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## Reporting Live from Tiananmen

*An extension of "Remembering the killings at Tiananmen Square"*

"Remembering the killings at Tiananmen Square" (page 7, *What's Up* May 2019) tells the tragic story of one of the darkest days in China's history.

1. Individually, read the story carefully and understand the sequence of events.
2. Work in pairs. Imagine you are television reporters. You are watching the events unfold, and reporting it live to Singapore. Fill the gaps in the report below using the correct tenses of the verbs given in brackets.

This news \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to you live from Tiananmen Square.

### 18 April 1989

As you can \_\_\_\_\_ (see) behind me, thousands of students \_\_\_\_\_ (march) through the capital to Tiananmen Square. They \_\_\_\_\_ (call) for a more democratic government. They \_\_\_\_\_ (want) their leaders \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) more accountable. They are also \_\_\_\_\_ (demand) a free press. Many workers \_\_\_\_\_ (join) them in the protest. The number of students and workers \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) to increase in the next few days.

### 19 May 1989

The protests \_\_\_\_\_ (continue). There is a rally \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) in Tiananmen Square. It \_\_\_\_\_ (draw) an estimated 1.2 million people. The government, however, has not \_\_\_\_\_ (respond) to the protesters' demands. A while ago, a government official \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the rally and \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) the demonstrators to leave.

### 03 Jun 1989

Good evening. It \_\_\_\_ (to be) 8:00 PM now. The army \_\_\_\_ (to be) here with guns and tear gas. They \_\_\_\_\_ (advance) towards the Square.

It \_\_\_\_ (to be) 10:00PM now and the army \_\_\_\_\_ (fire) tear gas into the crowds. Shots \_\_\_\_\_ (fire) from all sides into the crowd. It \_\_\_\_\_ (sound) like New Year fire crackers. There \_\_\_\_ (to be) chaos. The protestors \_\_\_\_ (to be) frozen with shock. Many are being \_\_\_\_\_ (kill).

### 04 Jun 1989

Shots \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) till the early hours of this morning. The protestors \_\_\_\_\_ (disperse). The army \_\_\_\_\_ (take) control of the Square. Many protestors \_\_\_\_\_ (kill) during the night. Official figures \_\_\_\_ (claim) that 300 people died but it \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) that about 4,000 people died.

### 05 June 1989

*(Use your imagination to complete, overleaf, the reporting by adding your own comments or feelings about what you would have witnessed. As a reporter, be objective. Do not take sides and avoid blaming anyone. Let your audience judge the events for themselves. Be sensitive and respectful.)*