บทที่ 4
ข่าวอุทิศเหตุและอุบัติภัย
(News of Disasters)

ข่าวอุทิศเหตุเป็นข่าวที่พบบ่อย ๆ ในหน้าสื่อพิมพ์เพราะรายงานความรุนแรงของเหตุการณ์ที่เกิดจากหลายพื้นที่ ข่าวอุทิศเหตุคือ ข่าวที่รายงานเหตุการณ์ที่เป็นอุบัติเหตุ อันเกิดจากสถานะของผู้คน เช่น รถยนต์ เรือ รถไฟ และเครื่องบิน รวมทั้งเหตุการณ์ที่เกิดขึ้นที่นาไปสู่ความเสียหายของทรัพย์สิน ตลอดจนชีวิต ค่าสินค้าหรือข้อมูล ข่าวประเภทนี้มีลักษณะการวินิจฉัย

ข่าวอุทิศเหตุและข่าวอุบัติภัยจำแนกเป็น 2 ประเภท
1. อุบัติเหตุที่เกิดจากมนุษย์ เช่น รถชนกัน (Car crash) รถไฟและเครื่องบินตก (Train and plane crashes) ระเบิดทางรถยนต์ (Car piracy) ไฟไหม้ (Fires) คราบตกลง (The collapse of buildings and other structures) แก๊สระเบิด (gas bomb)
2. อุบัติภัยทางธรรมชาติ เช่น น้ำท่วม (Floods) น้ำป่า (Flash floods) ไฟป่า (Storms) พายุพัดพิง (Thunder storms) โคลน (Mud floods) น้ำท่วม (Avalanches) ไฟป่า (Forest fires) ความแห้งแล้ง (Drought) ความร้อน (Starvation) อุทุนนิยม (Hurricanes) พายุพัดพิง (Tornadoes) สนีเรียค (Tremors) หมอกเมฆ (monsoons) แม่น้ำที่ไหลผ่าน (After shocks) และภูเขาไฟระเบิด (Vocanic eruption)

การเขียนข่าวประเภทนี้มีวิธีการเขียนข่าวที่สามารถมาทั่วไป มีความต้องการอยู่ด้วยทั้งผู้เขียนข่าว (Headline) ผู้ตีข่าวยอด (Lead) และผู้ตีข่าว (Body) นอกจากนี้ผู้เขียนข่าวต้องไม่เลือกข่มขื่น เทศทางข่าว หรืออ้างอิงข้อมูลดูดภูมิข่าว (Source) ไปในข่าวด้วย เพื่อให้ทุกจุดต้องน่าเป็นสื่อถึงเหตุนี้

บทนี้จะบรรยายการเขียนข่าวอุบัติเหตุ คุณวิทยาที่จำเป็นในการรายงานข่าวอุบัติเหตุ ตลอดจนตัวอย่างและแบบฝึกหัด

1. คุณวิทยาที่จำเป็นในการเขียนข่าวอุบัติเหตุ ใบแนบและบรรยายเรียงของคุณวิทยาที่จำเป็นในการเขียนข่าวอุบัติเหตุ ประกอบด้วย:

ตัวอย่าง:

alarm A gas bomb on New Petchburi Road alarmed drivers in Bangkok, police said yesterday.
A student was ambushed in Lumpini Park and was robbed of B2 gold last night while strolling alone.

Karen guerrillas assaulted Thai soldiers near the Chaingrai border early in the morning last Monday.

Trees fell down and blocked Friendship Road causing traffic congestion for at least two hours near Parg Chong yesterday.

Nuclear bombs keep people in the USSR in fear.

Gun blazed out unexpectedly killing a 15 year-old boy staying at home alone yesterday.

Balloons burst at a birthday party causing at least a few people to be hospitalized.

A husband bruised his wife by beating her with an iron rod at Ton Tarn district in Saraburi Province two days ago.

Young boys and girls from the Isam were brutalized in a candy factory in Parg Tor area last week.

A taxi bumped against a lamp post near Magkasan last night.

A boat capsized and causing 10 passengers to drown.

Prannok pier capsized and drowned at least 30 people mostly were kids and women.

A gas bomb caused passers-by on Petchburi Road to choke yesterday.

A brand-new Toyota collided with a junk car near St.Louis Hospital, South Sathorn Road, police said.
At least four people were wounded in a car collision on Vibhavadee Rangsit Road last night.

A woman collapsed while waiting for a bus in the midday sun in Dheves area yesterday.

A school fence crumbled leaving a few students in fear in Chiangmai province last Friday.

A window crack frightened shoppers at the Ramkhamhaeng Mall on New Year Eve.

A pupil was crushed to death in a crowd at the Bol fair yesterday.

Grasshoppers have damaged tons of rice in the Northeastern provinces last week.

Several drug addicts in a daze were killed by a runaway truck.

High tide in the Chao Phraya drowned a man fishing near Pin Klao Bridge yesterday.

Mount Fuji erupted furiously leaving houses, properties and people in chaos last Sunday night.

A man was executed last Monday by a group of outlaws near the border of Israel.

Dynamite carried by a guard suddenly exploded and wounded two men in a factory in the Hua Mark area.

A gun fired by a child injured his parents at Mae Rim district in Chiangmai province.

5 trapped in the jungle for almost one week.

A plane heading for Manila was hijacked early this morning.
A road accident killed 2 men and caused a holocaust on Ramkhamhaeng Road.

Bomb kills at least 30 in Colombia.

A millionaire was kidnapped.

The looting of the plane wreckage in Suphan Buri province shamed Thai people last week.

Two women were rescued on the top floor from a fire bomb by helicopter at Silom Central on Sunday afternoon.

A policewomen risked her life to save an old woman from a fire bomb yesterday.

9 saved from Sydney office building fire.

Epidemic slays many rural poor.

The ceiling of the fifth floor of Dollar Bank smashed yesterday and wounded at least three clients and two tellers.

15 survived from a car crash on Bangna-Trad Road at 2 pm of July 11.

A tiger at Khao Din Zoo terrified kids almost to death yesterday.

The student riot threatened Hua Mark police station from 8 am to 6 pm yesterday.

A fire bomb wounded at least 10 people on Petchburi Road yesterday evening.

A storm wrecked a ship near the harbor of Ta Chalorm district in Samutsongkhram last night.
**Car Crashes**

**Related vocabulary:**
- to crash
- to collide head-on
- to skid off the road
- to tailgate
- to smash into
- to ram into
- to swerve
- to ram into
- to tailgate
- to fail to overtake a car
- to injury
- to skirt off the road
- to bump into
- to avoid an on-coming car/an approaching car
- to bump into
- to be slightly/seriously injured
- to flee the scene
- to be injured
- to be killed instantly
- to be killed on the spot
- to be trapped in the wreckage
- to be trapped in the wreckage
- slippery road
- a drunkard
- collision
- a drunken man

**Example:**

**11 killed in truck collision**

Eleven workers travelling home in a truck to vote in a village election were killed in a head-on collision with another truck, police said yesterday. Twelve were injured in the accident in Danchang District of Suphan Buri on Sunday night, AP reports.

**5 Ws and H:**

- **Who:** Eleven workers.
- **What:** They were killed in a truck.
- **Where:** in Danchang District, Suphan Buri Province.
- **When:** Yesterday
- **Why:** going to a village election.
- **How:** It was a head-on collision.
Floods (น้ำท่วม)

Related vocabulary:
torrential rain thunderstorm tropical storm
typhoon widespread shower downpour
rainfall to inundate to recede
to stand on rooftops to be marooned to rescue
to drain water out to make effort to drain water out
to submerge to perch on rooftops to drown
to claim to kill to sweep away
flood-affected/stricken area flood victims
flooded area rescue team relief operation
knee-deep level waist-deep level the flood
ankle-deep floodwater roads cut off flat-bottom boat
electricity poles/lines cattle perished in
flood makes people homeless/stand on rooftops
donations of food, medical supplies and blankets
ad-hoc committee the death toll/calamity rises to
flood control center the worst-hit district of

The meteorological Department

Example:

Floodwaters claim 35 in Bangladesh

Associated Press

Dhaka-- Nearly two million people have been marooned in Bangladesh, with floodwaters inundating new areas and killing at least 35 people in northern parts of the country, officials and news reports said yesterday.

5 Ws and H:

Who: Nearly two million have been marooned.
What: Floodwater killed 35 people and made almost two million of them homeless.
Where: In the northern parts of Bangladesh.
When: Yesterday or a few days ago
Why: Because of the floodwaters.
How: Floods inundated many areas in the northern parts of Bangladesh.
The news was reported by officials and Associate Press.

Plane Crashes (เครื่องบินตก)

Related vocabulary:
- to crash
- to nose down
- to plough into
- to plunge into
- to burst into flame
- to slam into
- to disintegrate into pieces
- to land on its fuselage
- bad weather
- poor visibility
- lightning
- mid-air explosion
- engine trouble
- pilot error
- pilot
- co-pilot
- cabin crew
- crash site
- victim(s)
- survivor(s)
- charred bodies
- the ill-fated plane
- casualty/casualties
- death toll

Example:

*No survivors from air crash in Laos*

Hanoi-- Vietnam's official news agency confirmed that its top general and everyone else aboard were killed when a Lao military jet crashed near the plain of Jars in Laos on May 25.

5 Ws and H:

Who: Vietnam's top general and other military men.
What: A Laos military jet crashed killing one Vietnamese top General and other military men.
Where: Near the plain of Jars in Laos.
When: On May 25.
Why: It was a plane crash in mid air.
How: The plane crashed ploughing into the plain.
Fires (ไฟไหม้)

Related vocabulary:
- to blaze  to burst into flames  to gust  to gut
- to raze to engulf flames  to spread  to choke
- to suffocate  to extinguish  to control the fire  to rage
- to escape through the fire exits/emergency doors  to put out
- panic  to suffer a third degree burn  to hit
- to bring the fire under control  fire alarm  holocaust
- fireman  firefighter  fire extinguisher
- police Fire Brigade Division  fire escape  casualty/death toll

Example:

Fire razes garment factory

A fire caused by electric short circuit yesterday blazed a textile factory at Nong Kham resulting in strong fumes and massive clouds demolishing the factory, killing at least two workers and injuring many people, police reported.

5 Ws and H:

Who:    Two workers and many people.

What:    A fire killed two workers and injured many people

Where:   In a garment factory at Nong Khaem.

When:    Yesterday.

Why:     There was an electric short circuit.

How:     The short circuit caused a fire to blaze. The strong flames and massive clouds choked and charred two workers and many were injured.

2.บทนำข่าว (Lead) ข่าวอุบัติเหตุ

น. TWA Air Boeing 767 plunged into the Pacific near Honolulu last night and drowned at least 30 passengers.

Who ได้มี TWA Air 767 ซึ่งหมายความว่า สายการบิน TWA โบอิง 767

What ได้เข้าสู่พื้นที่มหาสมุทรแปซิฟิก และทำให้ผู้โดยสารเหล่านี้เสียชีวิต 30 คน
Where ได้เกิด near Honolulu หมายความว่า ใกล้ๆ เมืองฮόโลนิว
When ได้เกิด last night คือ เมื่อคืนนี้
A gas bomb choked hundreds of passers-by, killed at least 20 drivers and burnt up a lot of brand-new cars on Petchburi Road near the Bangna Expressway last night.
Who ได้เกิด A gas bomb คือ แก๊สระเบิดชนวน
What ได้เกิด Choked hundreds of passers-by, killed at least 20 drivers and burnt up a lot of brand-new cars ที่ความหมายว่า ระเบิดของแก๊สทำให้คนเดินถนนทั้งหมดหายใจไม่ออก มีคนเสียชีวิตอย่างน้อย 20 คน และทำให้รถยนต์หลายๆ ไหม้。
Where ได้เกิด on Petchburi Road near Bangkok Expressway หมายถึง ที่ถนนเพชรบุรีใกล้ทางด่วนบางนาย
When ได้เกิด last night หมายถึง เมื่อคืนนี้.

ข. Two Burmese civilians hijacked a Thai airlines plane by threatening the crew with automatic weapons and forced the pilot by gunpoint to head the plane for Rangoon 15 minutes after taking off from Don Muang Airport at 9 am yesterday.
Who ได้เกิด Two Burmese civilians
What ได้เกิด hijacked a Thai Airlines plane/ and forced the first pilot to head for Rangoon
How ได้เกิด threatening the crew with a nuclear weapon/ with a gunpoint
When ได้เกิด while the plane was 15 minutes taking off from Don Muang Airport at 9 am yesterday.

The Andaman Pearl leaked and sank while making her trip to Phuket last Sunday, one of the survivors said.
Who ได้เกิด The Andaman Pearl
What ได้เกิด leaked and sank
When ได้เกิด while making her trip for Phuket last Sunday
Source of news ได้เกิด one of the surviving said

3. แบบฝึกหัดข้ออุปถัมภ์ๆ
ก. แบบฝึกหัดที่ 1
Write a good sentence using the given words.
Read the following news reports and compare them in terms of similarities and differences.

1. Thousands forced to flee from wildfire

Gerona, Spain—At least 12,000 people, mostly tourists, have been forced to flee their homes and hotels as an inferno consumed a huge tract of forest in Spain’s northeastern Catalonia region, officials said yesterday.

The evacuation was ordered late on Sunday as the blaze, whipped up by high winds, claimed more than 6,000 hectares of land, cutting power supplies and roads and defying the efforts of firefighters.

Meanwhile in neighbouring Portugal, a forest fire which burned hundreds of hectares of pine forest, threatened dozens of villages and destroyed numerous abandoned houses this weekend was brought under control yesterday by some 300 firefighters aided by special firefighting aircraft.

The blaze in the central Portuguese region of Gois may have been started deliberately or by fireworks from a local festival, firemen said.-- AFP
2. MOUNTAINOUS INFERNO

Smoke can be seen from kilometres away as a fire rages on the Pechanga Indian Reservation in the Cleveland National Forest near Temecula, California, on Sunday. The fire has consumed more than 10,000 acres and is 45% contained. - REUTERS

Firemen fight to tame blazes in 11 states

Bad conditions cause fires to linger on

Hamilton, Montana, AP

Hundreds of residents driven from their homes by smoke and flames returned only for a few hours before they were forced to leave again because of fierce wind-driven blazes.

The blaze near Hamilton on Sunday crossed a highway and was threatening houses and other buildings in the area. Elsewhere, crews battled dozens of fires burning in the Northern Rockies.

"This is the most awesome fire I've ever experienced," Jody Eberly, a fire official with 20 years' experience, said of the blazes in the smoke-shrouded Bitterroot Valley in southwestern Montana.

On Sunday, 64 fires were burning out of control on 376,680 hectares in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
Steve Frye, a commander of the firefighting effort in Montana, said the conditions are so bad that fires are feeding on themselves.

He told about 200 residents gathered at Darby on Sunday night, many of them angry and fearful, that “these aren’t the kinds of fires we’re going to run in front of and stop”.

The forecasts on Sunday offered little hope of relief from the hot, dry weather that has helped create what officials have called the worst fire season in the west in 50 years.

Firefighters in Nevada reported they were near containment on several large blazes, but one grass and brush fire near Fernley, about 48km east of Reno, had exploded from 360 hectares to more than 2,000 hectares on Sunday.

In California, fire crews grew closer on Sunday to extinguishing a 4,250-hectare blaze that started on the Pechanga Indian Reservation.

Firefighting officials expect the blaze to be fully contained by Thursday. The Pechanga fire and the Manter fire, in Sequoia National Forest, each have cost more than $9 million to fight.
Floodwaters claim 35 in Bangladesh

Associated Press

DHAKA — Nearly two million people have been marooned in Bangladesh, with flood waters inundating new areas and killing at least 35 people in northern parts of the country, officials and news reports said yesterday.

From northeastern tea-growing districts of Sylhet and Sunamganj flood waters have now reached and submerged northern districts of Maulvibazar, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, Kurigram, Manikganj and Panchagar.

Nearly two million are trapped in their flooded homes. "Thousands of marooned people have remained perched on rooftops of mainly mud-and-straw huts," an official at the flood control center in the worst-hit district of Sylhet said on condition of anonymity.

Dhaka's newspapers Janakantha and Ittefaq said 25 people, mostly children, drowned in flood waters in Sylhet and Sunamganj on Saturday. Lightning killed five people in flood-affected Panchagar district.

Another five children were washed away by swirling flood waters on Wednesday because of heavy monsoon in the hills of Bangladesh and the neighbouring Indian state of Assam.

Floods have damaged rice and tea crops on thousands of acres of land and demolished some road bridges in northern Bangladesh, officials said.
1. Give the synonyms of "kill"
2. What makes this story news?
3. Group the words in the category of "diaster"
4. Study the sentence pattern in each paragraph. Discuss the use of the sentence pattern.
5. Discuss the accuracy and precision of the news report. Give examples to support your answer.
6. Point out the coherence in this news story.
7. Classify this news report.
   7.1 Chronological
   7.2 Narrative
   7.3 Descriptive
   7.4 Logical

Fill in the following blanks with the words given below.

- smashing
- exploded
- cracked
- killed
- killing
- skidded
- injured
- crashes
- hit
- perched
- ripped
- submerged

1. A Laotian helicopter on a joint mission with Thai authorities yesterday ......... in Bor Klua district, .......... Six men.
2. A container of chemical substances belonging to gas company in Mab Ta Pud Industrial Estate .......... yesterday morning.
3. More tropical forests .......... around the world in 1997 than at any other time in recorded history, a report said yesterday.
4. Blaze caused by a cigarette butt .......... a French consulate late last night.
5. Thousands of marooned people remained .......... on rooftops.
6. Floodwaters .......... the Lad Prao and Bangkapi areas.
7. The haze from Indonesian forest blanketed Southeast Asia.

11 killed in truck collision

Eleven workers travelling home in a truck to vote in village elections were killed in a head-on collision with another truck, police said yesterday.

Twelve people were injured in the accident in Danchang District of Suphan Buri on Sunday night, AP reports.

1) Write 2 headlines following the examples given.
   11 killed in truck collision
   10 wounded by gas bomb

2) Write the subjects of a lead following the examples.
   Eleven workers travelling home in a truck to vote in village elections
   Ten students walking home after school

3) Write the verb of a lead following the examples.
   Were killed in a head-on collision with another truck
   Were injured because of a dynamite explosion
4) Write the sources of news following the examples given.

Police said yesterday
AP reports
One of the injured men said

北京--- 两场微震在昨晚于北京的西南地区发生，但没有造成人员伤亡或建筑物破坏，中国国家地震局报告称。

The quakes were centered in the city's southwestern district of Fengtai and were felt by some people in the western part of the Chinese capital. The seismology bureau said.

-Associated Press.

Two tremors hit Beijing.

The first of the pair of preliminary magnitude 3.1 quakes struck at 7:37 p.m. (6:37 p.m. Bangkok time) and the second five minutes later, the official Xinhua Agency reported.

ข. แบบฝึกหัดที่ 7

Use the following information to write a good lead. Develop the news focal point. Do not exceed 35 words.

Who: Thousands of people in India.
What: Almost 3,000 of them died. Thousands of them were hospitalized.

The death toll of people, 2,919, nationally reported, was
The worst figure ever recorded in Indian history.

Where: In Orissa and Andhra, the eastern and southern states of India respectively.

When: In summer

Why: People died because of the worst heat wave. The temperature in summer was 51 degrees Celsius. It was the worst and hottest weather ever to hit Orissa and Andhra.

How: There was a heat wave. The weather was very hot. There was no rain and the temperature kept going up.

Source of news: A news agency in India, Indian weather authorities and Indian rescue team reported to Agence France-Presse.

(Adapted from The Nation, Friday, June 12, 1998)

ข. แบบฝึกหัดที่ 8

Identify the following headlines by indicating the number of words and type of accidents.

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What do you think of this picture?

WELL. I REFUSE TO EAT CHINESE FOOD UNTIL THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IS OVER, AND THE INDIANS STILL ALLOW WIDOW BURNING... "THE FRENCH ARE SETTING OFF NUCLEAR TESTS AND THE THAILANDS STILL SELL THEIR DAUGHTERS. HOW ABOUT THAT NEW JAPANESE RESTAURANT? TO SHOW OUR REMISE FOR HIROSHIMA!" ...GOOD IDEA...

International Herald Tribune, Hong Kong, August 18, 1995.