

Newspaper style (teacher's notes)

1. Lead-in (Activity 1) 5-7 mins

Aim: to engage students in the context of the lesson.

Procedure: Ask SS to discuss questions in pairs.

2. Peculiarities of newspaper style (Activity 2) 10 mins

Aim: to practise reading for specific information.

Procedure: Put SS in the groups of three. Organize jigsaw reading: divide the text into 3 parts, give each group task to read their part of the text and ask them to reproduce it. After the reading, SS should discuss the questions below the text.

3. Vocabulary work (Activity 3) 10 mins

Aim: to practise the vocabulary and semi-controlled speaking.

Procedure: SS discuss possible explanation of headlines. The teacher decides who has the best interpretations of the headlines and announces the winner.

Key:

3.1.

A. **PM BACKS PEACE PLAN** - proposal to end the war

B. **MP SPY DRAMA** - politician sells secrets to the enemy

C. **SPACE PROBE FAILS** - satellite is not launched

D. **QUEEN'S GEMS RIDDLE** - royal jewels are stolen

E. **STAR WEDS** - marriage of a famous actress

F. **KEY WITNESS DEATH THREAT** - person who saw the crime in danger

3.2.

1. **MOVE TO CREATE MORE JOBS** - Government decided to organize more working places

2. **GO-AHEAD FOR WATER CURBS** - Government approved limits for water supply

3. **WOMAN QUILTS AFTER JOB ORDEAL** - woman decided to leave company after painful experience

4. **POLL PROBES SPENDING HABITS** - survey showed how people spend money

5. **PRINCE VOWS TO BACK FAMILY** - prince promised to support his family

3.3.

1. **CHANCELLOR CUTS INTEREST RATES** - to reduce
2. **BOMB BLASTS CENTRAL LONDON** - to explode
3. **PM PLEDGES BACKING FOR EUROPE** - to promise
4. **PRESIDENT HEADS PEACE MOVES** - to lead

3.4.

GEM SMUGGLERS CAUGHT IN PORT SWOOP - criminals, who wanted to smuggle jewelry, were arrested during the police operation.

BANK RAID CASH HAUL FOUND: 3 CHARGED - money, stolen some days ago, was found. Three criminals are accused.

DICTATOR OUSTED: PLEA FOR CALM - dictator was thrown down, the interim government asks people not to worry.

NEW MOVES TO HALT BORDER CLASHES - the government decided to hold a special operation to stop violence in the border area.

GOVT BACKS ARMS BAN TO WOO LEFT - Government agreed to prohibit weapons to attract the support of the left-wing parties.

KIDNAP BID FOILED: 3 QUIZZED, 2 FLEE - attempt to steal a person has failed. as a result, 3 persons are interrogated, 2 escaped.

3.5.

A. Eighteen people were killed when the army tried to overthrow the government - **COUP BID: 18 KILLED**

B. A leading diplomat has been mysteriously murdered - **DEAD ENVOY RIDDLE**

C. The Prime Minister is trying to win the support of the coal miners' trade union - **PM TO WOO MINERS' TU**

D. The director of British Petroleum has been forced to resign - **PM FORCED TO QUIT**

E. A member of Parliament was questioned by the police in an investigation into the use of illegal drugs - **DRUG CASE: MP QUIZZED**

4. Grammar in Newspapers (Activity 4) 20 mins

Aims: to organize reading and free speaking practice in the engaging context.

Procedure: Ask SS to read the article and discuss the grammar peculiarities open class.

Pre-teach the following vocabulary:

to opt - to make a choice, especially of one thing or possibility instead of others;

to be better off - to have more money than you had in the past or more money than most other people;

to be worse off - to be poorer or in a more difficult situation;

vulnerable - to be easily physically, emotionally, or mentally hurt, influenced, or attacked;

to commute - to make the same journey regularly between work and home;
childminder - a person whose job is to take care of other people's children in her or his own home.

Then ask SS to read the text and retell it using not newspaper style.

5. Sum up. 2-3 mins

Praise SS for good work and give a delayed error correction feedback.