

- 1 In the United States and the United Kingdom there are newspapers that print strange news stories about film stars, aliens, Bigfoot, Nostradamus, strange curses and ghost ships. Are their stories true? Perhaps not, but they are certainly entertaining! Here is an example of one of those newspapers. Fill in the blanks with what you have learned from this book. Choose a word from the box. Drag and drop. Finally, one of these stories is true. Can you guess which one it is?

1872

Daughter

Seven

Wife

Captain

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A Fisherman solves the mystery of the *Mary Celeste*

Pennsylvania

In 1 a ship sailing near the Azores saw an abandoned ship, the *Mary Celeste*. The story of the *Mary Celeste* has been a mystery until now. Joseph Gropp, a retired cook from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, saw the lifeboat of the *Mary Celeste* last week.

'I was on holiday, and I went out in my little boat to fish. I knew that something was strange. The people in the lifeboat wore old clothes, just like in a film,' reported Mr Gropp.

'A man in the boat said he was Benjamin Briggs, the 2 of the *Mary Celeste*. He stood up and said, "This woman is my 3 and this little girl is my 4 These 5 men are my crew."'

Certainly the story is difficult to believe. But Joseph Gropp has the answer.

'Briggs told me the whole story. Aliens from Venus took them all away in a space ship. They can travel in time. That is why these people are still alive!'

500	assassination	centuries	France
	London	Provençal	

B Nostradamus saw your future

London

Everybody knows about Nostradamus, the great prophet born in southern 1 His collection of predictions called the 2 have fascinated people for nearly 3 hundred years. Many believe that his strange poems written in Latin, 4, Greek and Italian have predicted all the great events of history from the Great Fire of 5 to the 6 of American presidents.

Now, Judy Klinger, a hairdresser from south London, says that Nostradamus predicted everybody's future. 'All of our lives are in Nostradamus' great book. If you know how to read it, you can find the life of every single person on earth!' says Ms Klinger. Possible or not, many people believe her. Her prediction service is a huge success, and for just £250 anybody can now know what Nostradamus said about his or her future.

Bite	Carnarvon Kings	Howard Carter Wings
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C STUDYING HISTORY CAN BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH

Perth

Many students do not like studying history, but can it really be dangerous? Well, the headmaster of the Joseph Banks Middle School in Perth, Australia, says that it is.

When the history teacher, Mr Groans, taught his students about the pharaohs of ancient Egypt, strange things happened when he began to talk about King Tutankhamun's tomb.

'I began to explain to my students how an Englishman named 1 discovered the tomb of King Tut in the Valley of the 2 in Egypt, when I heard a strange sound. Suddenly, the room was full of thousands of mosquitoes!'

The next time Mr Groans started the same lesson, the horrible insects appeared again.

'Then I remembered the curse!' says Mr Groans. 'It said that death comes on 3 to anyone who enters the tomb of the pharaoh, and I remembered the death of Lord 4, the man who sponsored the discovery of King Tut's tomb. He died of an infected mosquito 5

Maybe this is all just silly superstitions, but the headmaster took no chances: no more Egyptian history for his second-year students.

1945	Atlantic	Florida	Leader	Navy
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D FILM CREW DISAPPEARS IN BERMUDA TRIANGLE

Florida

The Bermuda Triangle, that famous area of the 1 Ocean, has claimed more victims — this time the entire film crew of a major Hollywood studio.

'The crew were on several boats off the coast of Florida, filming our new thriller based on the story of Flight 19, when we lost radio contact with them,' says Carrie De Ceitt of Trident Studios.

The real Flight 19 was a group of five US 2 planes that took off on 5 December 3 from Fort Lauderdale in 4, but never returned.

Many believe that Trident has invented the whole story to publicise their new film.

'That is absurd,' says Ms De Ceitt. 'We have too much respect for the memory of Charles Taylor, the 5 of the flight. By the way, the great star, Harry Pip, will play Taylor. Of course, we must first find another film crew.'