

1 Read the text. Then complete the sentences.

Ground Zero

On the morning of September 11th, 2001, terrorists* took over American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175. Both planes were on their way to Los Angeles. The terrorists flew them on purpose directly into the two main towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan, New York City. The towers crashed down and 2,606 people, including 2,192 civilians, 343 firefighters, and 71 police officers who were in the towers and in the area around them died in the attacks, as well as 147 civilians and the 10 terrorists on the two aircraft. After the attack, hospital workers and police officers began referring to the World Trade Center area as "Ground Zero", a name used to describe a place that has been completely destroyed with nothing left.

As the towers fell, clouds of dust* were blown across New York City and hundreds of thousands of tons of debris* were left where the towers once stood. The New York City Fire Department began immediately to clean up and search for anyone who might have survived.

People thought it would take a year, but by May 2002, the area was cleared without a single serious injury happening to anyone.

Starting on March 11th, 2002, eighty-eight searchlights* were arranged to form two beams* of light pointing up into the sky. This was called the *Tribute in Light*, and was originally lit every evening until April 14th, 2002. The lights have been lit every year on September 11th since then.

In August 2002, NYC started a competition to find the best design study for building a new World Trade Center.

On February 27th, 2003, Studio Daniel Libeskind officially won the competition. His design included the idea that the original footprints of the Twin Towers should become a memorial and not be used for any other purpose.

A memorial called *Reflecting Absence* remembers the victims of the September 11 attacks. It has a field of trees interrupted by the footprints of the twin towers. Pools of water fill the footprints, and underneath them there are memorial walls with the names of all the victims.

VOCABULARY: *terrorist – Terrorist; dust – Staub; debris – Trümmer, Schutt; searchlight – Suchscheinwerfer; beam – Strahl

- 1 The attack on the World Trade Center took place
- 2 Terrorists crashed two aircraft
- 3 Over 2,000 people in the attack.
- 4 "Ground Zero" is another name for the
- 5 The New York City Fire Department within nine months.
- 6 The first was called *Tribute in Light*.
- 7 The winning design for the new World Trade Center planned to use it
- 8 The names of all the people who died are Ground Zero.

1 Complete the text with words from the box. There are two words you won't need.

busy	trouble	treatment	miracle	emergency landing	collided with
evacuate	blew up	rescue	message	more desperate	wings
nearby	runway	takeoff	brave	announcement	explosion

The Mustang miracle

The P-51 Mustang is a famous aircraft used by the Americans in World War II. Many have been repaired and restored* and still fly today at Air Shows all over the world, but especially in America to entertain the crowds. The Mustang is a single-seat, single-engine plane, so if anything goes wrong, and the pilot finds he's in ¹....., he (or she) has to think quickly and be very ²..... to avoid an accident.

Last week at an air show in Texas, experienced pilot John Mitchell took his Mustang out on to the ³..... and waited for instructions before ⁴.....

This was quite normal. But what happened after that wasn't normal at all. When the ⁵..... of his performance came over the speakers at the airport, John

Mitchell waved to the crowd and took off. The Mustang climbed up into the sky and then went into a steep dive* towards the runway before climbing back up again. As the plane reached the top of the climb, there was a loud noise from the engine and it ⁶..... just at

the worst possible moment. John only had seconds to decide what to do. He was an experienced pilot. He decided not to ⁷..... the plane – it would be too dangerous if

the plane crashed into the crowd. He would have to make an ⁸..... – somehow, somewhere – without an engine. And he wanted to save his beautiful old plane. He would let the plane glide down to an area ⁹..... where it would be safe to try

and land. He tried to turn the plane away from the airfield, but he couldn't. The controls* didn't work! They had been damaged in the ¹⁰..... Now John became

¹¹..... He quickly sent a ¹²..... to the

airport tower, "Will glide straight on and try to land on the golf course over the hill!" The plane was flying quite low now and John hoped he could keep the nose up and not hit the hill. Suddenly

he was over the hill and could see the golf course with its wide green fairways. He could also see firefighters coming to ¹³..... him as fast as they could. He couldn't hold

the plane in the air any longer. It landed on the soft* grass of the golf course. The wheels on one side couldn't turn in the soft ground. The plane twisted* to one side and

¹⁴..... a tree, tearing off one of the ¹⁵..... When the rescue vehicles arrived, John climbed out of the wreckage. He wasn't hurt or injured at all. They called it the Mustang ¹⁶.....

VOCABULARY: *restore – restaurieren; dive – Sturzflug; controls – Steuerung; soft – weich; twist – sich verdrehen

1 Write the sentences in reported speech.

- 1 Teacher:** New York has always played an important role in American history and in the 19th century was the way in to America for immigrants from Europe.

Our teacher told us

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- 2 Tour guide:** If you ever feel you need time to relax, you must go to Central Park where you can sit and enjoy an ice cream.

Our tour guide told us

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- 3 Female tourist:** Last year I visited New York City and I ate the best hot dog I have ever tasted.

She said

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- 4 Sully:** We won't be able to reach runway 1 at Teterboro, so we will have to land on the Hudson River.

Sully told the air controller

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- 5 Jeffery Skiles:** No one has ever succeeded in landing a large plane like this on water before.

Jeffery Skiles said

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- 6 Harry:** I went to the Guggenheim museum yesterday. It was so interesting that I really must go back again tomorrow.

Harry said

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- 7 An American fan:** Our Guggenheim museum is the best in the world. We want to keep it in New York City because it's ours and doesn't belong anywhere else!

The museum fan said

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- 1** Look at *The Curious Case of the Locked Room* (Unit 2). Who said what? Match the people and their statements.



Detective Ward



Inspector Fell



Isabel Miller



Jasper Ford



Charles Dunning



Oliver Wilson

- 1 "I've worked in this company for forty years because I like it here. I was a friend of John Murdoch and of his father, too."
- 2 "I didn't kill my uncle. We went up to his office but the door was locked."
- 3 "I put my hand through the glass window and felt a key in the lock."
- 4 "We've found something in the wastepaper bin. I think you will be interested in it."
- 5 "It's just a spot of red wine on my jacket. If you don't believe me, you can send it to your labs and analyse it."
- 6 "We will call in the suspects now, Jenkins. I finally know who the murderer is."

- 2** Write the statements from **1** in reported speech. Use the following verbs in the past to begin your sentences.

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explain
tell
report
add
claim*

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VOCABULARY: *claim – behaupten

More Essential English

1 Find the six shops and match them with the pictures below.

bookshop chemist's kiosk bakery music shop newsagent's clothing shop paper



2 Put the dialogue in the correct order.

- ☐ £13.
- 1** ☐ What have you been doing?
- ☐ Some CDs.
- ☐ I've been shopping.
- ☐ At the second-hand shop in Park Road.
Let's go to my place and listen to them.
- ☐ Only £13? That's cheap. Where did you buy them?
- ☐ Sounds great. Let's go!
- ☐ How much were they?
- ☐ What did you buy?

