

原力英语 B1 正式场景表达 5 时事热点必备口语

- Words to talk about the news
- Talking about the news in English
- How to read news headlines and improve your English

Words to talk about the news

Verbs

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| • read | • watch | • listen to | |
| • hear | • get | • report | |
| • cover | • follow | • broadcast | • leak |

Nouns

- Correspondent
 - war correspondent 战地记者
 - special correspondent 特派记者
 - foreign correspondent 驻外通讯记者
- Columnist
- Journalist
- Reporter
- Newshound
- Paparazzi 狗仔

Common phrases

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| • The press | • News agencies |
| • Current affairs/events | • Print news |

- Online news
 - Broadcast news
 - Fake news
- Every day we **read the news** in newspapers, **watch the news** on television, **listen to the news** on the radio, and we also **get a lot of news** on the internet nowadays, too.
 - **Reporters report or cover** the news so that the news stations can **broadcast** it. We can **follow** certain news stories if they interest us.
 - One of my friends is a **journalist**, and he works for the local newspaper. His main job was the paper's political correspondent.
 - Other words we can use to talk about the news in English, or people who work in the industry, are **reporters, columnists, news-hounds, and paparazzi**.

Talking about the news in English

Basic expressions

- I hear/heard that...
- I hear that the election will start soon.
- I read that...
- I read that the economy is getting better.
- I saw that...
- I saw that my favorite actor has a new movie coming.

Conversation 1

A: I hear that there is a music festival this weekend.

B: Yes, I'm thinking about going.

A: Who are you going with?

Conversation 2

A: I read that Tesla stock will go down soon.

B: Really? Where did you read that?

A: I read it on my internet news feed.

Conversation 3

A: I saw that Coca-Cola is coming out with a new drink.

B: Where did you see that?

A: On Weibo last night.

Starting the conversation

- Did you catch the news today?
- Did you hear about [that fire]?
- Did you hear about what happened in...?
- Did you watch the news last night?
- Have you been following [the elections]?
- Have you heard about the guy who...?
- Has anyone seen this?
- Did any of you read this?

- I've just spoken to a friend who works for..., and they said...
- The paper's reporting a story about...

Responding to shocking or surprising news

- It's hard to believe.
- It makes me angry to be honest.
- It's outrageous!
- It's so sad/depressing/horrible, isn't it?

Having a negative opinion of how the news is reported

- That's just sensationalist!
- They should check their facts!
- I think they're completely biased.
- They shouldn't be allowed to say / write things like this!
- You shouldn't believe everything you read in the paper!

Reacting to positive news stories

- It's about time there was something positive in the news.
- That's breath of fresh air.

Having a positive opinion

- "The World Today" usually has **well-balanced** coverage of the news.

- There's some very **fair reporting** about the protests.
- "News at Nine" is usually **objective / impartial**.
- This is a really **in-depth article** about the economy.

When the news doesn't surprise you

- I'm not surprised to be honest.
- It was bound to happen sooner or later.

When you are skeptical

- Really? Where did you hear that?
- That doesn't sound right.
- Sounds like fake news to me!
- I'm not sure I believe that.

Conversation 4

-Did you hear about what happened in Minneapolis?

-No, I haven't been keeping track of the news. I've been so busy lately.

What happened?

-Really? You haven't heard? There was another case of police brutality and an unarmed black man was killed. Everybody's talking about it.

-Are you serious? I can't believe this is still happening in 2020.

-I know. It's so awful.

Conversation 5

- Have you seen the news today?
- Not yet. What happened?
- Did you know there was a blackout last night?
- Yes, I heard the lights were out all night.
- Some people decided to loot last night.
- I don't understand.
- They took advantage of the blackout.
- They really started looting?
- Yes, apparently four stores were broken into.
- Did the looters get caught?
- There was no evidence of who did it.
- Hopefully we won't have any more blackouts.

How to read news headlines and improve your English

Make predictions

Scan

- You can scan the headlines in English every day on a favorite app or website.
- For 3-5 minutes, read the titles of the top stories.
- If there are unfamiliar words, note them and then look them up when you have the time.

News headlines



Associated Press

Myanmar protesters march again, defying ban on gatherings

Demonstrators against Myanmar's military takeover took to the streets again Tuesday in defiance of new rules that make their protests illegal. Police were arresting protesters and...



Associated Press

UN experts: North Korea using cyber attacks to update nukes

North Korea has modernized its nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles by flaunting United Nations sanctions, using cyberattacks to help finance its programs and continuing to seek...



BBC

Nourin Mohamed Siddig: The African art of reciting the Koran

Social media has revived African styles of Koranic recitation led by Sudan's Nourin Mohamed Siddig.



Associated Press

Ethiopia gives UN green light to deploy 25 staff to Tigray

U.N. agencies received approval from Ethiopia's government Monday to send 25 more staff members to embattled Tigray, a region where the United Nations says hunger is growing an...

Email

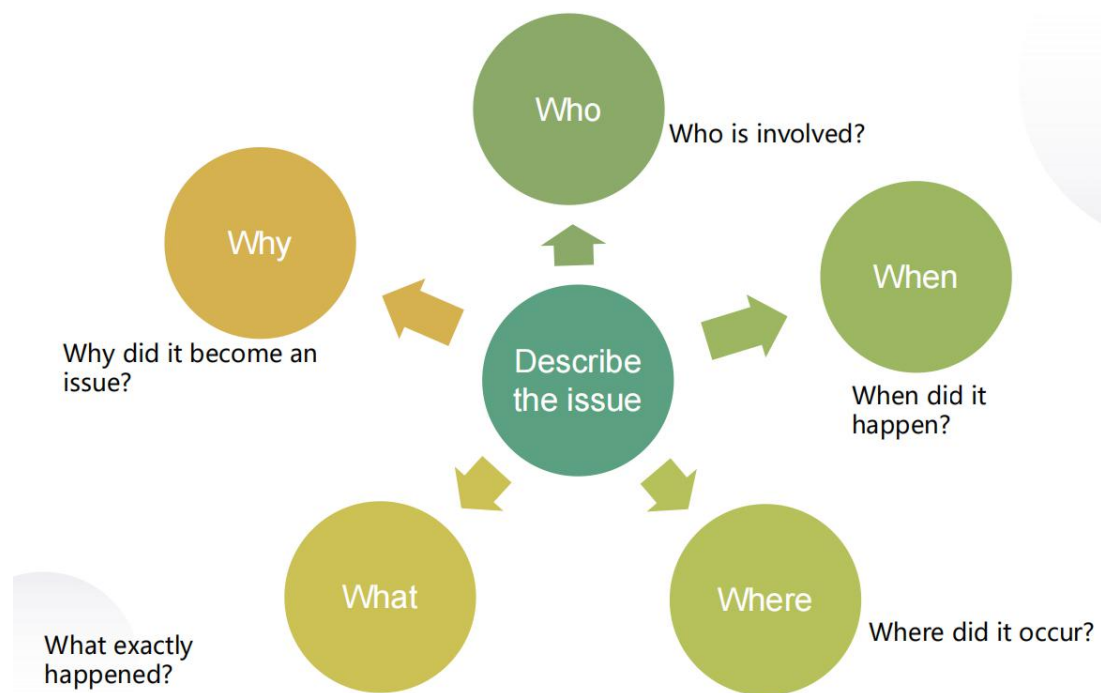
- If a particular headline interests you, email the article to yourself.
- Then read it when you have more time.

Make predictions

- Before you read the whole story, predict what some of the details will be.
- You can say or write your predictions.
- As you read, you'll be focused on whether your predictions were right or wrong.

Summarize

- Learn to summarize what you read.
- It's a very good practice to think about what you just read and summarize the main points.
- You can say or write a few sentences to capture the basic story or argument.
- 托福口语和写作考试中也常出现 summary 类型的题目。



Example

Who: demonstrators (protesters)

When: Tuesday

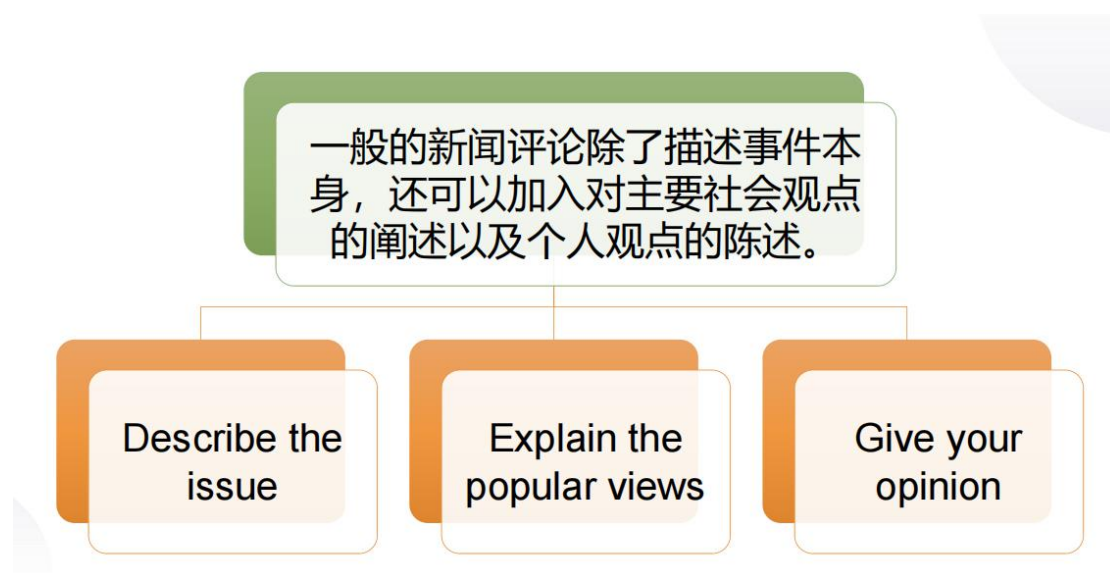
Where: Myanmar

What: march(took to the streets) again

Why: in defiance of new rules that make their protests illegal

Demonstrators against Myanmar's military takeover took to the streets again Tuesday in defiance of new rules that make their protests illegal.

How to talk about current events



Practice

- Use the headlines to practice sentence structure and grammar forms.
- Take a headline and rewrite it as a full sentence.

(新闻标题多省略冠词等非实词，语法上不一定完整)

- To do that you have to understand the grammar used by journalists.