

THEME 6 OPEN YOUR HEART READING SKILL (SUNSHINE)

A. Read the news excerpts about mysterious past events and answer the following questions.

John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 and after a while, a mysterious woman was identified during the profound analysis of the film footage of that day. The woman could be seen in many photos of the scene. First mysterious thing about her was what she was holding in front of her face all the time. People claim that she had a camera in her hand. Secondly, when JFK was shot, most people ran away from the area but she remained in her place and continued to film the event. Then, she appeared to move away to the East Elm Street peacefully. After this identification, the FBI demanded the woman to submit them the footage she shot but she never did. Up to today, no one knows who the Babushka Woman is or what she was doing there.

In Nova Scotia, in 1860, a big ship called Mary Celeste started sailing. During her glorious times, she was possessed by a number of different owners. Ultimately, a new captain purchased the ship for \$3,000. The new captain was called Benjamin Briggs. He was a 37-year-old master with three earlier commands. What is mysterious about the ship started after this purchase. Captain Briggs, his wife, young daughter and a crew of eight departed for a journey from New York on November 7, 1872. The ship was loaded with 1700 barrels to be taken to Genoa, Italy. Unfortunately, the captain, his family and the experienced crew were never seen again. The ship was found floating in the middle of the Strait of Gibraltar. And what's more, there were no signs of struggle on board and all documents except the captain's log were missing.

1. Why do you think a profound investigation was being made after the assassination?
2. Why do you think she was filming the event and was never seen again?
3. What were the unusual things about the mysterious woman?
4. Describe Mary Celeste.
5. What do you think happened to the captain, his family and the crew?