

News Headlines

Look at the headlines below and answer the following:

1. Study each headline carefully and discuss what you think each story might be about. Don't worry if you do not recognise all the names or words in the headlines – just see if you can work out a possibility of a story.
2. Newspapers tend to be in sections – front page; national news; international news; features; sport; education etc. Whereabouts in the newspaper do you think each of the stories attached to the headlines might appear?
3. How does the headline try to attract the attention of the reader? What sort of adjectives, adverbs, nouns and verbs are used? Are the headlines full sentences?
4. What literary devices or techniques does the headline use? For example (ask if you do not know what they mean!): alliteration; assonance; metaphor; simile; pun; oxymoron; rhyme; rhythm

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| 1 | MoD under fire |
| 2 | Wheels fall off at General Motors |
| 3 | In South Africa, It's a Rough Road to a Licence |
| 4 | Milner catches out Gordon in derby of disappointment |
| 5 | The stars and strikes |
| 6 | The Blair witchhunt project |
| 7 | No discomfort with this creature feature |
| 8 | Don't try to reinvent the web |