Unit 1 S 2 | Lesson 4 | Grade 8

1 News headlines.

Match the headlines with the texts.

Warm winters hit ski resorts ☐

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Few people would believe it, but one-tenth of everything you buy contains this product. Palm oil can be found in everything from margarine to soap to lipstick.

Tunisia ends 39-year wait ☐

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More than 1000 bird species are endangered because of loss of habitat. Half of Africa's important bird areas are threatened, mostly from farmers and loggers destroying habitats.

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Underwater islands

3 Warmer temperatures are melting the Arctic ice caps and making sea levels rise. Islands such as Vanuatu will be under water before the end of the century. Governments around the world should act now to stop this disaster.

4 The Scottish skiing and snowboarding industry will end in 20 years. Global warming is being blamed for warm, snow-free winters in Scotland.

Birds face extinction

Rainforests cut for palm oil

5 Thousands of people are celebrating in central Tunis after beating Morocco 2–1. After 39 years since they last reached the final, Tunisia are now holders of The African Nations Cup.

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2 True or false?

Look at the headlines and texts in activity 1 and then read the sentences below. Write T if you think the sentence is true and F if you think it is false.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. A title in a newspaper is called a headline.		
2. Headlines are usually in the simple present.		
3. Headlines sometimes miss out words.		
4. The purpose of the text is to give information.		
5. The text in the reports is informal.		

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3 Exxon Valdez.

In pairs, take turns to ask and answer the questions below. You should scan the newspaper report in activity 5 on page 2 of the Classbook for the answers.

1. When did the Exxon Valdez sink?

2. How much oil went into the sea?

3. How many summers did it take to clean up the oil?

4. How many sea otters died?

5. Have animal populations recovered today?

6. What good thing resulted from the disaster?

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