



Unit 5. Reading newspapers 1



Objectives

| Reading | Writing | Key skills |
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| Newspaper articles: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two articles about eruption of Icelandic volcano in April 2010• Two reports of events at Commonwealth Games in 2010 Reading for pleasure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eyewitness report of the Charge of the Light Brigade (1854)• Poem: 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' by Alfred Tennyson | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparing treatment of the same piece of news in two newspapers• Comparing reports in two newspapers from different countries of sporting success by an athlete from each country.• Rewriting newspaper report in standard English• Writing original newspaper report in two different journalistic styles | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no formal key skills section in this chapter |



Reading

- Newspapers, whether we read them as hard copy or online, play an important part in all our lives. They report what is going on in the world around us and, because they are published daily and are continually being updated, we can follow key news stories almost in real time, as they happen.

The people who write for newspapers are known as **journalist** and what they write is referred to as **journalism**. Effective journalism depends on the writer's skill to convey the main points of what may be very complex issues clearly and directly to a reader who is unlikely to be in a position to spend a long time reading through densely written material.





- Many people read newspapers on buses and trains while they are on their way to work or glance through them at breakfast when other matters are also demanding their attention.



PRESS



- So, it is of the greatest importance that the main points of a news article can be quickly understood – journalism is a very competitive industry and newspapers that don't deliver their news in an easily understood way are unlikely to survive for very long.

