**French supermarket siege: gendarme dies after taking place of hostage**

A gendarme who exchanged himself for a hostage during the French supermarket siege has died, bringing the number of victims to four. Police shot dead the attacker after a series of attacks claimed by Islamic State in Carcassonne, southern France, that culminated in the three-hour hostage-taking. The attacker, named as Radouane Lakdim, 25, was born in Morocco and lived in Carcassonne. He was known to police for petty crimes and drug-dealing. The state prosecutor François Molins said he had been under surveillance in 2016 and 2017 for his “radicalism and proximity to Salafist movements” but had showed no signs he was going to carry out an attack. «I saw one person on the ground and a person who had a handgun in one hand and knife in the other and was shouting,” he said. “He was very agitated. I knew at once it was a terrorist. After 25 years in the police force, one knows these things. He shot several times in the air.

**EXERCISES**

Activity 1: Read the extract above and briefly describe what happened (up to 5 lines)

Activity 2: ***Heroic French officer Arnaud Beltrame dies after switching himself for hostage in France supermarket…***this is the titleof the article written the day after theattack in the supermarket in France. Do you agree with the word **‘heroic’**? Can it clearly describe this man’s sacrifice? What would you do if you were him?

Activity 3: **“shoot”** check out for the possible meanings and uses of the word in the <https://www.wordreference.com/engr/shoot>

Activity 4: Follow the link and do the drill on Past Tenses

<https://test-english.com/grammar-points/b1-b2/narrative-tenses/>