



Today's Headlines:

Hillsborough disaster: Inquest finds fans unlawfully killed

London's Big Ben to stop chiming for repairs

Gorilla surprise at Prague Zoo

Transcript:

27 years after the Hillsborough football disaster, a jury has concluded that the 96 victims were unlawfully killed. The decisions follow the longest inquest in British legal history. South Yorkshire police admitted they had got the policing of the match "**catastrophically** wrong".

Here in London, the chimes of Big Ben are going to **fall silent** next year because the famous parliamentary clock tower – the Elizabeth Tower – needs essential repairs. This sound has chimed almost uninterrupted for about 150 years but it's only going to be reserved for special occasions. It's part of a project that's going to cost more than \$US40m. The tower is going to be partially clad in **scaffolding** for about three years. The last significant repair work on Big Ben – that was more than 30 years ago.

Let's go to Prague Zoo, because visitors have had their first **glimpse** of this little baby gorilla. Her birth took everyone by surprise. Nobody had even noticed that her 24-year-old mum Shinda was pregnant. Shinda had already had a number of miscarriages – being a little overweight she wasn't expected to ever have a baby. The **delivery** went well. She and her new-born baby are said to be doing very well.

Words and phrases and definitions:

catastrophically

disastrously; dangerously

fall silent

stop making any sound

scaffolding

metal poles and wooden planks erected outside of a building for people to stand on when they are working on the building

glimpse

brief view or look

delivery

(here) process of giving birth

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/lqTCQNd>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

catastrophically / fall silent / scaffolding / glimpse / delivery

1. The strong winds caused the _____ to collapse, damaging cars on the street below.
2. I was with my wife when she _____ our second child.
3. Millions of people _____ to remember those who had died in war.
4. Crowds lined the streets of Windsor to catch a _____ of the Queen on the eve of her 90th birthday.
5. The drought is having a _____ effect on farming in the region.

Answers:

1. The strong winds caused the **scaffolding** to collapse, damaging cars on the street below.
2. I was with my wife when she **delivered** our second child.
3. Millions of people **fell silent** to remember those who had died in war.
4. Crowds lined the streets of Windsor to catch a **glimpse** of the Queen on the eve of her 90th birthday.
5. The drought is having a **catastrophic** effect on farming in the region.