

## A

## Collocations about newspapers

collocation	example
a (news) story breaks	The singer was out of the country when the <b>story</b> about his wife <b>broke</b> .
news comes in	TV newscaster: <b>News</b> has just <b>come in</b> of an earthquake.
news leaks out	Although the two stars tried to keep their relationship secret, <b>news</b> of it soon <b>leaked out</b> .
hit the headlines	The scandal is expected to <b>hit the headlines</b> tomorrow.
make headlines	A dramatic story like that will <b>make headlines</b> world-wide.
front-page headline	The scandal was the <b>front-page headline</b> in all the newspapers.
the latest news	<b>The latest news</b> from the earthquake zone is more hopeful.
be headline/front-page news	Any story about the Royal Family will <b>be headline/front-page news</b> in Britain.
item of news	The main <b>item of news</b> today is the earthquake in Broskva City.
run a story [publish a story]	The <i>Daily Times</i> recently <b>ran a story</b> about an affair between a famous rock star and a politician.
flick through the newspaper	He <b>flicked through the newspaper</b> as he didn't have time to read it properly.

## B

## The language of news stories

## MINISTER GIVES THE GO-AHEAD TO PLANS

In a surprising **turn of events** last night, the government agreed to plans for the development of the City. **Interested parties**<sup>1</sup> will **hold talks** throughout the week.

<sup>1</sup> people or groups who have a connection with a particular situation, event, etc.

## ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

The Minister for Health today **outlined plans** for a national anti-smoking campaign. The government intends to **launch the campaign** in the new year.

## MINISTER QUILTS

The Arts Minister has resigned after only six months in the **top job**. He has **attracted attention** over his **controversial decision** to re-introduce charges for museum entry.

## TOURIST TAKEN CAPTIVE

A tourist was **taken hostage** when rebel troops **seized control** of St Pips Airport last night. The government has **lost control of** the area. Our reporter in St Pips is **keeping a close watch on** the situation and we shall be **keeping you informed** as the **news develops**.

## PEACE TALKS END IN FAILURE

Peace **talks** between the Eastern Liberation Army and the government of Karavia **broke down** last night. Civil war is now likely.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES

A building **caught fire** when **lightning struck** a farm in Hampshire yesterday. Fortunately there was **no loss of life**.

## Common mistakes

Note that we say **the latest news**, NOT the ~~last~~ news.

## Exercises

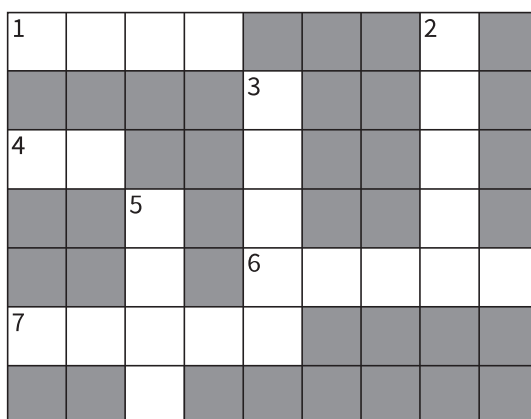
- 36.1** Complete the collocations in these descriptions of TV programmes. 'Pick of the week' means 'most highly recommended programmes for the week'.

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Our pick of the week
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<b>Monday:</b> 7.00–7.30 pm BBC	The ..... news from the world solo balloon attempt in this 30-minute documentary with live pictures from the balloon.
<b>Tuesday:</b> 8.15–9.00 pm ITV2	Through the Window: a unique look at the private residences of the celebrities who ..... headlines around the world.
<b>Wednesday:</b> 10.25–11.25 pm DTV	Last year, rock star Izzy Arbuttle was ..... news. But where is he now? Jo Prees investigates the star who became a very private person.
<b>Thursday:</b> 8.00–8.45 pm KTV3	When news ..... out that singer Millie Logan was seeking a divorce from Hal Daker, no one believed it. Millie tells her own story.
<b>Friday:</b> 9.15–9.55 pm MBC	The Deenazon drug scandal which ..... the headlines last year left 10,000 people with health problems. A major newspaper ..... a story claiming that scientists had not done proper tests. But who was to blame?
<b>Saturday:</b> 6.30–7 pm QSRTV	The famine in Geura was the ..... headline on every major newspaper last year. But what is life like for the people of Geura now?
<b>Sunday:</b> 5.30–6.30 pm LAK3	Next Sunday, European Heads of State will ..... a news conference to end their summit. It could contain important developments.

- 36.2** Complete the crossword.



### Across

- 1 The parties could not agree and the talks broke —.
- 4 The plan got the —-ahead yesterday.
- 6 We must keep a — watch on the dollar-euro exchange rate.
- 7 Big news stories do this.

### Down

- 2 The Minister outlined — for a new university funding system.
- 3 I don't really read the newspaper, I usually just — through it.
- 5 There was an interesting news — in the local paper yesterday.

- 36.3** Complete the collocations.

- 1 In an unexpected ..... of events, the manager has been sacked and it is rumoured that the job might go to the club's coach. We will ..... you informed as more news ..... in.
- 2 Rebel troops ..... control of the capital of Jalamaa last night. Meanwhile, five police officers were ..... captive by rebels in the south of the country.
- 3 Lightning ..... a house yesterday which immediately ..... fire.
- 4 The government will ..... talks with all ..... parties to try to end the strike.
- 5 Charles Ankram is to quit the ..... job of personal adviser to the President. He recently objected to a ..... decision to cut next year's health budget.
- 6 The government has ..... a campaign to clean up the countryside.