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Writing

Unit6 – Lesson5

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HAVE YOU READ NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT CRIMES? WHAT INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE IN AN ARTICLE ABOUT A CRIME?

Have Ss read the task and answer the questions. Then elicit their answers in class.

Have Ss skim the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.

READ THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ABOUT A LOCAL CRIME.

WHAT CRIME WAS COMMITTED?

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Teach the writing skill and have the Ss do the task in class.

2 FOCUS ON WRITING

A Read the Writing Skill. Underline the information in the article: who do police think committed the crime; what was the crime; when was the crime committed; where was the crime committed; how was the crime committed.

WRITING SKILL Use the 5 Ws and *how*

In a news story, always include the 5 Ws—*who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why*—and *how*. These are the most important facts, and they are usually presented at the beginning of a news story. Without these facts, the reader may not understand the news story correctly.

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B Read the newspaper article again. Complete the chart with information about the crime.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?	How?

Any other important details

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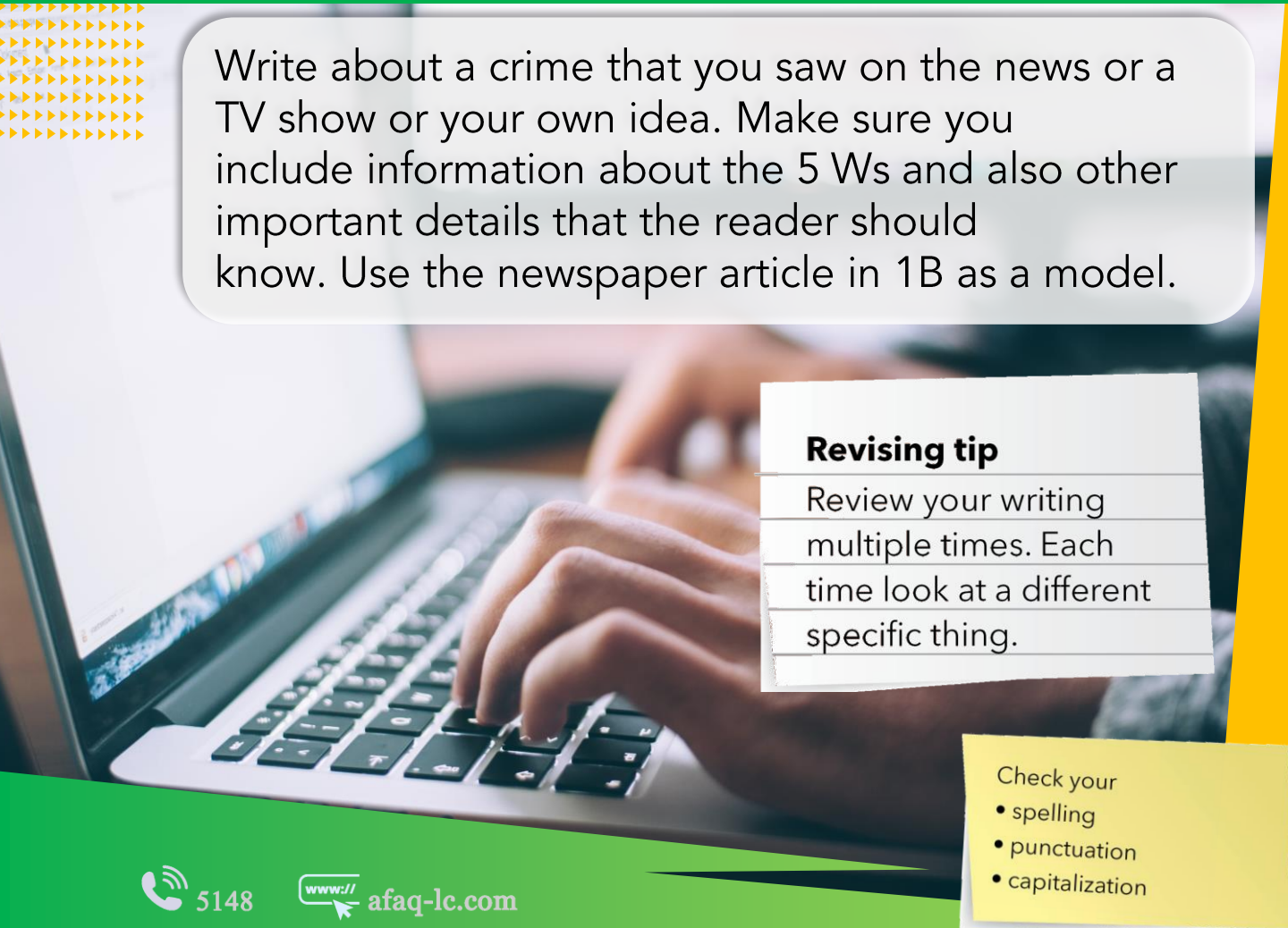
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Read the directions aloud. Then have Ss complete the task as homework.

Write about a crime that you saw on the news or a TV show or your own idea. Make sure you include information about the 5 Ws and also other important details that the reader should know. Use the newspaper article in 1B as a model.



Revising tip

Review your writing multiple times. Each time look at a different specific thing.

Check your
- spelling
- punctuation
- capitalization