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Footballer unhurt after gunfight during mugging

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THE ARTICLE

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A Premier League footballer has had a lucky escape thanks to the heroic efforts of an off-duty police officer in Brazil. Brazilian fullback Emerson Royal, 23, was on holiday in the Brazilian city of Sao Paulo. He was outside a nightclub taking photos with the police officer. He was suddenly accosted by the thief, who was armed with a handgun. The would-be assailant demanded Mr Royal's watch and other belongings. Fortunately for Royal, the police officer sprang into action and chased the thief down the street. The two became involved in a 29-shot gunfight. The footballer escaped unharmed, but was shaken by the attempted robbery. The police officer was shot in the back, but is now recovering in hospital.

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WARM-UPS

1. POLICE OFFICERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about police officers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Premier League / lucky / escape / off-duty / nightclub / thief / belongings / footballer / London / grateful / Earth / risk / horror scene / adrenaline / high profile / robberies

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SECURITY: Students A **strongly** believe famous people should be given security; Students B **strongly** believe this isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DANGEROUS JOBS: How dangerous are these jobs? What are the dangers? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Dangerous?	What the Dangers Are?
Police officer		
Fire fighter		
Soldier		
Miner		
Construction worker		
Gas engineer		

5. ANGEL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "angel". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CRIMES: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Mugging
- Shoplifting
- Pickpocketing
- Trespassing
- Petty theft
- Vandalism
- Speeding
- Disorderly conduct

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. escape | a. Get away from a dangerous situation. |
| 2. heroic | b. A person's movable possessions. |
| 3. accosted | c. Having the characteristics of being very brave. |
| 4. would-be | d. A person who physically attacks another. |
| 5. assailant | e. Approached and addressed someone boldly or aggressively. |
| 6. belongings | f. Desiring or aspiring to be a specified type of person. |
| 7. shaken | g. Shocked by an unpleasant experience. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. eternally | h. Attracting much attention or publicity. |
| 9. confirmed | i. A hormone that increases rates of blood circulation, breathing and metabolism. |
| 10. in a flash | j. In a way that continues or lasts forever. |
| 11. adrenaline | k. Make a physical attack on. |
| 12. high-profile | l. Established the truth or correctness of something previously believed or suspected to be the case. |
| 13. assault | m. The action of stealing things from a person, home or other building. |
| 14. robbery | n. Very, very quickly; all of a sudden. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220606-angel-police-officer.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. An off-duty police officer protected a footballer from a man with a gun. **T / F**
2. The police officer helped the footballer inside his home in Brazil. **T / F**
3. The police officer and thief had a 29-shot gunfight. **T / F**
4. The police officer escaped unharmed. **T / F**
5. The footballer described the police officer as being an angel. **T / F**
6. The footballer's father said he clearly remembers the whole attack. **T / F**
7. The father said everything happened so slowly. **T / F**
8. Around 20 top-league footballers are attacked every year. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. off-duty | a. endangered |
| 2. accosted | b. attacker |
| 3. assailant | c. forever |
| 4. thief | d. confronted |
| 5. recovering | e. fair game |
| 6. eternally | f. very quickly |
| 7. risked | g. recuperating |
| 8. in a flash | h. attacks |
| 9. target | i. not working |
| 10. assaults | j. robber |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. had a lucky | a. to save mine |
| 2. thanks to the heroic efforts | b. be assailant |
| 3. He was suddenly accosted | c. leagues |
| 4. The would- | d. into action |
| 5. the police officer sprang | e. by the thief |
| 6. he would be eternally | f. in a flash |
| 7. risked his own life | g. of an off-duty police officer |
| 8. It all happened | h. was running |
| 9. the adrenaline | i. grateful |
| 10. Europe's top | j. escape |

GAP FILL

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Mr Royal, a defender for the London club Tottenham Hotspur, said he would be (9) _____ grateful for the officer's heroics. He wrote: "God sends angels to Earth. This is (10) _____ every day in my life. This human being... (11) _____ his own life to save mine." Royal's father described the event as a "(12) _____ scene". He said he would not wish such a thing on anyone. He added: "I don't remember well. It all happened in a (13) _____ and the (14) _____ was running." High profile footballers have become a (15) _____ for criminals in recent years. The website "Insider" reported there have been more than 20 (16) _____ on and robberies of soccer stars and their families across Europe's top leagues since 2019.

accosted
belongings
lucky
involved
assailant
shaken
duty
sprang

confirmed
horror
assaults
risked
adrenaline
eternally
flash
target

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220606-angel-police-officer.html>

- 1) A Premier League footballer has had a lucky escape thanks to _____
 - a. the heroic effects
 - b. the heroic affects
 - c. the heroic efforts
 - d. the heroic affronts
- 2) He was outside a nightclub taking photos with the police officer. He _____
 - a. was suddenly a cost it
 - b. was suddenly accustomed
 - c. was suddenly accosted
 - d. was suddenly accost it
- 3) The would-be assailant demanded Mr Royal's watch _____
 - a. and other belongings
 - b. and other belonging
 - c. and other belong sings
 - d. and other be longings
- 4) The footballer escaped unharmed, but was shaken by _____
 - a. the attempted robber Brie
 - b. the attempted rob berry
 - c. the attempted robberies
 - d. the attempted robbery
- 5) The police officer was shot in the back, but is now _____
 - a. recovering in hospital
 - b. recovering on hospital
 - c. recovering an hospital
 - d. recover ring in hospital
- 6) he would be eternally grateful for _____
 - a. the officer's hear rocks
 - b. the officer's here rolls
 - c. the officer's hero ricks
 - d. the officer's heroics
- 7) This human being...risked his own life _____
 - a. to save nine
 - b. to save mine
 - c. to save mind
 - d. to save main
- 8) Royal's father described the event as _____
 - a. a "horror seen"
 - b. a "horror scream"
 - c. a "horror scene"
 - d. a "horror scenery"
- 9) I don't remember well. It all happened in a flash and _____ running
 - a. the added reeling was
 - b. the add drawling was
 - c. the adrenaline was
 - d. the add drain a line was
- 10) The website "Insider" reported there have been more _____
 - a. than 20 assaults
 - b. then 20 a sorts
 - c. than 20 assault
 - d. than 20 as sorts

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220606-angel-police-officer.html>

1. What kind of escape does the article say the footballer had?
2. What kind of place was the footballer outside?
3. What did the attacker want besides the footballer's watch?
4. How many bullets were fired during a gunfight?
5. Where is the hero police officer now?
6. Where does the footballer play his football?
7. What did the footballer say the police officer risked?
8. What did the footballer's father say the scene was like?
9. What did the father say was running?
10. How many assaults have there been on soccer stars and their families?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220606-angel-police-officer.html>

1) What kind of escape does the article say the footballer had?

- a) a planned
- b) a narrow escape
- c) a huge escape
- d) a lucky escape

2) What kind of place was the footballer outside?

- a) a football stadium
- b) a nightclub
- c) a fast food restaurant
- d) a police station

3) What did the attacker want besides the footballer's watch?

- a) a gold necklace
- b) his wallet
- c) his Nike trainers
- d) other belongings

4) How many bullets were fired during a gunfight?

- a) 27
- b) 29
- c) 28
- d) 26

5) Where is the hero police officer now?

- a) at work
- b) playing football
- c) in a TV station
- d) in hospital

6) Where does the footballer play his football?

- a) Brazil
- b) Manchester
- c) London
- d) Madrid

7) What did the footballer say the police officer risked?

- a) his life
- b) his job
- c) his gun
- d) his reputation

8) What did the footballer's father say the scene was like?

- a) a crime scene
- b) chaos
- c) a horror scene
- d) a movie scene

9) What did the father say was running?

- a) footballers
- b) adrenaline
- c) the thief
- d) the police officer

10) How many assaults have there been on soccer stars and their families?

- a) more than 20
- b) around 20
- c) exactly 20
- d) just fewer than 20

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Mugging

You think mugging is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): shoplifting, pickpocketing or vandalism.

Role B – Shoplifting

You think shoplifting is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): mugging, pickpocketing or vandalism.

Role C – Pickpocketing

You think pickpocketing is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): shoplifting, mugging or vandalism.

Role D – Vandalism

You think vandalism is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): shoplifting, pickpocketing or mugging.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220606-angel-police-officer.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'gun' and 'fight'.

gun	fight
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lucky• outside• other• action• 29• back	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• grateful• day• horror• well• recent• across
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POLICE OFFICERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about police officers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

POLICE OFFICERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'footballer'?
3. What do you think of soccer?
4. What do you know about the Premier League?
5. How dangerous is your city at night?
6. What would you do if you were assaulted?
7. What do you think of the police?
8. What do you think of the police officer in this story?
9. Should the police officer get an award?
10. How can we stop muggings?

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POLICE OFFICERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'police officer'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to be a police officer?
15. What are the good and bad things about being a police officer?
16. Have you ever been eternally grateful to anyone?
17. What do you think people are taught during police training?
18. Why are soccer players becoming targets of criminals?
19. Should soccer players get more security?
20. What questions would you like to ask the footballer?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) lucks | (b) luckily | (c) lucked | (d) lucky |
| 2. | (a) heroism | (b) heroic | (c) heroics | (d) heroically |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) by |
| 4. | (a) accused | (b) acclaimed | (c) accosted | (d) accepted |
| 5. | (a) coiled | (b) squashed | (c) sprang | (d) dragged |
| 6. | (a) shaken | (b) alerted | (c) thought | (d) backed |
| 7. | (a) defence | (b) defending | (c) defender | (d) deafened |
| 8. | (a) confirmed | (b) apologised | (c) swept | (d) advised |
| 9. | (a) flesh | (b) flash | (c) fish | (d) fishy |
| 10. | (a) jogging | (b) catching | (c) running | (d) staging |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) by |
| 12. | (a) summit | (b) up | (c) height | (d) top |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. thanks to the heroic frsefot
2. suddenly tecdoca by the thief
3. The would-be stalsaain
4. became vdinvloe in a 29-shot gunfight
5. The footballer psacdee unharmed
6. shaken by the attempted erbbryo

Paragraph 2

7. he would be nyereltla grateful
8. the officer's ireshco
9. This is iofmdcren every day
10. the anndearlie was running
11. High orlfipe footballers
12. more than 20 tssslaau

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () belongings. Fortunately for Royal, the police officer sprang into action and chased the thief down the street. The two became
- () Mr Royal, a defender for the London club Tottenham Hotspur, said he would be eternally
- () duty police officer in Brazil. Brazilian fullback Emerson Royal, 23, was on holiday in the Brazilian city of Sao Paolo. He was outside a
- () involved in a 29-shot gunfight. The footballer escaped unharmed, but was shaken
- () his own life to save mine." Royal's father described the event as a "horror scene". He said he would not wish
- () on and robberies of soccer stars and their families across Europe's top leagues since 2019.
- () adrenaline was running." High profile footballers have become a target for criminals
- () in recent years. The website "Insider" reported there have been more than 20 assaults
- () by the attempted robbery. The police officer was shot in the back, but is now recovering in hospital.
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- () such a thing on anyone. He added: "I don't remember well. It all happened in a flash and the
- () armed with a handgun. The would-be assailant demanded Mr Royal's watch and other
- () grateful for the officer's heroics. He wrote: "God sends angels to Earth. This is confirmed every day in my life. This human being...risked
- () nightclub taking photos with the police officer. He was suddenly accosted by the thief, who was

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. escape . Premier footballer lucky a A League had
2. police heroic an efforts off-duty The officer . of
3. the sprang chased He and thief . into action
4. a involved two in became 29-shot The gunfight .
5. officer police back . was the in The shot
6. officer's grateful He'll eternally heroics . for be the
7. his risked save life own mine . He to
8. on such a He thing anyone . wouldn't wish
9. for footballers have a criminals target become High-profile .
10. soccer Robberies their of families . stars and

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220606-angel-police-officer.html>

A Premier League footballer has had a *lucky / luckily* escape thanks to the *heroic / heroically* efforts of an off-duty police officer in Brazil. Brazilian fullback Emerson Royal, 23, was *on / in* holiday in the Brazilian city of Sao Paolo. He was outside a nightclub taking photos with the police officer. He was suddenly *accustomed / accosted* by the thief, who was armed with a handgun. The would-be *assailant / assault* demanded Mr Royal's watch and other *belongs / belongings*. Fortunately for Royal, the police officer sprang *into / onto* action and chased the thief down the street. The two became involved *in / on* a 29-shot gunfight. The footballer escaped unharmed, but was *shaken / shook* by the attempted robbery. The police officer was shot in the back, but is now *recovery / recovering* in hospital.

Mr Royal, a defender for the London club Tottenham Hotspur, said he would be *eternally / eternal* grateful for the officer's heroics. He wrote: "God sends angels *to / in* Earth. This is confirmed every day in my life. This human being...risked his own life to *save / safety* mine." Royal's father described the event *was / as* a "horror scene". He said he would not wish *thus / such* a thing *in / on* anyone. He added: "I don't remember well. It all happened in a *flash / flesh* and the adrenaline was running." High profile footballers have become a target for *criminals / criminal* in recent years. The website "Insider" reported there have been more than 20 assaults *in / on* and robberies of soccer stars and their families across Europe's top leagues *for / since* 2019.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Pr_m_r L_g f_tb_ll_r h_s h_d lcky sc_p_ th_nks t_ th_ h_r_c _ff_rts _f _n _ff-d_ty p_l_c_ _ff_c_r _n Br_z_l. Br_z_l_n f_llb_ck _m_rs_n R_y_l, 23, w_s _n h_l_d_y _n th_ Br_z_l_n c_ty _f S__ P__l_. H_ w_s __ts_d_ _n_gh_tcl_b t_k_ng ph_t_s w_th th_ p_l_c_ _ff_c_r. H_ w_s s_dd_nly _cc_st_d by th_ th__f, wh_ w_s _rm_d w_th _ h_ndg_n. Th_ w__ld-b_ _ss__l_nt d_m_nd_d Mr R_y_l's w_tch _nd _th_r b_l_ng_ngs. F_rt_n_t_ly f_r R_y_l, th_ p_l_c_ _ff_c_r spr_ng _nt_ _ct__n _nd ch_s_d th_ th__f d_wn th_ str__t. Th_ tw_ b_c_m_ _nv_lv_d _n _ 29-sh_t g_nf_gh_t. Th_ f__tb_ll_r _sc_p_d _nh_rm_d, b_t w_s sh_k_n by th_ _tt_mpt_d r_bb_ry. Th_ p_l_c_ _ff_c_r w_s sh_t _n th_ b_ck, b_t _s n_w r_c_v_r_ng _n h_sp_t_l.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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Mr Royal, a defender for the London club Tottenham Hotspur, said he would be eternally grateful for the officer's heroics. He wrote: "God sends angels to earth. This is confirmed every day in my life. This human being risked his own life to save mine." Royal's father described the event as a horror scene. He said he would not wish such a thing on anyone. He added: "I don't remember well. It all happened in a flash and the adrenaline was running high." Profile footballers have become a target for criminals in recent years. The website Insider reported there have been more than 20 assaults on and robberies of soccer stars and their families across Europe's top leagues since 2019.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. POLICE OFFICERS: Make a poster about police officers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SECURITY: Write a magazine article about providing sports stars with security. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on police officers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on police officers. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. d	3. b	4. j	5. g
6. c	7. a	8. f	9. e	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A lucky escape
2. A nightclub
3. Other belongings
4. 29
5. In hospital
6. London
7. His life
8. A horror scene
9. Adrenalin
10. More than 20

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A Premier League footballer had a lucky escape.
2. The heroic efforts of an off-duty police officer.
3. He sprang into action and chased the thief.
4. The two became involved in a 29-shot gunfight.
5. The police officer was shot in the back.
6. He'll be eternally grateful for the officer's heroics.
7. He risked his own life to save mine.
8. He wouldn't wish such a thing on anyone.
9. High-profile footballers have become a target for criminals.
10. Robberies of soccer stars and their families.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. b 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)