

## News

**Lead-in: Discuss the questions.**

- Is it important to you to know what is happening in your country? Why? Why not?
- Is it important to you to know what is happening around the world? Why? Why not?
- How do you find out about the news?
- Do you always believe the news stories you see or hear? Why? Why not?

**Task 1: Write advantages and disadvantages of using these media as a source of information.**

	advantages	disadvantages
newspapers		
radio		
TV		
social media and websites		

**Decide which media is best and be prepared to say why!**

**Task 2: Choose one of the headlines and guess or invent the story.**

- TAX CHEWING GUM TO PAY FOR CLEAN-UP
- NASA ASTRONAUTS STILL STUCK IN SPACE
- 3-YEAR-OLDS ASKED TO MARK THEIR TEACHERS
- HOMES TO BE POWERED BY GRASS CUTTINGS
- TELEVISION KILLS, SAYS GERMAN PROFESSOR
- WANT A DOG? TAKE A PERSONALITY TEST
- WHALE CRASHES INTO FISHING BOAT

**Task 3: Choose an interesting news story. Make notes and prepare to give a summary.**

**Task 4: Discuss these quotes with your classmates.**

- You can't believe anything you read or see in the news.
- The news 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. Images and videos 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.
- Fake news is a real danger to society.

**Task 5: Imagine that you are a journalist. You have been asked to interview somebody who has been in the news. Decide who it is and write questions to ask them.**

**Then carry out a role play with a classmate. One of you is the journalist, and the other is the person who has been in the news.**