

Exercise 1)

Match each of the following words from the headlines above **with** its meaning.

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| 1. CHIEF | a. jewels |
| 2. DRAMA | b. goods stolen in robbery or taken in a raid |
| 3. RESHUFFLE | c. to falsify |
| 4. GAG | d. raid |
| 5. SWOOP | e. director, high-ranking official |
| 6. POLLS | f. to silence, to censor |
| 7. QUIT | g. exciting event |
| 8. RIG | h. election |
| 9. JEMS | i. to rearrange; |
| 10. HAUL | j. to resign |

Exercise 30

Find the story which goes with each of the headlines below. Explain the headlines in plain English.

- PARTIES HEDGE BETS ON UNEMPLOYMENT
- PUPILS STUDY THE WRONG BOOK IN GCE BLUNDER
- VILLAGE HIT BY CHOKING ACID CLOUD
- DOCTORS WARNED ABOUT REFUSING AIDS PATIENTS.
- LINK; ATE IN \$ 55 M CHICKEN SCHEME

- A cloud of choking acid fumes caused panic in a village yesterday. One hundred and seventeen people were treated in hospital after a forty-five-gallon drum of hydrochloric acid split open at the Ryvan chemical factory.
- The expanding milk, meat and food producing group yesterday put up a 'Tor sale' sign over its five engineering businesses and revealed a \$ 55 million investment in a chicken-rearing and processing plant in Humberside.
- Norman Tebbit, the chairman of the Conservative Party, yesterday refused to make a commitment that the Tories would reduce unemployment by a million in the course of a five-year

government. But, at the same time, Bryan Gould, Labour's election campaign coordinator, said his party⁷ was promising to cut unemployment by a million in two years. And the Alliance has set the same target for three years.

- Thirty pupils have spent the last year studying the wrong book for O-Level. The set book for their exam, on 1 June, was George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. But students at Elked High School, in Buckley were given William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* instead. Yesterday education chiefs were trying to find out who is responsible for the bungle.
- Doctors could be charged with serious professional misconduct if they refuse to treat AIDS patients, the General Medical Council warned yesterday. The council said it was seriously concerned that in a small number of cases, doctors had refused to treat patients earning the virus or suffering from the disease.

Exercise 31

Various abbreviated words are quite common in headlines, and most of them may be found in dictionaries, if not, they are generally deciphered in the first lines of an article. Unlike written abbreviations such as *mph* or *Ib*, or *Si*, which we normally say respectively as *miles per hour*, *pound* or *street* or *saint* there are abbreviated words which are spoken as separate letters such as the *UN* (*United Nations*) and are called *alphabetisms*. Those which are spoken as complete words such as *NATO*, are called *'acronyms'*.

Say what the following abbreviations mean. Use a dictionary if

necessary.

am; p.m;

lb; oz; in; yd; ft;

St:Ave; Rd;

BA; MA; Dr; PhD;

LA; NY;

SOS; GCE

UN; UK; EU;

MP; PM;

HQ; AP; IQ;

BBC; UPI; CIA; FBI;

UFO; VIP;

PLO; CND; TUC;

NATO;

OPEC;

NASA;

UNESCO;