Transcript

The Freedom Tower in New York. The tallest building in the western **hemisphere** is now open to visitors.

The history of the city **flashes by** on the 100-floor journey to the top.

The skyscraper replaces the World Trade Center, and many visitors will **inevitably** think of September 11th, 2001.

New York still feels the **trauma** of those events. But the opening of this **landmark** is part of the city's ongoing recovery.

Vocabulary

**hemisphere**
(here) half of the Earth

**flashes by**
appears for a short time and then disappears

**inevitably**
unavoidably

**trauma**
(here) shock caused by a deeply disturbing experience

**landmark**
a building or site which helps to identify a place

Watch this video online: New York's view from the top [http://bbc.in/1FBrHno](http://bbc.in/1FBrHno)
Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

hemisphere / flashes by / inevitably / trauma / landmark

1. His injuries were so severe he lost his right leg, but he says the psychological ________ has been harder to deal with.

2. The princess, who is fourth in line to the throne, was delivered at 08:34 BST on Saturday at St Mary’s Hospital in London, and weighed 8lbs 3oz (3.7kg).

   Tower Bridge was among several London ________ lit up in pink in her honour.

3. Haiti is the poorest country in the western ________ and has suffered a number of recent disasters, including four hurricanes and storms in 2008 that killed hundreds.

4. Mr Chisolm said: "With hundreds of thousands of people seeing the film around the world, some will undoubtedly get hooked on Hardy and will ________ come and visit the places and his houses."

5. Going deeper into the Javanese countryside, names of small towns and villages ________: Kebumen, Gombong, Purwokerto. Deep in Indonesia’s interior, the ubiquitous Indomaret convenience chain outlets are replaced by traditional family shops, a relic of the old ways. It is a world away from big city life.
Answers

1. His injuries were so severe he lost his right leg, but he says the psychological trauma has been harder to deal with.

   Source: Mercian soldiers trained to identify early trauma signs  
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-12535475

2. The princess, who is fourth in line to the throne, was delivered at 08:34 BST on Saturday at St Mary’s Hospital in London, and weighed 8lbs 3oz (3.7kg).

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   Source: Royal baby: Princess's first night at Kensington Palace  
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-32571330

3. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere and has suffered a number of recent disasters, including four hurricanes and storms in 2008 that killed hundreds.

   Source: Haiti devastated by massive earthquake  
   http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/8455629.stm

4. Mr Chisolm said: "With hundreds of thousands of people seeing the film around the world, some will undoubtedly get hooked on Hardy and will inevitably come and visit the places and his houses."

   Source: Thomas Hardy's Dorset inspirations  
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-32393785

5. Going deeper into the Javanese countryside, names of small towns and villages flash by: Kebumen, Gombong, Purwokerto. Deep in Indonesia's interior, the ubiquitous Indomaret convenience chain outlets are replaced by traditional family shops, a relic of the old ways. It is a world away from big city life.

   Source: Sumarti Ningsih murder: From Indonesia to Hong Kong  
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-30110872