

## **Near miss headlines- Landmark Advanced Unit 4.1**

*All the headlines below are taken from a Google News search today (17 May 2010) of the term "a near miss". What do you think the stories are, and what was the near miss in each case? Start with the easiest ones to guess.*

Metro oversight committee slams agency over near-miss/ New Metro leadership facing heat for latest safety misstep

Gamblers enjoy a 'near miss' almost as much as a win

Scudetto Decided as Bafana Thrash Thailand

National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System: Everybody Onboard?

Military flights restricted after RAF Typhoon's near-miss with airliner

Angels serve to carry message of God

The Times Square bomb failed. What will we do when the next bomb works?

Alonso escapes, fine for Ferrari/ Ferrari fined \$20000 for pit near-miss

Suspicious luggage incident at Bush Airport cleared Top 3 Headlines

Survivor Heroes vs. Villains: Rupert Dodges Two Bullets

Melvin the Mummy's New Clothes

Young Ryan learns the value of life - and how easy it is to die - after near-miss

*Ask your teacher about any stories that you had no idea about*

*Which of the near misses above could happen to an ordinary person?*

*Brainstorm other everyday near misses, e.g. spilling something.*

*Listen to the recording (T 4.1) and see whether it is a near miss that is on your list.*

*Make up other near miss stories using the common newspaper verbs below:*

To eye  
A hearing  
A case  
To back  
To curb  
A probe/ To probe  
To pen  
Duo  
To hike  
To ink  
To besiege  
To crackdown/ A crackdown  
To alert/ An alert  
To target/ A target  
To reveal  
To battle  
To deny  
Dozens  
An envoy  
To be rumoured/ A rumour  
To seek  
To offer/ An offer  
An enquiry  
To protest/ A protest  
To cut/ A cut  
Spared  
Imminent  
Unrest  
A lull  
To stand trial  
To risk/ A risk  
A safeguard/ To safeguard  
To fight/ A fight  
To reject  
To doubt/ A doubt  
To sentence/ A sentence  
To charge/ A charge  
To remain  
To threat/ A threat  
To demand/ A demand  
To be held  
To oversee