

HEADLINES VOCABULARY



LEARN THIS! **Headline language**

Newspaper headlines often use short, dramatic words. It's useful to learn what some of these mean to help you understand the headline.

1. MATCH THE NOUNS AND THE VERBS WITH THEIR DEFINITIONS. LOOK UP THE MEANING OF THE WORDS YOU DON'T KNOW IN WORDREFERENCE.COM

NOUNS BID BLAZE BLOW BRIBE CASH CHIEF DEAL MOVE PLANT PROBE

VERBS BAN BOOST HUNT LOOM OUST PLEDGE QUIT SLASH SPARK

Nouns

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| 1 a manager; leader | <input type="text"/> |
| 2 an attempt | <input type="text"/> |
| 3 an action towards a goal | <input type="text"/> |
| 4 money | <input type="text"/> |
| 5 an agreement | <input type="text"/> |
| 6 an investigation | <input type="text"/> |
| 7 money to persuade someone to help you | <input type="text"/> |
| 8 bad news | <input type="text"/> |
| 9 a factory | <input type="text"/> |
| 10 a fire | <input type="text"/> |

Verbs

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| a look for | <input type="text"/> |
| b make illegal | <input type="text"/> |
| c resign | <input type="text"/> |
| d be about to happen or start (something bad) | <input type="text"/> |
| e force someone to resign | <input type="text"/> |
| f cause to increase | <input type="text"/> |
| g cause or set off | <input type="text"/> |
| h promise | <input type="text"/> |
| i cut | <input type="text"/> |

2. REPLACE THE UNDERLINED WORDS AND PHRASES WITH HEADLINE LANGUAGE FROM EXERCISE 1 TO CREATE NEWSPAPER HEADLINES. YOU CAN USE SOME WORDS MORE THAN ONCE.

Example:

Action to make cars illegal in the town centre.

Move to ban cars in town centre

1. VAT cut promised by Prime Minister

2. NATO leader to resign
3. Police look for arson suspect after fire at motorcycle factory
4. Supermarket price war about to start, warn economists
5. Business raises money for homeless victims
6. Attempt to force manager to resign
7. Property agreement promised
8. New iPhone causes profit to increase
9. Death causes police investigation