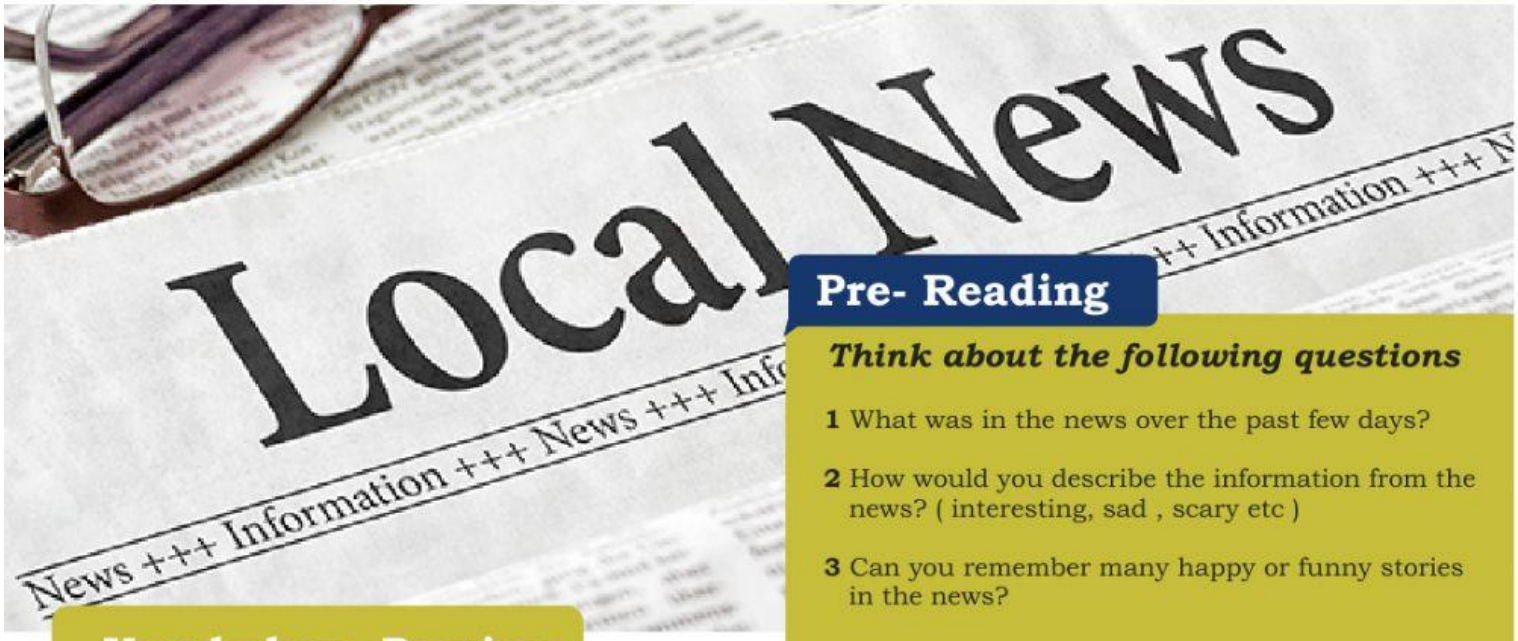
The news.



Pre- Reading

Think about the following questions

1 What was in the news over the past few days?

2 How would you describe the information from the news? (interesting, sad , scary etc)

3 Can you remember many happy or funny stories in the news?

Vocabulary- Preview

Write the letter of the word or phrase with the same meaning as the underline word.

a. duty, required a job	d. place to get things from
b. gives	e. idea, opinion
c. problem, concern	f. wrote; told

1._____ The city newspaper reported about yesterday's parade.

2._____ A reporter has the responsibility to check his or her facts carefully.

3._____ Hurricanes are not an issue here since we are far from the ocean.

4._____ The Internet is a good source of lots of information.

5._____ I don't think things are all bad in the world. What is your view?

6._____ This website provides interesting news stories from around the world

The news

Newspapers and television news programs always seem to report about the bad things happening in society. However, there is a place where readers can find some good news. That place is the website called HappyNews.



He thought other news sources were giving people an unbalanced view of the world. Reese said about HappyNews, "The news media gives you a distorted view of the world by exaggerating bad news, misery, and despair. We're trying to balance out the scale."

Not everyone agrees with Reese's view, though. Many people think that news

10 sources have a responsibility to provide news that is helpful to people. People need to know about issues or problems in today's society. Then people are better able to make informed decisions about things that affect their daily lives. Reese said that HappyNews is not trying to stop people from learning about issues or problems.

HappyNews is just trying to provide a balanced

15 picture of today's world.

By the end of its first month online, HappyNews had more than 70,000 unique readers. About 60 percent of those readers were women. Something else unique makes HappyNews different from

20 any of the other news or information websites that are on the Internet. Unlike many other websites, HappyNews gets fan mail from its readers on a daily basis.

Society: a body of individuals living as members of a community
Unbalanced: not equal; one-sided
News media: newspapers, magazines, TV news shows, etc.
Distort: to not truly represent the facts; to be false

Exaggerate: to describe something as larger or more extreme than it is
Misery: suffering; sadness
Despair: without hope; extreme sadness
Fan mail: letters or notes from people who enjoy or support something

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Choose the answer.

1. What is another possible title for the reading?

a "Byron Reese Tells People How to
b. "Good News for a Change" Be Happy"
c. "Newspapers vs. Online News"
d. "Why Women Like Happy News"

2. How is Happy News different than other news sources?

a. All of the stories are written by Reese.
b. HappyNews does not exaggerate its stories.
c. Its stories are not about bad things.
d. The website only has stories about women.

3. Why might some people NOT like Happy News?

a. It doesn't tell them about important issues or problems.
b. Reese's stories are about misery and despair.
c. Some sources give a balanced view.
d. The stories are from around the world.

4. Which of the following is NOT true about Happy News after its first month online?

a. It had thousands of readers.
b. Most of its readers were women.
c. Readers sent in nice letters about it every day.
d. Reese used it to create other websites.

5. What does "unique" mean in this reading?

a. Different
b. Interesting
c. One of a kind
d. Awful

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