

## Nine laptop computers stolen from Japanese Embassy in Belgium

### Section A: Warm up

Answer the following questions based on your own experience.



- Have you ever had anything stolen? (Hint: Bicycle)
- Did you call the police?
- How can you prevent things being stolen? (hint: in car, in house)
- Have you ever been to an embassy? Why?
- What do people do at an Embassy?
- Where is Brussels?

### Section B: Vocabulary

Match the word on the left with its definition on the right.

- |       |                   |   |
|-------|-------------------|---|
| 1 .   | Thief             | (a) a place with a group of diplomatic representatives of a country   |
| 2 .   | Embassy           | (b) somebody who steals   |
| 3 .   | Consul            | (c) occurrence; happening   |
| 4 .   | Break-in          | (d) force an entry; burglarize  |
| 5 .   | Predawn           | (e) a day off work approved by law.   |
| 6 .   | Confidential      | (f) bureaucrat; representative  |
| 7 .   | Leak              | (g) reveal some secret  |
| 8 .   | Investigator      | (h) a person, especially a detective, who asks a lot of questions to find answers to problems.  |
| 9 .   | Lock              | (i) security device   |
| 1 0 . | National holidays | (j) The time just before the sun comes up.  |
| 1 1 . | Officials         | (k) make better; improve  |
| 1 2 . | Boost             | (l) private; classified   |
| 1 3 . | Incident          | (m) an official appointed by a government to live in a foreign country to represent the commercial interests of citizens of the country |

## Nine laptop computers stolen from Japanese Embassy in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium -- **Thieves** broke into the Japanese **Embassy** in Belgium and stole nine laptop computers, including one belonging to the **consul**, embassy officials have announced.

The **break-in** is believed to have occurred between the evening of Nov. 2 and the **predawn** hours of Nov. 3. Officials said nothing besides the computers had been stolen. They added that no **confidential** diplomatic information had been **leaked** outside the embassy.

The embassy is located on the sixth and seventh floors of a seven-story building in the middle of Brussels. **Investigators** said the **locks** on double-layer doors at the entrance on the sixth floor had been broken.

The embassy was closed between Nov. 1 and 4 for **national holidays** and the weekend. Japanese **officials** have asked the government in Belgium to **boost** security in the wake of the **incident**.

□ Mainichi Japan □ November 5, 2007

### Section E: Comprehension

Write your answers to the following, then discuss with a partner.

- What happened at the Japanese Embassy in Brussels?
- What was stolen?
- Was any information stolen?
- Was the security good at the Embassy?
- What did the Japanese officials want the Belgium Government to do?

### Section E: Discussion

Write your answers to the following, then discuss with a partner.

#### STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- ✧ What did you think about the title?
- ✧ Have you ever had anything stolen?
- ✧ Do you think the police can do anything about stolen goods?
- ✧ Other...?

#### STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- ✧ Do you have a computer?
- ✧ Do you know anyone who has had anything stolen?
- ✧ What can police do?
- ✧ Other...?

### Section F: Gap Fill

Fill in the spaces with words from the box

## Nine laptop computers stolen from Japanese Embassy in Belgium

predawn	confidential	national holidays	locks
break-in		laptop	boost

BRUSSELS, Belgium -- **Thieves** broke into the Japanese **Embassy** in Belgium and stole nine (a)\_\_\_\_\_ computers, including one belonging to the **consul**, embassy officials have announced.

The (b)\_\_\_\_\_ is believed to have occurred between the evening of Nov. 2 and the (c)\_\_\_\_\_ hours of Nov. 3. Officials said nothing besides the computers had been stolen. They added that no (d)\_\_\_\_\_ diplomatic information had been **leaked** outside the embassy.

The embassy is located on the sixth and seventh floors of a seven-story building in the middle of Brussels. **Investigators** said the (e)\_\_\_\_\_ on double-layer doors at the entrance on the sixth floor had been broken.

The embassy was closed between Nov. 1 and 4 for (f)\_\_\_\_\_ and the weekend. Japanese **officials** have asked the government in Belgium to (g)\_\_\_\_\_ security in the wake of the **incident**.