

Thieves break into downtown banks

1 New words for this article

Nouveaux mots pour cet article

to break into	to enter a building illegally
witness	someone who sees something happening
closing time	when a bank/shop/cafe shuts
safe	strong room to store money
raid	attack

2 Comprehension Questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

1. When did the robbery take place?
2. Who saw the vans arrive?
3. Why was it impossible to know the robbers' identity?
4. How long did the robbery last?
5. Why did no-one try to call the police?

3 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

1. This was the biggest robbery in the country's history
2. They got out of the van and walked into the bank
3. There were five people in each team
4. They said they were too scared

4 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

1. Where were the banks?
2. What time do the banks normally close?
3. How did customers and bank staff know what to do?
4. Where did the police find three cars?

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) -

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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|---|----------------------------------|
| A | Thieves broke into three banks |
| B | Two people guarded |
| C | They forced the managers |
| D | There was no sign |
| E | of any of the money |
| F | to open the safe |
| G | the customers and the bank staff |
| H | in the centre of town |

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

1. All the robberies were exactly the same
2. One customer panicked and tried to call the police
3. The police were quick to arrive
4. The police know who the robbers were

7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

As ...1... as the robbers left, the managers hit the ...2... buttons and police arrived ...3... later. But it was too late, the robbers had gone. Later police f...4... the three cars on different roads across the country. There was no ...5... of any of the money.

8 Timeline - put these in the correct order

Mettez ces phrases dans l'ordre chronologique correcte

1. Police arrived at the banks
2. Armed robbers enter the bank
3. Vans arrive
4. Managers open the safe
5. Two people guard the bank staff
6. Police found the vans

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

1. It took place yesterday afternoon
2. Witnesses saw the vans arrive
3. They were wearing helmets and black clothing
4. It lasted 10 minutes
5. They were too scared.

4 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

1. They were in the town centre
2. They normally close at 4.00 pm
3. The robbers made signs for them to understand.
4. On different roads out of town

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

A=H

B=G

C=F

D=E

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 False
- 2 False
- 3 True
- 4 False

7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 soon
- 2 alarm
- 3 minutes
- 4 across
- 5 sign

8 Timeline –

Sequence is = 3 2 5 4 1 6