Headline English

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each headline with its full-sentence meaning.

1 School Opens New Library	____	a A missing dog has been found safely.
2 Storm Damages Homes	____	b A local shop is going to close.
3 Team Wins Final	____	c A school has opened a new library.
4 Mayor Visits Youth Club	____	d A storm has damaged homes.
5 Prices Rise Again	____	e A new bus route will begin on Monday.
6 Lost Dog Found Safe	____	f The mayor has visited a youth club.
7 New Bus Route Starts Monday	____	g Prices have risen again.
8 Local Shop to Close	____	h A team has won the final.

2 Complete the newspaper headlines.

closes | finds | opens | rises | starts | visits | wins | damages

1 School _____ science lab

2 Heavy rain _____ roads

3 City team _____ cup

4 Minister _____ local hospital

5 Food price _____ again

6 Police _____ missing painting

7 Festival _____ on Friday

8 Old cinema _____ next month

3 Choose the full sentence with the same meaning.

1 *Town Builds New Park*: *The town has built a new park / The park built a town*.

2 *Snow Closes Schools*: *Schools have closed because of snow / Schools have made snow*.

3 *Actor to Visit City*: *An actor will visit the city / An actor visited yesterday*.

4 *Rare Bird Seen*: *Someone has seen a rare bird / A bird is watching people*.

5 *Hospital Needs Nurses*: *The hospital needs nurses / Nurses need a hospital*.

6 *Students Win Award*: *Students have won an award / An award has won students*.

7 *Road Repairs Begin*: *Road repairs have begun / Roads are repairing people*.

8 *Family Rescued from Flood*: *A family has been rescued / A family rescued the flood*.

4 Complete the local-news headlines with words from the box.

closes | **damages** | **finds** | **opens** | **rises** | **starts** | **visits** | **wins**

This week's local headlines: *Community Centre* ***1*** _____ *Today*. *River Level* ***2*** _____ *after Rain*. *Storm* ***3*** _____ *Farm Roof*. *Mayor* ***4*** _____ *New Sports Hall*. *School* ***5*** _____ *National Prize*. *Police* ***6*** _____ *Stolen Bicycle*. *Summer Festival* ***7*** _____ *Tomorrow*. *Bridge* ***8*** _____ *for Repairs*.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

Short but informative

A headline tells readers the main point of a news story. It is usually short because it must attract attention and fit in a limited space. Headlines often leave out a, an, the and forms of be. They may use the present tense for a recent event: Team wins final means that the team has won. A good headline is brief, but it must not change the facts.

1 A headline gives the story's main point. T / F

2 Headlines are normally very long. T / F

3 Articles may be omitted. T / F

4 Forms of be are always included. T / F

5 The present tense may describe recent news. T / F

6 A headline may change facts to sound exciting. T / F

6 Rewrite each sentence as a short headline.

1 The town has opened a new sports centre. _____

2 A family has been rescued from a fire. _____

3 The president will visit the city tomorrow. _____

4 Heavy snow has closed the airport. _____

OVER TO YOU

Write **70-90 words** of local news with a headline and a short opening paragraph. Include who, what, where and when.

[ ] Make the headline short. [ ] Keep the facts accurate. [ ] Expand the grammar in the paragraph.

ANSWER KEY

1 Headlines and full meanings

1 **c** 2 **d** 3 **h** 4 **f** 5 **g** 6 **a** 7 **e** 8 **b**

2 Newspaper headlines

1 **opens** 2 **damages** 3 **wins** 4 **visits** 5 **rises** 6 **finds** 7 **starts** 8 **closes**

3 Full meanings

1 **The town has built a new park** 2 **Schools have closed because of snow** 3 **An actor will visit the city** 4 **Someone has seen a rare bird**
5 **The hospital needs nurses** 6 **Students have won an award** 7 **Road repairs have begun** 8 **A family has been rescued**

4 Local-news headlines

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5 Reading - suggested answers

1 **T** 2 **F** 3 **T** 4 **F** 5 **T** 6 **F**

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 **Town Opens New Sports Centre** 2 **Family Rescued from Fire** 3 **President to Visit City Tomorrow** 4 **Heavy Snow Closes Airport**

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check accuracy, headline form and the four key facts.