## News!

1. Listen to the recording. The accent you'll hear is Michael from North America. Really try and focus and concentrate on what you are listening to. Don't panic if you can't understand every word. Try and see if you can understand the general idea. Feel free to take notes and then after you've heard it once, tell me about what you have heard.

- 2. Now listen again for more specific details and be ready to answer questions about what you have heard.
  - a. Where was Damien going?
  - b. Where does he live?
  - c. Who called him?
  - d. Why was this surprising?
  - e. What did Damien's daughter say to him?
  - f. What had happened to Damien's wife?
  - g. Who went straight to the house?
  - h. Why did Damien ring his sister-in-law?
  - i. How did Damien's daughter let her uncle in?
  - j. Where did Mary go?
  - k. What did the doctors say about Priya?
  - I. What does Damien think of his daughter?
  - m. Now let's check some of the vocabulary:
    - to ring fiancée distressed to get up a stroke latch quick thinking

## Recording No. 9 – Michael – North American:

Damien Galvin was on his way to work near Cork, Ireland, when he was surprised to receive a FaceTime call from his daughter, Priya. The five-year-old, who had recently learned to use FaceTime, rang in tears to raise the alarm that her mother had collapsed at home.

"She said Mammy was drinking her tea and now she was on the floor," Galvin said. "She turned the camera around and I could see my fiancée was very distressed. She couldn't get up." Mary had suffered a stroke. Galvin was some way from home so he urgently rang Mary's sister, who sent her husband to the house.

The front door was locked but Priya managed to open the backdoor latch and let him in. An ambulance took Mary to hospital, where doctors credited Priya's quick thinking with saving her mother's life. "With a stroke, time is precious," Galvin said later. "My daughter doesn't know it, but she's a hero."