

You are the editor of a newspaper. Two journalists have just sent you the following texts as their first drafts of two news reports.

Your job is to redraft both reports. You will need to:

- ✓ check that the correct tense has been used throughout
- ✓ change some of the simple sentences to more complex ones
- ✓ check that the correct punctuation has been used
- ✓ check for missing capital letters.

Finally, you should think about what advice you would give to each journalist to help them improve their writing style.



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# SKY DIVER LANDS SAFELY IN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

**primary School children were shocked when a dare devil stunt went wrong and a skydiver disturbed their lunchtime break.**

The pupils of green vale primary school in rugby were taken aback when a middle aged man with a parachute landed on their playground last Thursday.

Fortunately no one got hurt or anything as it hurtled to the ground at top speed.

Mr Jason bridges had been practising for the national air show when he misjudged the timing when jumping from the aeroplane. He jumped too soon. Some children were crying. Everyone was shocked. The little ones were very upset. Even some of the dinner ladies were terrified. His parachute was red and blue.



Headteacher, Mr. Jackson said: I am very cross with the air show for practising so close to our school, there could have been a serious accident and that could have meant I would have to take someone to hospital and I think they should make sure things like this never happen again.

Mrs Daniel, one of the dinner ladies on duty said: I've never seen anything like this in my life. It made it a very exciting day and I shall never forget it.

Mr Bridges twists his ankle when landing so needs to be taken to hospital to have it looked at. He is very sorry that it happened.

*Written by P R Shoot*

# POISONOUS GAS LEAKS FROM CHEMICAL FACTORY AND CHOKES A TOWN

**Residents living close to a really big chemical factory are furious that poisonous gas escapes during the night and makes everyone have a really bad cough the next day.**

The megachem factory on bolton avenue in beadham had a nasty accident when gas spilt out of a tower completely by accident. The gas was a green colour and seeped into homes of lots of different people and they were very poorly the next day.

Dr brown who has a surgery in the town said: we have never been this busy. I am having to turn people away, it seems all of a sudden everyone in the town has a nasty cough. All the chemists have run out of medicine too. I just don't know what we'll do.



The factory owner was unavailable for comment, but is said to be investigating the matter which appears to have been caused by a member of staff falling asleep whilst working and pressing the wrong buttons therefore sending the poisonous gas into the atmosphere and causing everyone to get a really bad cough.

The town mayor, jack broadhouse stated: unless this factory is shut down I shall make sure they are never allowed to do this again. And I'll make sure they give everyone some money as they have suffered in this way.

*Written by Ivor Cough*