

## exercise 16-2 | Using negative margins

Now that you know the strategy, you should be able to write the styles that position the **#news** content in the left column and the **#links** on the right. This exercise is based on the same HTML source order as the previous example. Note, however, that the column width values have changed (to make things interesting). As before, put 20 pixels of space between columns.

If you'd like to play around with the actual files in a text editor, the *mountolympus-ex2.html* document is in the *materials* folder for this chapter. Otherwise, you can grab a pencil and write in the style rules below. The final styles are provided in [Appendix A](#).

Remember, the key is to move **#news** to the left, using a negative margin, by the total width of the elements that precede it in the source.

```
#main {
  float: left;
  width: 400px;
  /* write your margin declarations below */

}

#news {
  float: left;
  width: 300px;
  /* write your margin declarations below */

}

#links {
  float: left;
  width: 220px;
  /* write your margin declarations below */

}
```

The resulting layout should look like the one shown in [Figure 16-15](#).



**Figure 16-15.** The final three-column layout in *Exercise 16-2*.