Quiz topic: In the News

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   b) heading
   c) caption
   d) headline

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   b) tells
   c) says
   d) talks about

3. What do we call someone who writes news stories for a newspaper?
   a) a reporter
   b) a journalist
   c) a hack
   d) all of the above answers

4. Match the following headline to one of the types of news story below: “PM BACKS PEACE PLAN”
   a) politics
   b) sport
   c) business
   d) celebrity

5. Match the following headline to one of the types of news story below: “STAR WEDS”
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   b) sport
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6. Which Italian word do we use to describe journalists who follow famous people around and take their photograph as often as possible?
   a) tutti frutti
   b) confetti
   c) pepperoni
   d) paparazzi
ANSWERS:
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   a) An essay has a title. What do we call the ‘title’ of a newspaper story?
   b) An essay or paragraph may have a heading. What do we call the ‘heading’ of a newspaper story?
   c) A caption is found underneath a photograph. What do we call the ‘heading’ of a newspaper story?
   d) The heading or title in a newspaper is called the headline.

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   a) Which verb do we use to refer to a story in a newspaper?
   b) Which verb do we use to refer to a story in a newspaper?
   c) When we refer to a story in newspaper, we use the verb ‘say’
   d) Which verb do we use to refer to a story in a newspaper?

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   a) Yes, a reporter may write for a newspaper or broadcast on TV & radio. But could any of the other answers also apply?
   b) Yes, a journalist usually only writes for a newspaper or magazine. But could any of the other answers also apply?
   c) Yes, a hack writes for newspapers that are generally known for printing low quality stories. But could any of the other answers also apply?
   d) That’s right! There are differences in the exact nature of these jobs, but all may write news stories for newspapers. But could any of the other answers also apply?
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   a) In this political story the Prime Minister is supporting (backs) a new proposal to end war (peace plan). Notice how the present simple tense is used in a newspaper headline when we would probably say ‘is backing’ or ‘has backed’ in everyday speech.
   b) In this story the Prime Minister is supporting (backs) a new proposal to end war (peace plan) – which type of story is it?
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   a) In this story, a famous person (star) is getting married (weds) – what type of story is it?
   b) In this story, a famous person (star) is getting married (weds) – what type of story is it?
   c) In this story, a famous person (star) is getting married (weds) – what type of story is it?
   d) In this celebrity story, a famous person (star) is getting married (weds). Notice how an unusual verb is used in the present simple tense – in everyday speech we say ‘got married’

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   a) You might have ‘tutti frutti’, a type of ice-cream – ‘tutti fruiti’ means ‘many different fruits’
   b) 'Confetti' are small paper shapes that you throw at the bride and groom at a wedding.
   c) Have you ever eaten a pepperoni pizza? 'Pepperoni' is hot, spicy meat – delicious!
   d) Paparazzi is the name given to photographers who follow and photograph famous people and then sell the photographs to newspapers.

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