Word / phrase	Example
event	The concert was a big event.
news	I heard the news this morning.
story	There is a strange story in the news.
accident	There was a car accident yesterday.
festival	The music festival is next month.
concert	They went to a concert last night.
opening	There was a grand opening of a new store.
mystery	The light in the sky is a mystery.
strange event	People are talking about a strange event.
report	The news report was on TV.

2 Mysteries and strange things

Word / phrase	Example
strange	They saw a strange light.
unusual	It was an unusual situation.
disappear	The object disappeared suddenly.
appear	A man appeared and then disappeared again.
light	There was a bright light in the sky.
noise	They heard a loud noise at night.
ghost	Some people think it was a ghost.
UFO	Others say it was a UFO.
secret	Some people think there is a secret.
nobody knows	Nobody knows what really happened.

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GRAMMAR

We focus on three main points:

1. **Past Simple + time expressions** for talking about recent events.
2. **Present Simple & Present Continuous** for talking about current or repeated events.
3. **Maybe / I think / might / could** or speculating about what happened.

1 Past Simple + time expressions - What happened?

Use: To describe past events (yesterday, last week, last night).

Structure:

Subject + past simple (regular -ed / irregular)

Time expressions: *yesterday, last night, last week, this morning, two days ago...*

Examples:

- *Yesterday, people **saw** a strange light in the sky.*
- *Last night, there **was** a loud noise in the street.*
- *Two days ago, a new café **opened** in our neighborhood.*
- *Last week, the police **found** something unusual in the park.*
- *This morning, I **read** a news story about a mysterious event.*

2 Present Simple & Present Continuous - What is happening now?

Use: To talk about:

- Current events (today / right now).
- Reactions and habits (people talk, people share, people are talking).

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Structure:

Subject + present simple → facts/habits: people talk about it.

Subject + am/is/are + -ing → action in progress: people are talking about it now.

Examples:

- *Today, the event **is** in the news.*
- *People **talk** about the mystery every day.*
- *Right now, people **are sharing** videos online.*
- *The TV channel **shows** the strange event again and again.*
- *Many students **are discussing** the story in class.*

3 Maybe / I think / might / could - Speculating about events.

Use: To express opinions and talk about possibilities when we are not sure.

Structure:

- *Maybe / Perhaps + sentence.*
- *I think / I don't think + sentence.*
- *It might be / It could be + noun / adjective.*

Examples:

- *Maybe it was just an airplane.*
- *I think people are exaggerating the story.*
- *I don't think the video is real.*
- *It might be a new kind of drone.*
- *It could be a simple camera effect.*

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CONVERSATION

Lena: Did you hear about the strange light in the sky last night?

Mark: Yes, I saw it on the news this morning. It looked very bright.

Lena: People say that it was a UFO.

Mark: I don't think it was a UFO. Maybe it was just a drone or a plane.

Lena: Maybe. But it moved very fast and then disappeared.

Mark: That's true. It could be some kind of secret project.

Lena: Today, everybody is talking about it at school.

Mark: Yes, new events like this are exciting, even if we don't know the truth.

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