

The End of the World is Near (Part 1)

Notice that in a title only the first letter of the first word and the first letter of each main word are capitalized. Also notice that each paragraph is indented.

The evening of _____ (write out in letters) _____, (write out in letters) _____ was not very _____ any _____ typical _____ evening in the homes of Americans _____ the United States. At _____ were _____ quietly reading books or _____. Numerous _____, who were _____ to have _____ the radio, _____ one of the two programs that _____. Television _____, and moreover the audience could _____ only _____ two radio _____. One program _____ evening was a light comedy _____ and the other a serious _____, which was the dramatization of classic _____, _____ “The War of the Worlds”. The novel _____ by H.G. Wells in the (write out in letters) _____. The radio play, _____, was _____ by a young, _____ actor-writer called Orson Welles.

The U.S. listeners _____ to _____ a peaceful evening _____ to the _____ offered by the radio. The play was announced, but the program _____ time. _____ the

opening lines of the play, the listeners _____ dance music. When this dance music _____ for _____ minutes, people _____ if something _____. Then _____, an announcement was _____ in the form of a “news-flash”. A man speaking _____ said some kind of strange gas explosions _____ on the planet of Mars and that an _____ had _____ near Princeton, New Jersey, _____ from New York City. _____ the next half hour non-stop broadcasts _____ of the _____. The news _____. It informed the now _____ listeners that Martians with _____ bodies and _____ with _____ rays _____ from the _____ and had _____ about (*write out in letters*) _____ persons. It was _____ the _____ observers that the Martians _____ to _____ on the _____.

ASSIGNMENT: LEARN this text “by heart”, i.e. be ready to recite it to your partner in class and underline all the VERBS in RED.

STRUCTURES (*To be learned*)

1. On **October 30th, 1938**, one thousand five hundred Martians were said to have landed.
2. Most families **were listening to** the radio when the announcement was made.
3. The announcer told the listeners that a spaceship **had landed** near Princeton.
4. He made the audience believe that Martians **had come** to make war on the world.

READING OFF DATES

In certain countries like the U.S.A. and Sweden dates are written with the month first (Mo.), then the day and finally the year (Yr.). In GB and most other countries including France you indicate the day, then the month and finally the year. Moral of the story: "To avoid problems always write out the month *in full* starting with a *capital* letter of course!"

Write out the following dates, as you would say them in the US, UK, France and Sweden:

- 11/9/95
(U.S.A. and Sweden) _____

(U.K. and France) _____
- 7/12/2008 (or 7/12/08)
(U.S.A. and Sweden) _____

(U.K. and France) _____

VOCABULARY (PART 1): Complete the chart below by writing in the translations, and then use it for self-testing or testing your partner.

according to		invader	
across		moreover	
alien		look for	
actual		novel	
announcement		obvious	
as late as		on the other hand	
be startled		point out	
be under attack		on-the-spot	
broadcast		quietly (not: quite)	
events		safety	
excited voice		search the sky for	
fear		spaceship	
faint		throughout	
flee, fled, fled		wet	
further		whole	
go wrong		wonder	
hoax		worried	
handkerchief(s)		wrap	