# Write an article about Lord Fenimore's death

### 1. The place

Here is a map of Westmorland Castle and its surroundings. Look at it briefly: it will help you find your way when listening to the various witnesses.



## 2. Important witnesses



To write your article, you will need to interview the following three witnesses and use the role cards in the *Student's Workbook*. Two of these witnesses live not far from Westmorland Castle. The third one, retired Colonel Marmaduke Arbuthnot, lives in London, so you will have to call him.

#### Remember

- **1.** Lorsque vous interviewez les témoins, n'oubliez pas que:
- Les questions commençant par un **auxiliaire** (*yes/no questions*) ont une **intonation montante**:

**Did** you see him just before his death? **▼ Was** he alone? **▼** 

• Les questions commençant par un **pronom interrogatif** en *how* ou *wh*-(*wh*- *questions*) ont une intonation **descendante**:

When did you see him? ▲
How far was it? ▲

- **2.** Les temps à privilégier dans les interviews seront:
- Le prétérit simple pour parler d'événements (verbes d'action) ou de faits (verbes d'état):

I saw him... Then I thought...

 Le prétérit be + -ing pour les descriptions et les actions en déroulement:

He was wearing... I was fishing...



Bernie BROWN

Fisherman – found the body.



Frank CORBY
Farmer – saw Lord Westmorland

shortly before his death.

Colonel Marmaduke ARBUTHNOT

Retired – was an officer in India under Lord Westmorland's command – knows quite a lot about his past.

## **3.** More about Lord Fenimore's past...

Read the article first, then answer the following questions:

- 1. Find the English equivalent of (in this order): bord bien que cou riche visiter - précédent - profond.
- 2. What do you learn about Lady Isabella Westmorland?
- 3. What is strange or interesting about her death?

#### SALCOMBE TRIBUNE

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## **Lady Westmorland Dies** in a Riding Accident

E HAVE JUST LEARNT of the tragic death of Lady Isabella Westmorland. Lady Isabella, 45, died yesterday as she was riding on the edge of the Dark Cliffs, near Westmorland Castle. Although Lady Isabella was an experienced rider (she had won the 1948 South Devon Cross-Country Riding Championship), it seems that she fell off Kali, her favourite horse, and broke her neck. Lady Isabella - born Rockefeller-Vanderbilt - came from a wealthy

American family. She had met and married Lord Fenimore in 1946 in India, while she was touring the country with Derek, her son from a former marriage. Lord Fenimore Westmorland was then commander of the glorious 14th Royal Fusiliers, based in Calcutta.

To Lord Fenimore and his family, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Lady Westmorland and Kali on their way to winning the 1948 South Devon Cross-Country Riding Championship



#### 4. Lord Fenimore's will

You may find it useful to read Lord Westmorland's will, in case you wish to include some more information in your article...

## **5.** A few words from the police



It would be interesting to quote (citer) Scotland Yard's Inspector Timothy Dryfather in your article. Listen to what he says about Lord Fenimore's death... You will find some help in your Workbook.

#### LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

of Lord Fenimore Westmorland

To Mrs Millicent Petticoat, my faithful housekeeper, I leave her rented cottage "Sunnyside" and £10,000.

To Sean Mortimer, my long-time friend, I leave £50,000.

To Angus Westmorland, my younger brother, who will inherit my title, I leave the remainder of my estate and property, hoping he will make good use of it.

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Now, you can write your article...