Story 1 - Harry and Meghan's interview

The Duchess of Sussex has revealed that the pressure she felt as a member of the Royal Family affected her mental health so badly that she considered taking her own life.

In an interview with Oprah Winfrey on the US network CBS, Prince Harry said that they would not have stepped away from their senior roles if they had received more support.

**bombshell**

describes a shocking event or piece of news

- It was a bombshell moment when Kazuo told his boss he was quitting just one week before the project finished.
- Jitka dropped a bombshell when she told her parents she was leaving the country forever.

Story 2 - Climate crisis: Last warning for humanity?

United Nations researchers are set to make their strongest statement yet on the impact of climate change.

In a key report setting out how the world’s oceans, ice caps and land could change in the next decades.

Researchers confirmed that if global temperature increase is limited to 1.5 Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the worst catastrophes can be avoided.

**a wake-up call**

a shocking event which can cause changes in behaviour or attitude
- Last month’s extreme weather was a wake-up call for the government’s environment agency.
- My last test result was a wake-up call! I need to work harder.

**Story 3 - Abba: Pop superstars are back**

Now they famously sang ‘Thank you for the music’. And now, after 40 years, there’s going to be some more.

Abba, one of the most successful pop groups of all time, are to release a new album. ‘Voyage’ will feature ten songs, two of which have just arrived on streaming services.

Abba also announced that digital re-creations of them, so-called ‘Abbatars’, will go on tour next year. The real members can stay at home in Sweden.

**damp squib**

something less impressive than expected

- The announcement was a damp squib. We were hoping for a pay rise!
- That Michelin star restaurant was a bit of a damp squib. I could have cooked a better meal myself.