

Any news?

VOCABULARY

LEVEL
Intermediate

NUMBER
EN_BE_2415V

LANGUAGE
English





Goals

- Can correctly use simple vocabulary related to online news and the press.
- Can engage in a short discussion about which news I read and why.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you will learn vocabulary related to **online news** and **news stories**.



On our **computers** and **smartphones** we can read the news online.

news story

article



He's reading a **news story** on his tablet about the elections. After that, he wants to read an **article** about public transport.



Vocabulary

headline

A **headline** needs to be short. It's the first thing you read!



images

Articles often have **images** too to add colour to the page!



text

An article's **text** refers to only the words included in it.



paragraphs

A news story is divided into several **paragraphs**.





Look at these examples



Online **news stories** have large, colourful **images** or photographs.

On news apps, you read the first **paragraph** of a story on the homepage.



I choose my **articles** by reading the first lines of the **text**.

Some **headlines** are really big, even larger than the newspaper title.





Label the parts of the news story

a. text

b. paragraph

c. headline



1

a

b

c

2

a

b

c

3

a

b

c



Complete the dialogue

headlines

images

news stories

paragraph



images

text

articles

news

How do you choose which _____ you read, Marc?

I see, I always like to read at least the first _____ so I know what it's about.

Do you ever read the _____ though?

Oh wow! I don't even look at the _____. We're totally different with our choices.

Usually I just look at the _____, Jane. I love photography.

Oh really? I'm not a big fan of too much _____. I prefer reading _____ with photo galleries.

Not really! I just click directly on the photos when I read the _____ on my smartphone.



Discuss

How do you choose the news stories you read? Are you more similar to Marc or to Jane? Discuss with a partner and then as a class





Sections of a newspaper

sport

I love reading about football matches in the **sports** section.

opinion

In the **opinion** section, writers give their personal view on the news.

culture

Go to the **culture** section for articles about museums, galleries and events.

lifestyle

Interested in health and exercise? Or beauty? **Lifestyle** is for you!

business

In **business**, you can read about the world of finance or the economy.

puzzles

If you enjoy doing crosswords then the **puzzles** section is for you.



Example sentences



I sometimes read the **business section** to find out about exchange rates.

My wife likes to read about new travel ideas in the **lifestyle section**.



The articles in the **opinion section** are always very long.



Example sentences



My friends and I visited a gallery recommended in the **culture section**.

I read that my basketball team lost their match in the **sports section**.



Their kids love doing the wordsearches in the **puzzles section**.



Match the newspaper sections to the pictures

1. culture

2. sports

3. lifestyle

4. business

5. puzzles

6. opinion

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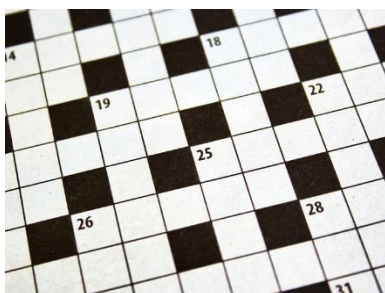
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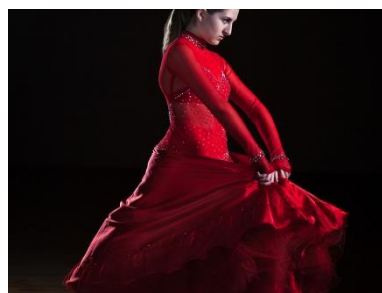
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D



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Which section do these news stories appear in?

A report about a
baseball game

A story about a new
gallery in town

An analysis of the
problems of the
German economy

An article about a new
superfood trend



Discuss

Which sections of the newspaper do you enjoy reading the most?

sports

lifestyle

culture

opinion

others...

to follow the news



I love **following the news**, every day I read stories about changes in politics.

to read the headlines



Many of us just **read the headlines** in the morning, we don't read all the article.

to click on a story



When I read the news on my tablet, I **click on a story** to read the full article.

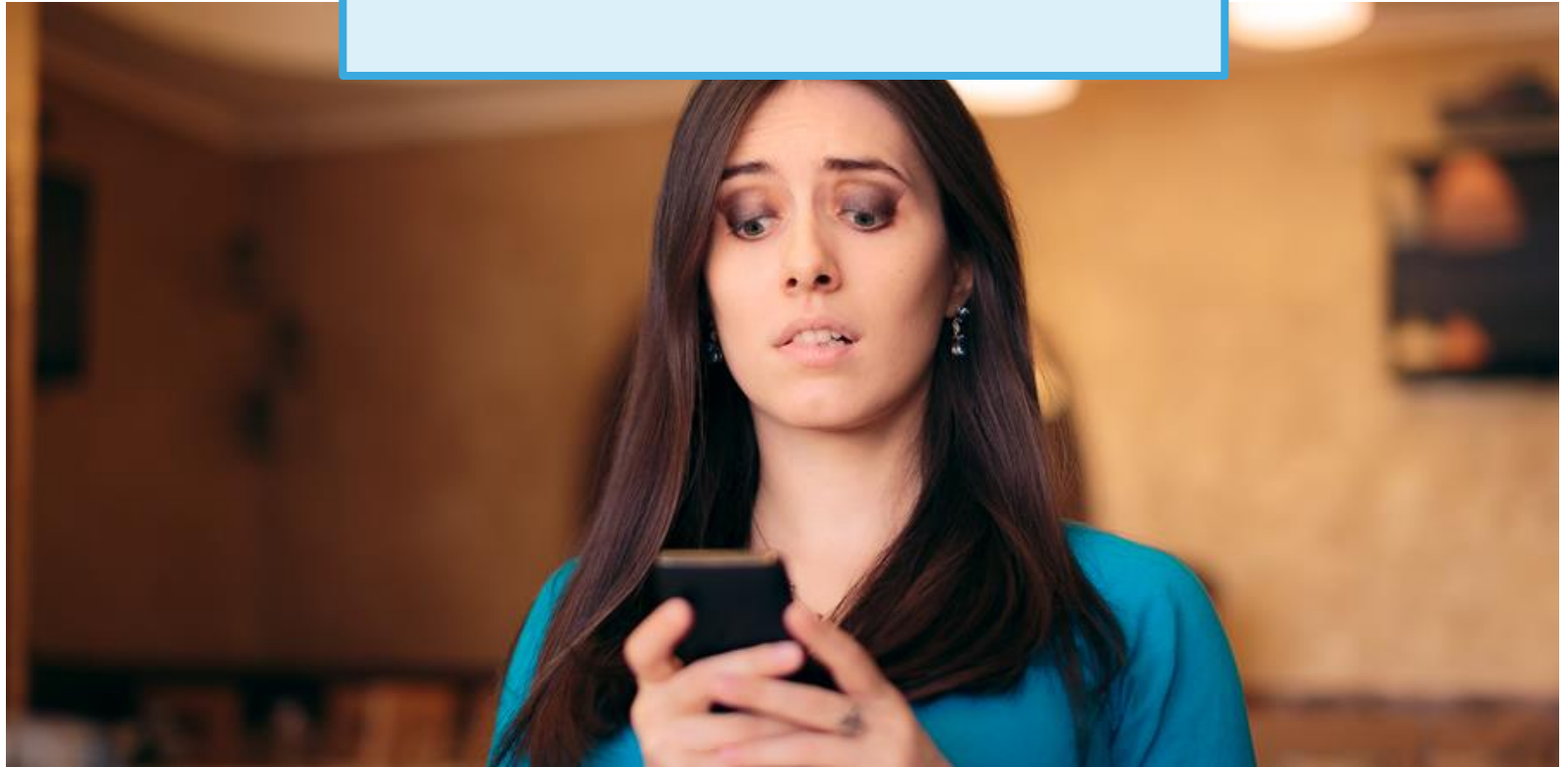
to discuss a topic

When describing what a news story **talks about**, we can use this verb to clearly explain this.



His article **discusses** the problems in Barcelona with tourism.

to write a comment



I **wrote my first comment** last week. I really wanted to give my opinion!

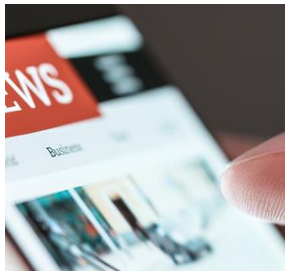
to scroll up

to scroll down

Both of these verbs can be used to describe how you move on the page when reading a news website.



You need to **scroll down** to the bottom of the page to see the unsubscribe link.



If you **scroll up** to the top, you see the headlines.



Unscramble the phrases

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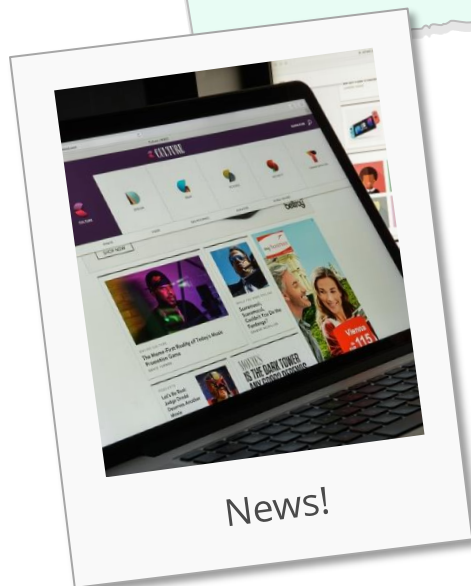
follow

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News!

to

comment

a

write



Fill in the gaps

Choose the correct verb from the boxes to fill in the gaps

1. I don't really _____ the news. What is happening in the world doesn't interest me.
2. When she checks the news online, she only _____ the headlines.
3. Did you _____ that comment? It was so funny!
4. I always _____ down the whole page before I choose an article.
5. Her article _____ a really difficult topic, but she wrote it very well.
6. I use my finger to _____ on the story on my smartphone.

scroll

discusses

click

reads

write

follow



Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

I always write a
comment under news
articles

I only read the
headlines

I click on articles with
nice images

I love following news
related to politics



Read the following text

Plastic pollution is the world's biggest crisis. A recent study analysed the layers in the Earth every year going back to 1835. Scientists found plastic in each layer. What's more, most of it comes from the synthetic fibres in our clothes.



This is the first paragraph of a news article



Game

Think back to the article's first paragraph...

Each person now thinks of a headline for the news story on the previous page

After a few minutes, share your headline and the class will vote for their favourite

How can you make people want to read the story?



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 1, p.8

1. C,
2. A,
3. B

Exercise 2, p.9

Jane: news stories, paragraph, headlines, images
Marc: images, text, articles, news

Exercise 3, p.14

1. D,
2. F,
3. C,
4. E
5. B,
6. A



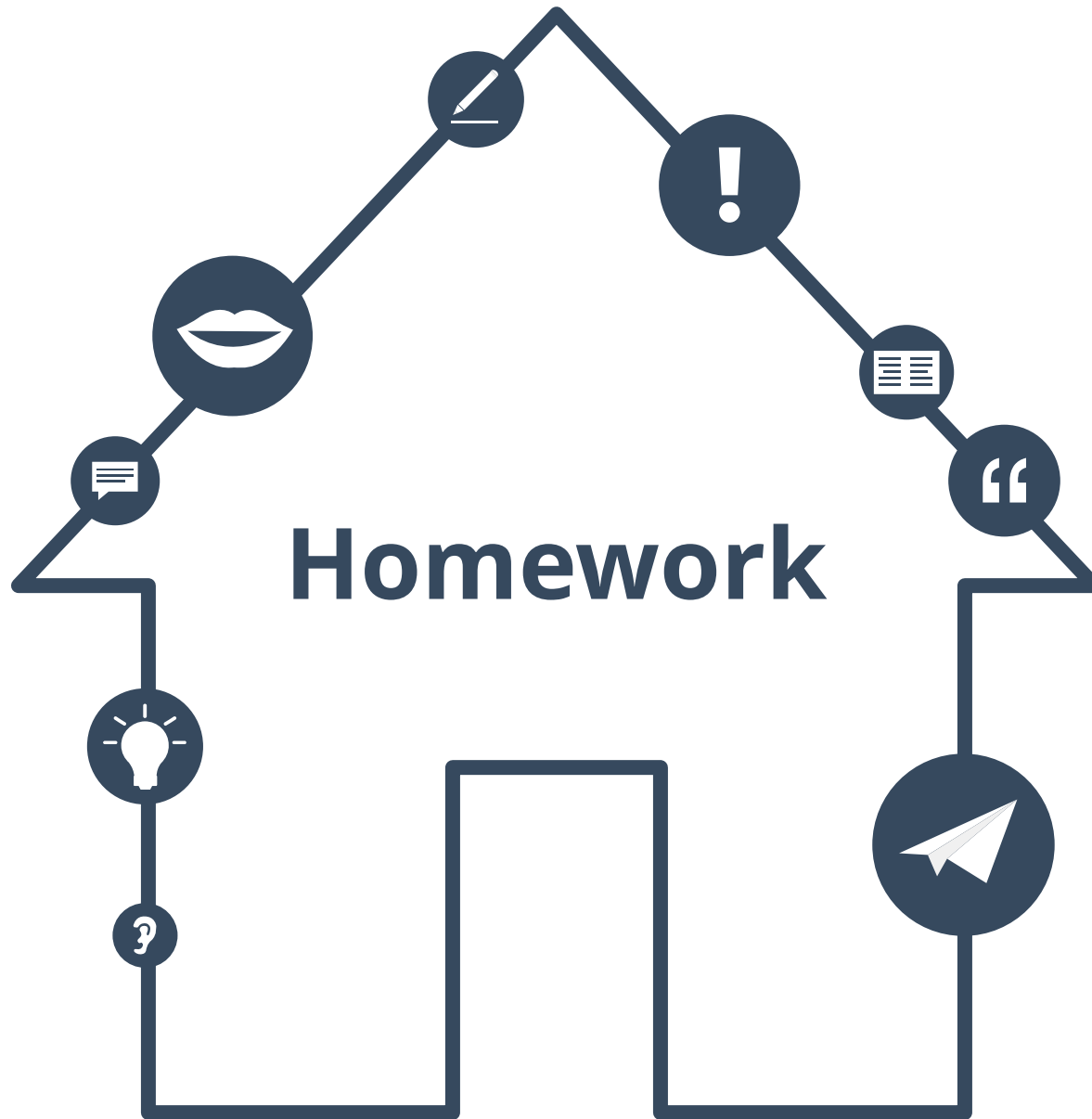
Answer key

Exercise 5, p.24

1. follow
2. reads
3. write
4. scroll
5. discusses
6. click

Exercise 4, p.15

1. A report about a baseball game – Sports
2. A story about a new gallery in town – Culture
3. An analysis of the problems of the German economy – Business
4. An article about a new superfood trend – Lifestyle





Writing

Write a list of headlines from an online or traditional newspaper

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Write a sentence

Write a sentence using the following phrases from the lesson

1. To read the headlines
2. To scroll down
3. To write a comment
4. To click on a news story
5. The opinion section of the newspaper



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