


# Day 3 – Comprehension

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### UK

**Bus cuts**  
More than a million people could end up feeling “trapped in their homes” because of cuts to bus services, the Campaign For Better Transport has said. BBC research revealed disabled people and the elderly have used their free bus passes 18% less since 2010. This is in part because Government funding for bus services has fallen by £800m in the last ten years. Many people now rely on charity-run bus services or neighbours to get them to the shops or the doctor. Judith Lawrence, 75, says she hasn’t left her village at all this year. “I’ve got a bus pass, but no bus,” she said.



### STIRLING


**Crackdown on illegal parking**  
Stirling Council is cracking down on drivers who illegally park in disabled spaces. A blue badge is given to disabled people so they can use these spaces, but last year Stirling Council said there were 1,100 penalty notices due to illegal parking. Councillor Jim Thomson said: “It is completely unacceptable that a small minority of drivers continue to act this way with no consideration to disabled people.”



### TADCASTER


**Rammed road**  
More than 40 sheep caused the A64 road in Tadcaster to be closed. The flock had escaped their flooded field and it took police around an hour to clear the road. North Yorkshire Police joked: “Just want to say ‘Thank Ewe’ to the public for their patience.”






### CORNWALL

**Garden gone**  
A huge hole has appeared near a house in Cornwall, swallowing up most of its garden. The hole in Beacon, near Camborne, is believed to have collapsed because of an old mine shaft under the ground. Geologist Dale Foster suggested the mine could be “from the late 1700s into the early 1800s”. The area has been cordoned off and is still being monitored, as the ground around it is very weak.



### BRISTOL

**Surf therapy**  
Kids with poor mental health will be offered surf therapy by the NHS. The Wave Project began in Cornwall but will be based inland for the first time, in partnership with Bristol’s wave machine, The Wave. It aims to build confidence and self-esteem in children. A 2018 report found that the Cornish course “consistently improved the wellbeing of young people” and “had a lasting, positive impact.”




### BRACKLEY

**Songs for soap**  
A teenager has created a website that matches song lyrics to a 13-step hand-washing routine. Seventeen-year-old William Gibson wanted more options than just singing Happy Birthday twice. His website, Wash Your Lyrics, allows you to pick a song and download the musical poster. Over 175,000 posters were downloaded in the first three days. Queen’s Bohemian Rhapsody is the most popular song so far.



### OXFORDSHIRE

**Junior jungle**  
A tiny forest the size of a tennis court is being planted in Witney. Some 600 trees will be planted by the Earthwatch charity, council staff and volunteers. The idea of tiny forests is to mimic native woodland in urban areas. The trees have lots of uses, such as storing carbon, attracting wildlife, improving air quality and soaking up water to reduce flooding.



- Read the text
  - Answer the retrieval questions in your book:
1. How many people could be affected by cuts to bus services?
  2. What do you need to park in a disabled parking space?
  3. Which road was closed in Tadcaster? Why?
  4. Find and copy the phrase that explains why Judith Lawrence did not leave her village.
  5. How old is William Gibson?

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6. Who are the three groups of people who will be planting the trees in Oxfordshire?
7. What type of therapy is being offered in Bristol? Where did the therapy begin?
8. Write 3 facts about Ted Brown
9. Find the phrase that explain what a first responder is.
10. Which story is most interesting to you? Why?