

Middle School Newspaper Activities:

- A noun is a name, person, place or thing. Find 10 nouns on the front page of the newspaper. Write sentences for each.
- Look through the newspaper and find 10 different ways numbers have been used. Cut these out and paste onto your paper. Label each of the ways numbers have been used.
- Find an article about fire. Does the article describe fire as a useful agent? List three ways fire can be useful and three ways it can be destructive. Cut the article out and paste onto your paper.
- Choose two pictures in the newspaper showing emotion. Cut these out and paste onto your paper. Now, describe the pictures using sound, smell, taste and feeling words.
- Pick two stories on the front page of the newspaper. Answer the following questions about them: 1) When did the story take place? 2) Where did the story take place? 3) What happened? 4) Who was involved? 5) Why is it newsworthy?
- Find the lost and found column in the newspaper. Choose one item that has been lost or found and write a short story about the item. Include how it was lost, who found it, where they found it, etc.
- Find and clip 10 plural words in the newspaper. Write the root word next to each of the plural words you have pasted onto your paper.
- Using the newspaper, cut out advertisements or pictures from the paper that show the use of mathematics (for example, a pair of shoes—size requires math). Cut out 10 different advertisements or pictures and paste them on your paper.
- Use a grocery ad from the newspaper. Choose five items that you would like to eat. Cut them out of the paper along with the price and then add up the total cost for all the items.

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