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**Using Media in Your Studies: The 5 “W’s”  
English Now!**

Every month, students in our Intensive English Program participate in a Lunchtime Talk on a different topic. Recently, we talked about news media, and how online news resources can help you practice your English. Our intermediate level students learned about using the 5 W’s as they or read or listen to news stories. The 5 W’s are: Who, What, Where, When and Why. Read more…

**The 5 W’s**

When you read, listen, or watch media it is good to look for important details. These will help you understand the news better. We use the 5 W’s to understand the news better. When you read the news ask and answer these questions:

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| **Who** did that? | **What** happened? |
| **Where** did it take place? | **When** did it take place? |
| **Why** did that happen? |  |

*Example*

**Willow Becomes Mayor**

The town of Sunnydale had elections last night. The people chose Willow to be Mayor. They chose Willow because they thought she would be a good mayor.

**Who** did that? The people

**What** happened? They chose a mayor

**Where** did it take place? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**When** did it take place? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Why** did that happen? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**General Internet Resources**

These websites can help you learn English. They will help you practice your listening and reading

Check out the following for all levels:

* [**http://learningenglish.voanews.com/**](http://learningenglish.voanews.com/) *Voice of America (VOA)*: The VOA writes programs for English language learners. The programs have audio, text and vocabulary. They introduce learners to American society, politics, and culture. They offer an American view of the world. VOA has three levels. Find the level that is best for you.
* [**http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/**](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/) *Breaking News English*: Breaking News English writes articles for English language learners. It has audio, text, vocabulary, and activities. Breaking News English has six levels. Find the level that is best for you.
* [**http://www.newsinlevels.com/**](http://www.newsinlevels.com/) *News in Levels*: News in Levels writes articles for English language learners. It has audio, text, and vocabulary. News in Levels has 3 levels. Find the level that is best for you.

**Reading**

Improving your reading takes a long time. Reading is important to everyone who wants to work or study in English. Also, reading is the best way to improve your vocabulary. We recommend the following for reading practice:

* [**http://www.newsforyouonline.com/index.asp**](http://www.newsforyouonline.com/index.asp) ***News for You****:* This is a weekly newspaper written for English language learners. This is a newspaper for students at the High Beginner to Intermediate levels. It is available at English Now!’s reception desk. You can subscribe to it after you go back your home country.
* [**http://www.usatoday.com/**](http://www.usatoday.com/) ***USA Today*:** This is a national daily newspaper with short articles. It is good for Intermediate to High Intermediate levels.

Thank you for your interest in these resources. Talk to your instructor or email us at [info@english-now.com](mailto:info@english-now.com) with suggestions about additional resources. Good luck in your studies!