

The news

LESSON A

- News sections
- Verb tenses - statements

LESSON B

- Agreeing with an opinion
- Disagreeing politely

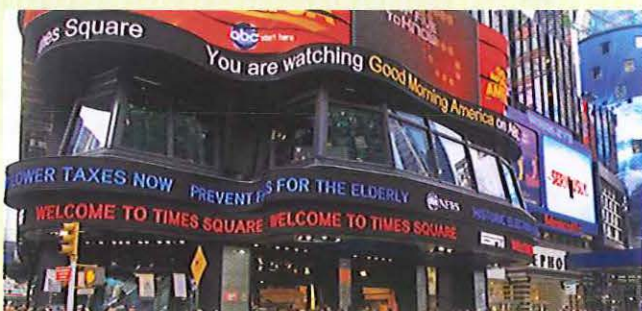
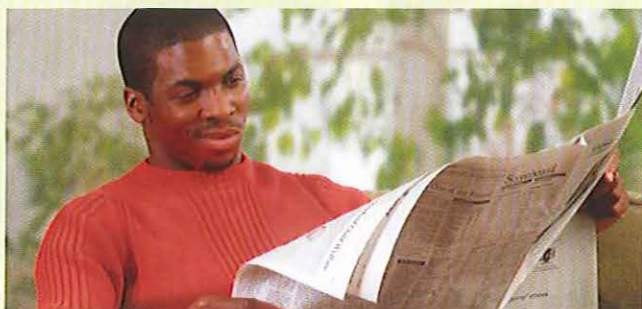
LESSON C

- Actions in the news
- Verb tenses - questions

LESSON D

- Reading: "Citizen Journalism"
- Writing: Become a citizen journalist

Warm-up



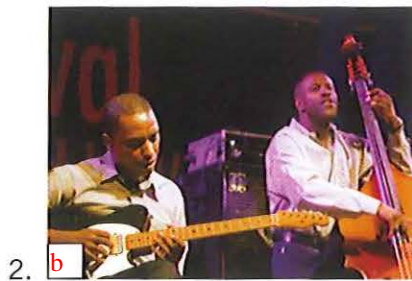
A Look at the pictures. How are the people getting their news?

B How do people you know get the news? How do *you* get the news?

1 Vocabulary News sections

A Listen to the names of news sections. In which news sections can you find the pictures? Compare your answers with a partner.

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| a. Business | c. Health | e. Local | g. Technology / Science | i. Weather |
| b. Entertainment | ✓d. Lifestyle | f. Sports | h. Travel | j. World |



"I think you can find the first picture in the Lifestyle section."

B Pair work In which news section can you find these news stories? Discuss your ideas.

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| the best new applications for phones | a meeting among world leaders |
| last night's soccer scores | a new coffeehouse in your town |

2 Language in context In the news

A Read the headlines and the beginning of each story. Match the headlines to the news sections in Exercise 1A where you can find these stories.

PHOTOS SHOW ANCIENT MARTIAN LAKE g ☐

New photos suggest that Mars had a large lake billions of years ago.

Town Recovering from Storm i ☐

The town of Jasper is slowly recovering from last week's storm.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS a ☐

Hawaii hopes to attract more business travelers.

Jason Parker Debuts New CD at Lucid's h ☐

Jason was playing his new songs to an excited audience until 2:00 a.m.

B What about you? Are you interested in these stories? Rank them from 1 to 4 in the order you would read them.

3 Grammar Verb tenses – statements

Simple present: Hawaii **hopes** to attract more business travelers.
 Present continuous: Jasper **is recovering** from last week's storm.
 Simple past: Mars **had** a large lake billions of years ago.
 Past continuous: Jason **was playing** songs all night.
 Present perfect: Café Bella **has opened** in Pelham.
 Future with will: The Winter Olympics **will begin** next Monday.

Complete the news stories with the correct forms of the verbs. Then compare with a partner.

1. The *Austin Sun Times* has closed (close) its doors – for now. The newspaper printed (print) its last newspaper last Sunday, but it will open (open) again next month as an Internet-only paper. Staff members are learning (learn) about digital publishing now, so they will be (be) ready next month. Sadly, the *Austin Gazette* is (be) now the city's only "paper" newspaper.
2. Pink is (be) a playful color, and it makes (make) people smile. But last night William Maddox wasn't smile (not / smile) when he stopped (stop) a fight in his store. "Two people were arguing (argue) for about five minutes over the last pink T-shirt in my store. I asked (ask) them to leave and then closed (close) the store for the day," said Maddox.
3. Fifteen-year-old Kate Moore is (be) the country's newest texting champion. Last Tuesday, she competed (compete) against 20 other contestants and won (win) \$50,000 for her fast and accurate texting. But even Kate got (get) one question wrong. No one knew (know) the meaning of the abbreviation "PAW." It means (mean), "I can't talk now. My parents are watching (watch)."

4 Speaking News stories

A Pair work Think of a story from the news, or make one up. Complete the chart.

What happened?	
What else was happening at the time?	
What has happened since?	
What's happening now?	

B Group work Share your stories. What will happen in the future?

5 Keep talking!

Go to page 123 for more practice.


I can tell news stories. 

B I totally agree.

1 Interactions Agreeing and disagreeing

A Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

"The best place to get news is online."

B  Listen to the conversation. Why can't Carl check the news headlines? Then practice the conversation.

Carl: Hey, Jim. Catching up on the news?

Jim: Oh, hi, Carl. Yeah, I like to know what's going on in the world.

Carl: I feel exactly the same way. Do you read the paper every day?

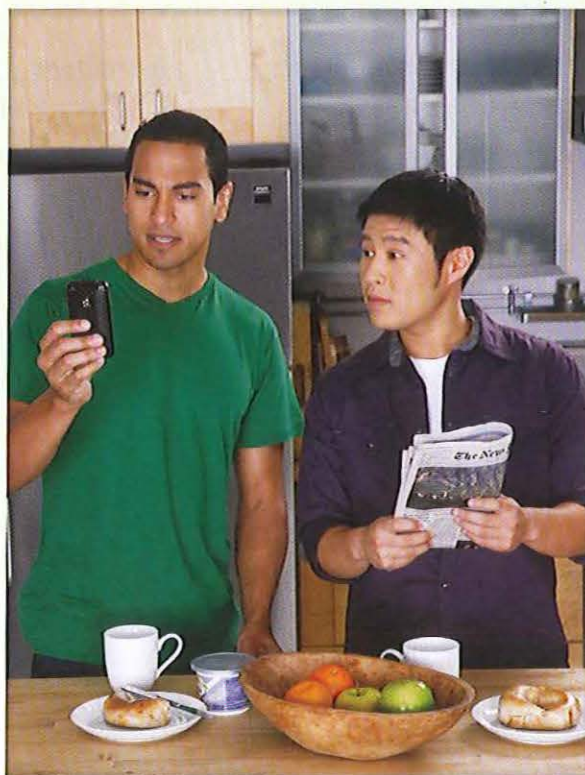
Jim: Every day. It's the best way to get the news.


Carl: Really? I don't know about that. I get all my news online. I check the news several times a day, so I always know what's happening.

Jim: Online news is OK, but I prefer reading an actual newspaper. So, what are the latest headlines online – right now?

Carl: Let's see. . . . Oh, no! I can't get online. I guess there's no wireless signal here. Say, would you mind sharing your paper?

Jim: No problem!



C  Read the expressions below. Complete each box with a similar expression from the conversation. Then listen and check your answers.

Agreeing with an opinion

I couldn't agree with you more.
I totally agree.

Disagreeing politely

I'm not sure about that.
I'm not sure that's really true.

D Pair work Check (✓) the statements you agree with. Then give your opinions and agree or disagree with your partner.

☐ It's important to read the news every day.

☐ The Internet is a better way to get news than newspapers.

☐ Newsmagazines are more interesting than newspapers.

☐ There's not enough positive news these days.

A: I think it's important to read the news every day.

B: I totally agree. It's important to know what's going on.