



8B SONG News of the World

a Listen to the song and complete the gaps with a preposition.

News of the World

Punk rock	Never find
Power pop	Never know
I read ¹ <u>about</u> the things that happen ² _____ the world	News of the world News of the world
Don't believe ³ _____ everything you see or hear	Each morning our key to the world comes ¹¹ _____ the door
The neighbours talk	More than often it's just a comic, not much more
Day in day ⁴ _____	Don't take it too serious – not many do
About the goings ⁵ _____	Read ¹² _____ the lines and you'll find the truth
They tell us what they want	Read all ¹³ _____ it (x2)
They don't give an inch	News of the world (x2)
Look ⁶ _____ the pictures taken by the cameras	
They cannot lie	
The truth is ⁷ _____ what you see	
Not what you read	
Little men tapping things ⁸ _____	
Points ⁹ _____ view	
Remember their views	
Are not the gospel truth	
Don't believe it all	
Find ¹⁰ _____ for yourself	
Check before you spread	
News of the world	
News of the world	
Never doubt	
Never ask	
Never moan	
Never search	



b Listen again and read the lyrics. Match the **bold** phrases to their meaning.

- 1 refuse to change your position or opinion
- 2 look for meaning in something that hasn't been said or written openly
- 3 a metaphor for a newspaper
- 4 idiom meaning the complete truth
- 5 activities or events which are strange, surprising, or dishonest
- 6 all the time

GLOSSARY

comic = a magazine, especially for children, that tells stories through pictures

moan = complain about something in a way which other people find annoying

SONG FACTS

This song was a hit for British group The Jam in 1978. The lyrics are advice the band gave to readers about the British tabloid newspaper *News of the World*, encouraging them not to believe everything they read in it. The *News of the World* stopped publishing in 2011 because of controversy over illegal phone hacking.