

## Nine/Eleven

### 1 Leggi il testo.



September 11, 2001 or 9/11, as most Americans call it, was a terrible day in American history. Nineteen al-Qaeda terrorists attacked the USA, hijacking four American passenger planes. Two of them were intentionally crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The third airplane crashed into the Pentagon, in Virginia, and the fourth, whose target was most likely the White House or Washington D.C., crashed in Pennsylvania. In this last case the tragedy took place after some of the passengers learnt what had happened to the other planes and decided to regain control of the plane. All the people on the planes were killed instantly and many in the buildings died either because of the crash or the collapse of the building (the Twin Towers and one more building of the World Trade Center collapsed a couple of hours after the attacks). A great number of buildings around the Twin Towers were badly damaged and many people who lived or worked in that area probably died because of the toxic fallout caused by the collapse of the towers. There were 2,976 victims of 90 different nationalities, including 411 emergency workers, who tried to save the people in the 110-floor towers.

Some hours after these attacks, the FBI found out that most of the terrorists were from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon and Egypt, and that they had planned these attacks since 1996. The leader of the group was Mohamed Atta but the person responsible for the attacks was al-Qaeda's leader Osama bin Laden, who was found and killed in May 2011. As a consequence of these attacks the USA decided to begin a war against terrorism, along with other countries, and they invaded Afghanistan because this country had given refuge to the al-Qaeda terrorists.



### 2 **K** Rileggi il testo e indica se le frasi sono vere (True) o false (False).

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| On September 11, 2001 eighteen al-Qaeda terrorists attacked the USA. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 They hijacked four American passenger planes.                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 All the people on the planes were killed instantly.                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The fourth plane crashed into the White House.                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 There were 411 victims of 90 different nationalities.              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 The FBI found out these attacks had been planned since 1996.       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Al-Qaeda's leader was Osama bin Laden.                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### 3 **ES** Prepara un breve riassunto sull'attacco dell'11 settembre includendo le seguenti informazioni.

- how it happened
- who the terrorists were and what their targets were
- the consequences of the attacks