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Learning Objectives ②

News Term Analysis: Knowing how to “make an appearance”

Reading: Learning about Neymar’s move from Barcelona

Listening: Understanding a short sports report

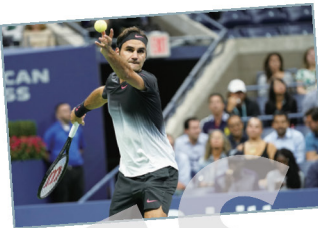
Writing: Creating headlines based on content

Speaking: Compiling and delivering sports news

Warm Up

A. Look at the following pictures and write the name of the sport under each picture.

- cricket
- squash
- rugby
- surfing
- golf
- relay
- water polo
- tennis
- ice hockey



B. Choose one of the above sports you saw on the news recently. Discuss with a partner when and where the event took place and why it caught your eye.

Vocabulary Builder – Clippings

Clipping is the simplifying of a word by omitting some of its parts (beginning, middle, or ending syllables) while keeping its original meaning. This process does not create new word meanings but provides the text with stylistic value.

Initial Clipping	Medial Clipping	Final Clipping
robot, parachute, alligator, telephone, internet	mathematics, spectacles, specifications	gymnasium, professional, referee, substitute, champion

* Words with the middle part kept are also medial clippings: influenza, detective

Word Power 3



contract (n.)



publication (n.)



teammate (n.)



Confederations Cup



announce (v.)

- caption (n.)
- member (n.)
- sponsor (n.)
- delay (n.)
- coverage (n.)
- possibility (n.)
- situation (n.)
- purchase (v.)
- dominate (v.)
- constant (adj.)
- current (adj.)
- intense (adj.)
- recently (adv.)

come to an end

leave for...

Vocabulary Practice

Fill in the blanks with the vocabulary above. Make changes if necessary.

- The country to host the 2028 Olympic Games will be _____ next year.
- There's been a(n) _____ to the start of the match due to heavy rain.
- The pitcher will renew his _____ for three years with his current team.
- As a freelance journalist, she writes for various sports _____.
- It's important for _____ to have a good relationship on and off the field.
- Both channels will provide full _____ of all the World Cup matches.
- With the first loss in ten games, the team's winning streak has _____.
- The logo of the team's new _____ appears on all of their shirts.
- Fans can be proud of the way their team has _____ the league.
- Ever since the new coach arrived, the team has made _____ progress.

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Messi Says Goodbye to Neymar on Instagram 4

Dan Friedell

The biggest soccer story of the summer was not Germany's win at the **Confederations Cup** in Russia. And it was not the United States' Gold Cup win over Jamaica either. Instead, it was the **constant** discussion about whether Brazilian star Neymar would leave his **current** team, Barcelona, and move to Paris Saint-Germain.

Barcelona **recently** played in the United States, and it was all people wanted to know about.

The story of whether Neymar would **leave** Barcelona **for** Paris **dominated** soccer **coverage** this summer. But that discussion has **come to an end**. Barcelona **announced** on Wednesday that Neymar said goodbye to his **teammates** and told the team he was leaving. The only **delay**? Paris Saint-Germain will need to pay Barcelona over 200 million euros to **purchase** Neymar's **contract**. Until then, Neymar is still a **member** of Barcelona. However, he will not practice with the team.

In July, many sports **publications** wrote about the **possibility** of Neymar leaving Barcelona. They said he did not like being the team's second-best player behind Argentine star Lionel Messi. But just last week, Spanish player Gerard Piqué of Barcelona posted a photo of Neymar on Instagram. In the **caption**, he wrote, "He stays." Piqué said he did not have any special information about his teammate, however. It was just his own feeling about the **situation**.

The question about whether Neymar would stay or go grew more **intense** in the last week, as Barcelona finished its tour of the U.S. and returned to Europe.

Neymar did not travel with the team. Instead, he went to Asia to **make appearances** for his **sponsors**. He returned to Spain on Tuesday night, and told the team of his decision on Wednesday.

Now, the soccer world must wait for Barcelona's bank account to grow by over 200 million euros. When that happens, Neymar will be on his way to Paris.

On Wednesday, Messi used Instagram to post a goodbye video message to Neymar. The two have been Barcelona teammates since 2013. More than 5 million people watched the video in the first 3 hours.



Reading Comprehension

A. Read the following statements about the article and circle True (T) or False (F).

- Everyone has been talking about the U.S. winning the 2017 Gold Cup. **T F**
- Neymar plans to leave Europe during the summer. **T F**
- Neymar's former teammate, Messi, is a fellow South American. **T F**
- Paris Saint-Germain has already paid Barcelona for Neymar's transfer. **T F**
- More than 5 million fans posted farewell messages to Neymar online. **T F**

B. Read the article again and answer the following questions.

- What was the biggest soccer story in the summer?
The Brazilian footballer Neymar _____.
- What amount was agreed upon to buy Neymar's contract?
Paris Saint-Germain is to pay _____.
- What was rumored to be the reason for Neymar leaving Barcelona?
Many publications said _____.
- What did Neymar do instead of touring with Barcelona to America?
He took a trip to Asia to _____.
- When did Neymar officially announce his decision to his teammates?
Neymar informed his teammates _____.

News Term Analysis 5

To **make an appearance**, or **make appearances**, means to show up at or participate in an event for a short period of time, often because you feel like you should do so rather than because you want to. It can also refer to someone briefly performing in a show or representing a sports team in an event.

Table Tennis Robot

A new robot has recently been developed in Japan that table tennis players of all levels can use for improving their skills.



A. Watch the video and check the things the robot can do.

- ___ It is able to hit back difficult shots for high-level players.
- ___ It can guess its opponent's age and gender.
- ___ If needed, it can catch the table tennis ball.
- ___ It uses cameras to measure the rotation and trajectory of the ball.
- ___ It can play on two tables at the same time.
- ___ It reads the ball's movement eighty times per second.

B. Watch again and discuss with a partner how effective you think the robot will be as a training partner. In what other sports could the same technology be used?

Listening 6

A. Listen to the report and choose the correct answers.

1. On October 17th, Kyrie Irving is expected to _____.
a. retire b. start training c. play with LeBron d. play against LeBron
2. Many said Irving left _____ because he didn't want to be second-best anymore.
a. Boston b. Cleveland c. New York d. Los Angeles
3. Judging by his social media comments, LeBron James still _____ Irving.
a. dislikes b. expects c. respects d. ignores

B. Listen again and fill in the missing words.

in person victory traded available talent

1. Kyrie Irving was _____ to the Celtics at the end of August.
2. According to reports, Irving never told his teammates _____ about the move.
3. James has since tweeted that his former teammate is a special _____.
4. Fans are wondering if Irving can lead his team to _____ in Ohio.
5. Tickets to the event are still _____ but selling out quickly.

Writing

A headline should grab readers' attention and convey the main idea of the article. A good headline is short, informative, and catchy. To achieve this, journalists often make use of puns, rhyming, or alliteration.

A. Look at the passage and choose the best headline. Then, discuss the following questions in groups.

Derartu Tulu became the first Ethiopian woman to win the NY Marathon yesterday. Despite slowing down several times to encourage injured defending champion Paula Radcliffe to not give up, Tulu raced to victory with the time of 2:28:52.

1. The best headline is _____.
a. Ethiopian Battles to Win Marathon b. Defending Champion Injured
c. Tulu Wins Race and Hearts d. Winning Time of 2:28:52

2. Why did you choose this headline over the others?

3. Come up with two other headlines for the passage.

B. Work with a partner and come up with a headline for each passage. Then, share your answers with the class.

The annual Pyongyang Marathon was open to amateur foreign runners on Sunday. Whereas the New York City marathon draws 40,000 participants every year, just 240 athletes took part in this event. Safety concerns were cited as the main cause for lack of participation.

Danish runner Frank Johansen won the 13th Big Five Marathon with the time of 4:00:23. The event was held in a wildlife reserve and named after the five African animals found in the park. Since there might be wild animals, runners were protected by armed rangers and helicopters.

Challenge Yourself!

Read the article on page 12 again. Try to come up with two headlines you think would be better than the original.



A. Before you watch, fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Make changes if necessary.

injury medal record comeback highlight

1. The athlete suffered a great loss in his previous _____.
2. Following the finals, athletes received their gold, silver, and bronze _____.
3. The _____ of the day was Liao's amazing performance in weightlifting.
4. He set a world _____ in the clean and jerk 69 kg weight class.
5. In 2016, Liao spent a month in a wheelchair because of a serious _____.

B. After you watch, read the sentences and number the order of events discussed.

- _____ Local fans cheered Adam Liao for bagging a gold medal.
- _____ Liao smashed a world record in men's weightlifting.
- _____ Medals were awarded following finals in fencing, diving, and judo.
- _____ A new record of 199 kilograms was set by Adam Liao.
- _____ Liao only managed a bronze in the 2017 championships.

Presentation

Work with a partner and compile your own 1-2-minute news report on the 2017 Universiade in Taipei. Present your report in dialogue form. Your report should include the venue, event category, medal winners, and other facts and records. You can do some research online.



A **running shot** refers to a filming technique in which the camera moves to follow a moving person or object. In recent years, remote-controlled drones have been used for capturing these shots.

"I'm proud to be a Taiwanese in a Western world."

SHING
TSai

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Despite humble beginnings, world-renowned photographer Yu Tsai has soared to great heights in the international fashion and advertising industries.

Known for his exceptional photo shoot directing skills, Taiwan-born Tsai arrived with his family on a farm in Indiana on his 12th birthday. By then, playing with imaginary friends and finding treasure maps hidden in the cracks of walls had helped him develop a powerful imagination.

It was while taking a graphic design course in college that this creativity blossomed and he discovered his true talent in photography. Since then, he's collaborated with top brands like Apple, Guess!, and Coca Cola, and captured some of the world's most famous celebrities on film.

REVIEW 1

Choose the correct answers.

1. News of the star goalkeeper's transfer to another club has been _____ on Twitter recently.
a. mulling b. covering c. trending
2. Tina looked fantastic in her _____ Cat Woman costume.
a. latex b. implant c. delay
3. The teams for the Confederations Cup final will be _____ on Friday.
a. dominated b. announced c. overshadowed
4. According to the director, this _____ is based on his teenage years.
a. sitcom b. chronicle c. cosplay
5. A draw in the game resulted in a very _____ penalty shootout at the end.
a. intense b. professional c. constant
6. Transforming patients' ears into elf ears is actually quite a simple _____.
a. possibility b. publication c. procedure
7. A brilliant career _____ on Sunday when the surfing legend announced his retirement.
a. showed off b. was on point c. came to an end
8. The singer's rock music and _____ look has made her very popular among teenagers.
a. sponsored b. Gothic c. intraocular
9. Based on _____ form, the Spaniard should win the French Open quite easily.
a. current b. surgical c. custom
10. *Mystery* magazine features great photography and captivating _____ in every issue.
a. fantasies b. injections c. referees

Fill in the blanks.

16 Australian standup comedian Duncan Reeves recently made _____ 11 after being caught shoplifting in California. _____ 12 no fewer than three major comedy awards just six months ago, the man seems to be battling a drug addiction that could put an end to a promising career. Reeves, _____ 13 for dressing up as different well-known cartoon characters during performances, first moved to Hollywood at the end of December last year. He made his U.S. television _____ 14 two months later, featuring on Comedy Central's *Laugh Me A River*. Sell-out performances and a minor role in a Hollywood blockbuster followed soon. However, he has since sadly been _____ 15 for the wrong reasons.

11. a. efforts b. headlines c. captions
12. a. Opting for b. Leaving for c. Honored with
13. a. famous b. lucrative c. underway
14. a. fantasy b. debut c. hideout
15. a. in the spotlight b. on point c. shown off

17 Current Australian Open champion Eva Pavlova announced her _____ 16 from international tennis on Saturday evening due to a serious knee injury. She will _____ 17 her final appearance at the Miami Cup in Florida later this month. The highlight of Pavlova's career was undoubtedly her thrilling five-set _____ 18 in last year's Wimbledon final when she beat two-time champion Helen Dunsky. Pavlova's long-term friend and training _____ 19 Lev Mynsky said Pavlova will be missed and that he wished her all the best. Mynsky described Pavlova not only as a special _____ 20, but also a great ambassador for the game.

16. a. transformation b. delight c. retirement
17. a. make b. made c. have made
18. a. victor b. victorious c. victory
19. a. member b. rival c. partner
20. a. wannabe b. talent c. teammate