



# USING NEWSPAPERS TO TEACH ENGLISH

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# Why use newspapers to teach?

- Keep children informed of current events
- Content is easy & engaging
- Easily adapted to all curriculum areas, levels and streams
- Affordable instructional tool that can be transformed through pasting, clipping, cutting or reusing

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- Ideal tool to teach values through English; to learn what is current and what is real
- Hones visual and media literacy skills
- Content has more authentic meaning when discovered in newspapers

# Where can I source for materials?

- Straits Times
- Today
- What's Up
- Online news
- Channel News Asia

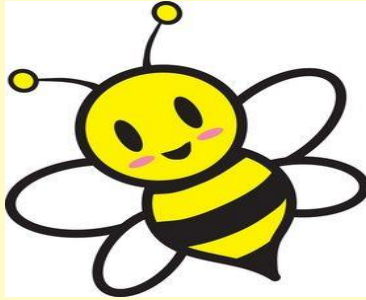
## How can I decide on resources ?

- Content of the articles are age-appropriate
- Vocabulary & language structures are age-appropriate
- Context in the text is clear and provides sufficient information for the correct response
- The text upholds positive values & is socially sensitive
- Appeal to child's interest

# Different Kinds of News

- World News vs Local News
- Hard News (serious and urgent) vs soft news

Hard News	Soft news
Disasters	Entertainment
Accidents	Sports
Politics	Human interest
Economics	Health
Crime	Lifestyle
War	



# NewsBuzz

- **Reading newspaper** is a good habit that can provide a great sense of educational value.
- Your child will learn about events that are happening in Singapore and around the world and express their opinions about it.
- **Newspapers** can provide interesting things and ideas which can assist **students** in their learning process at school.
- It is an opportunity for you and your child to interact and bond.

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- In addition, newspaper articles can be used to teach grammar and spelling items





# Using Online News To Teach:

- Comprehension OE
- Stimulus Based Conversation
- Comprehension Cloze
- Continuous Writing



## Using Ads in Newspapers To Teach Visual Text Comprehension and Stimulus Based Conversation.

Suggested activities:

- Turn to the classifieds section. Ask your child to find an interior designer, a plumber, a caterer etc. Talk about each of these professions. What type of work do they do?
- Discuss the sale ads. What are they advertising? What does the advertisement tell you? Would you ring this person/company based on this ad? Does the ad work? Why or why not?
- Discuss the supermarket food advertisements to come up with healthy snack ideas and recipes for creative meals. Write the instructions for cooking the meal.
- Turn to the travel ads to look for the best deals. View the itinerary provided and the promotions featured. Compare the various deals of the travel agencies and select the most attractive package. Ask your child to explain his/her reasons in selecting the specific deal.

# Where in the World?



## A simple activity that you can do with your child:

Based on the news that you have read, you will need to answer the following questions on the **printout** provided.

### Where in the World?

- Headline: \_\_\_\_\_
- Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Continent: \_\_\_\_\_
- Who: \_\_\_\_\_
- What: \_\_\_\_\_
- When/Where: \_\_\_\_\_
- Why: \_\_\_\_\_

# Where in the World?



- Have small printouts of the activity
- Your child will be kept informed on all the latest events around the world.
- You can check on your child's understanding on the news that he has read.

**Thank You!**