

BEFORE YOUR START

First, practise these words for Lesson 1.

English word	Dutch translation	Example
radio broadcast	radiouitzending	What would you do if you heard a radio broadcast about a Martian invasion?
play	toneelstuk	It is difficult to turn a good book into a play .
a bottle of poison	een flesje vergif	If you saw someone drinking a bottle of poison , would you stop them?
volunteer for	zich als vrijwilliger aanbieden	If you'd like to volunteer for a job, please let me know.
treat	behandelen	Doctors must treat patients with respect.
destroy	vernietigen	Nuclear weapons have the capacity to destroy life on Earth as we know it.
newsroom	nieuwsredactie	Let's listen to our reporter in the newsroom of ABS-CBN News.
alien invasion	invasie door buitenaardse wezens	Mankind is completely unprepared for an alien invasion .
collapse	instorten	How did the bridge in Genua collapse in 2018? How many people died?
commit suicide	zelfmoord plegen	Do you know how many people commit suicide and take their own life?
demolition	sloop	'Controlled demolition ' is blowing up a building by means of explosives.
basement	kelder	This house has a swimming pool in the basement under the garden area.
belt	riem	I hate wearing a belt with jeans.
source	bron	What is the source of your information?

1 Shocking news

The day after the radio broadcast, nearly all newspapers in the US published news reports about it.

a. Match the sentence halves to make correct fragments.

Pittsburgh

A man returned home during the broadcast and found his wife with a bottle of poison in her



from her window, and that she and her neighbors were “getting out of here.”

San Francisco

One excited man called Oakland police and shouted: “My God! Where can I volunteer



it’s the end of the world,” she cried. “You might as well go home to die.”

Newark

Fifteen persons were treated for



hand screaming: “I’d rather die this way than like that.”

Indianapolis

A woman ran screaming into a church. “New York is destroyed;



shock in one Newark hospital.

Boston

A Boston woman telephoned our newsroom to say she could see the fire



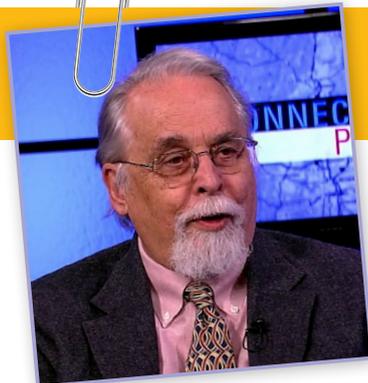
the police force? We’ve got to stop this awful thing!

- b. What do you think of the way people reacted to the radio broadcast? Explain your answer.

2 Researching 9/11

Here are a few testimonies and a short newspaper article about explosions inside the Twin Towers on 9/11. Read them and do the two exercises.

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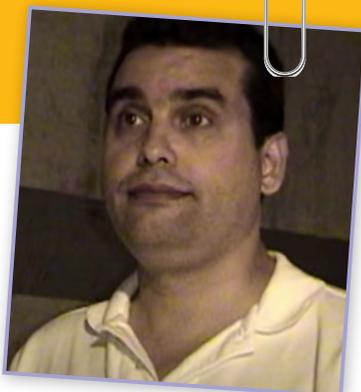


Christopher Pyle

Job: Law professor at Mt Holyoke Collegy

To plant bombs in three buildings with enough bomb materials? It's too big a project and would require far too many people to keep it a secret afterwards.

2.



William Rodriguez

Job: janitor at World Trade Center

All of the sudden I hear BOOM. And at that moment, I thought it was an electrical generator that blew up in the basement. And before I could react, I hear BOOM right on the top floor, really far away. So there was a difference between coming from the basement and coming from the top.

3.



Rich Banaciski

Job: NY firefighter

I just remember there were explosions. It seemed like on television they blew up these buildings. It seemed like it was going all the way around like a belt, all these explosions.

4.

A 9/11 conspiracy theory debunked

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For the past 10 years ‘truthers’ have claimed there was more behind 9/11 than a terrorist attack. They even say the government was involved - but does the evidence prove this?



Was the World Trade Center destroyed by controlled explosions?

Truthers say it looked like there were explosions as the windows blew out, floor by floor, from the top downwards. It looked like a controlled demolition. But experts say that in controlled demolition, a building collapses from the bottom not the top.

Based on: The Guardian, United Kingdom

a. Finish the sentences:

_____ says there were planned explosions in the World Trade Center, because ...

_____ says there were planned explosions in the World Trade Center, because ...

_____ says there could not have been planned explosions in the World Trade Center, because ...

_____ says there were no planned explosions in the World Trade Center, because ...

b. Which of the 4 sources do you trust most? Explain why.

c Do you believe there were explosives planted in the World Trade Center? Explain your answer.
