

**WALT-Write a Television News Script**

**German POW Escape from Island Farm, Bridgend.**

**Niamh Cowdery: Good morning and welcome to BBC News. Our main story this morning is the escape of seventy German prisoners from Island Farm Prisoner of War Camp, Bridgend in the early hours of this morning. This is the biggest escape attempt made by German prisoners of war during World War Two so far. The seventy prisoners all escaped through a tunnel that they had dug using cans and knives stolen from the canteen. The tunnel was dug two point seven feet below one of the prisoner's beds in Hut Nine. It is twenty one feet long and reaches beyond the perimeter fence. Cara-Mae, our reporter, is outside Hut Nine now. Cara-Mae...**

**(THROW - Niamh screen)**

**V.O: Hello, I am standing outside Hut Nine. It is just inside this building where seventy prisoners began their escape last night. They crawled along the tunnel and on into Farmer Garfield Davies' field.**

***(moving towards the perimeter fence)***

**V.O: This is the fence which the seventy prisoners tunnelled under to make their escape.**

***(Farmer Garfield Davies soundclip)***

**S.O.T: Yesterday I was ploughing on my tractor and I saw some prisoners staring at me. They must have been afraid that I would uncover the exit of their tunnel. Later, at midnight, I heard some strange noises coming from my field. I ignored it at first but then I went down to see what the noise was. There was nothing there. I started to panic when I realized it was the prisoners escaping**

**from Island Farm.**

**P.T.C: Cara-Mae: After their escape, the prisoners made their move about the countryside. Two of them stole the local doctor's car. The prisoners smashed the car windows and drove off.**

***(Doctor Milne soundclip)***

**S.O.T: I realized my car had been stolen this morning but I had no idea it had been stolen by German prisoners. I contacted the police to report my car stolen. They said that seventy German prisoners had escaped and suspected that a few of them may have stolen my car. I was furious.**

**P.T.C: Cara Mae: This search will be carrying on until all the missing German prisoners of war are found. If you see any suspicious behaviour, please contact the authorities immediately! Back to you Niamh.**

***(THROW Cara Mae)***

**Niamh: Thank you Cara Mae, reporting live at Island Farm Prisoner of War Camp where seventy German prisoners of war escaped last night.**