

News

worksheet

A. Discuss the questions in your group.

- Is it important to you to know what is happening in other countries?
- When was the last time you watched the news on TV?
- Do you read the news on the internet? Do you have a favourite website for this?
- Do you listen to the news on the radio?
- Do you or your parents buy a newspaper every day?
- Do you think that the internet has changed the way we find out about what's happening in the world? In what ways?
- Do you always believe everything you see and hear on the news?

B. Write your group's ideas in the table. Decide in your group which you think is the best way to find out news. Compare your opinions with the other groups'.

	advantages	disadvantages
television		
internet		
newspapers		
radio		

C. Choose one of the newspaper headlines and guess or invent the story.

- TAX CHEWING GUM TO PAY FOR CLEAN-UP
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY – WE ARE THROWING YOU OUT OF BRITAIN
- 4-YEAR-OLDS ASKED TO MARK THEIR TEACHERS
- POLICE STEP UP SEARCH FOR BODY
- EAR FOUND ON PAVEMENT
- TELEVISION KILLS, SAYS GERMAN PROFESSOR
- WANT A DOG? TAKE A PERSONALITY TEST
- EARTHQUAKE KILLS 500

D. Make notes of the points and vocabulary that will help you give your summary.

E. Discuss these quotes with your classmates.

- *You can't believe anything you read in the newspapers.*
- *The media has no respect for the lives of normal people.*
- *All the news you hear is bad news.*
- *Famous people earn a lot of money from being in the news. They shouldn't complain when they have reporters following them.*
- *We need to see what is happening in the world. Visual images are important for us to be able to understand.*
- *We don't need to see the horrific things that happen in the world. The images on TV give us too much detail and invade the privacy of real people.*
- *The world is getting smaller as news is travelling faster.*
- *Within ten years newspapers won't exist, as we will get all our news online.*
- *Bad news travels fast.*

F. Imagine you are a journalist and you have been asked to interview someone. Decide who it is and write questions to ask them.

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