



A strange occurrence

Page 13 of the Workbook features another news report of a similar style but the 'there are two sides' issue is about a theme park. Students will have explored how a community can be divided over an issue, and particularly a progressive development, so the idea of a new theme park should seem familiar. This is a comprehension exercise and should be completed as an individual activity, possibly at home as homework.

Answers p.13 workbook

1. No, the article says 'in the early hours' which could mean any time in the first five hours after midnight.
2. Students should pick up on the way the 'low rumbling noise... grew into creaks and groans, before ear-splitting fairground music started up' and that five minutes later there were flashing lights and people running around, but explain all in their own words.
3. The context suggests that *cacophony* means a very loud noise as it is described as 'deafening' and something to campaign against.
4. The article implies that the police were called because of the disturbance and to find out what caused it.
5. Three possible explanations: equipment at the new theme park and fairground was started accidentally, or it was started up on purpose to test it out, or it was open in the early hours for potential customers.
6. Students' articles will vary. Explanations can include:
 - hooligans/vandals deliberately started machinery and fireworks
 - employees testing equipment and fireworks for night-time effect
 - saboteurs causing trouble – do not want theme park opened.