



## What Is This Module About?

Do you read the newspaper every day? Do you know of somebody who does? It may look like a boring habit, but reading the newspaper is very useful and informative. It updates the reader about the important events and happenings around him, as well as in the worlds of sports, entertainment, science, arts and so on. Also, the newspaper entertains by reporting on your favorite shows, actors and music. And — you may not know this — the newspaper can serve as your voice when you want to say something about an issue.

You will understand all these through this module. Here, you will know about the information that you can get from a newspaper, and about the different parts of a newspaper.

There are two lessons in this module:

Lesson 1 – *The Newspaper and Its Parts*

Lesson 2 – *Using a Newspaper*



## What Will You Learn From This Module?

After studying this module, you should be able to:

- ◆ identify the different parts of a newspaper;
- ◆ explain the importance and use of a newspaper; and
- ◆ discuss the application of the information gathered in your daily life.



## Let's See What You Already Know

Before studying the module, answer this short test to find out what you already know about the topic.

Answer **yes** or **no** for the following statements. Write your answers in the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. The features section of a newspaper includes different topics.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. The opinion column of a newspaper gives writers the freedom of speech.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Entertainment can only be found on a television and not in a newspaper.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. You will know the weather conditions by reading a newspaper.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. A newspaper has information that you cannot use.

Well, how was it? Do you think you fared well? Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 49.

If all your answers are correct, very good! This shows that you already know much about the topics in this module. You may still study the module to review what you already know. Who knows, you might learn a few more new things as well.

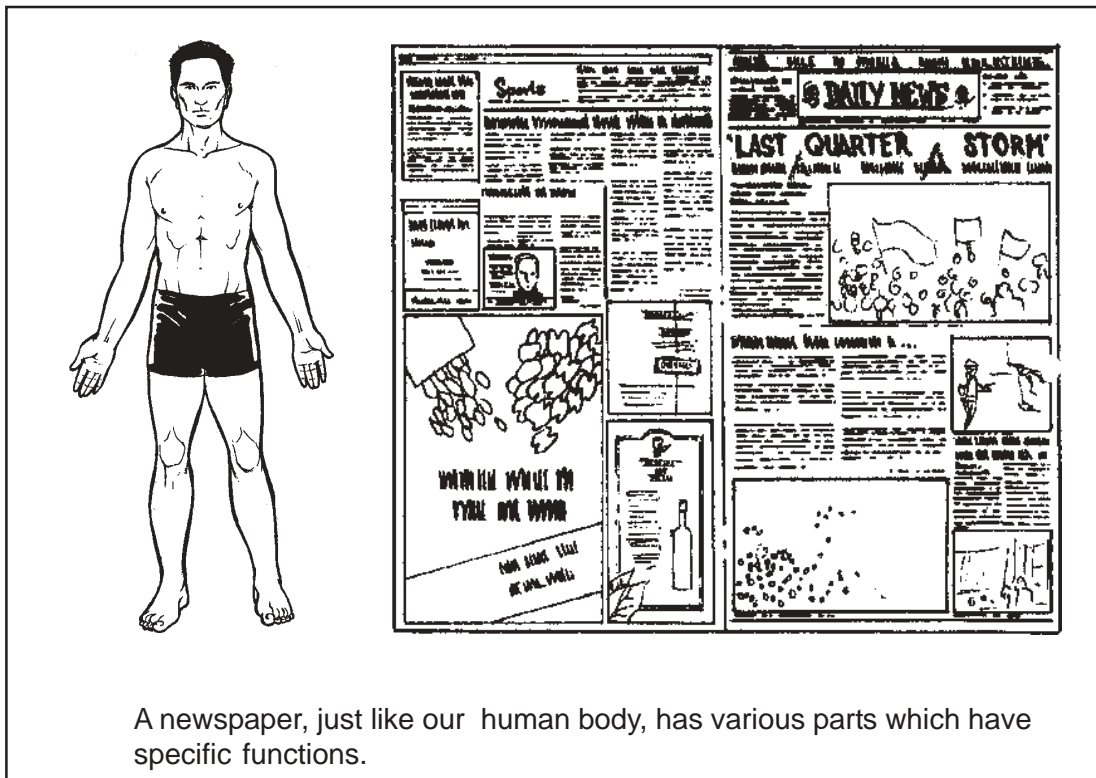
If you got a low score, don't feel bad. This only goes to show that this module is for you. It will help you to understand important concepts that you can apply in your daily life. If you study this module carefully, you would learn the answers to all the items in the test and a lot more! Are you ready?

You can turn to the next page to begin Lesson 1.

## The Newspaper and Its Parts

Think of your body. What do you notice about it? It has various parts, right? And these parts have their own functions or uses.

Well, the newspaper is just like your body. It too is divided into many parts. Each part has a function. Each part of a newspaper is important, no matter how small.



A newspaper, just like our human body, has various parts which have specific functions.



### Let's Try This

Try to get any newspaper. It may be new or old. Scan through it and then list down its parts.

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Have you finished identifying the parts of a newspaper? To see if you got the right answers, read on.



# Let's Read

Let's start with what we can see first — the front page. Look closely at the picture below.

## The Front Page

**THE MORNING STAR**

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Jeepney drivers go on nationwide strike

June 14, 2000 date

Vol. 15, No. 340 volume

₱15 price

**Local News:**

Nueva Ecija town is now RP's first science city

**Weather**

**local news**

**weather**

**index**

Inside this issue:	
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What do you notice about the front page of the newspaper? At the top, we have what we call the **flag** – this indicates the name of the newspaper. The flag also tells you the date, the volume of the newspaper, and the price. In this example, the newspaper's name is "The Morning Star."

Look at the top of the page. Here you can see the price of the newspaper. "The Morning Star" costs ₱15. The newspaper also tells you the date. The volume of the newspaper is also printed.

What else do you see? Do you see the large and bold letters near the top? This refers to the main story of the newspaper. This story is the most important event being written about in the paper. The large heading you see is called a **headline**.

There are other items on the front page. Some are **local news**, which are news about events in the country. Others are **foreign or international news**, which are news from around the world. (Our example above doesn't have foreign or international news.)

The front page may also have a small space for a **weather** report, which tells us about the weather for the day.

Another item that you can find on the front page is the **index**, which tells you the page numbers of other sections you may want to read.

When we turn to the other pages of the newspaper, we find its other parts, such as the opinion page, local and international news, business section and sports section. These are discussed next.

## Opinion, Editorial and Letters

Below is an example of the editorial section of a newspaper. Does it look familiar to you?

### Options for Erap exit

**F**ORMER President Aquino laid out in a prayer meeting at the Edsa shrine on Tuesday three exit options for President Estrada: resignation, impeachment or a leave of absence until allegations that he took millions in bribes are cleared. All three are unpalatable options as far as Mr. Estrada is concerned.

In speaking at the meeting, Ms Aquino did not stop at reciting prayers. In the midst of the crisis sparked by the *jueteng* scandal, more than prayers are needed. Political mobilization fueled by outrage over the corruption exposed by Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson is the dynamo for change.

Ms Aquino helped turn this dynamo. She has thrown her still enormous prestige and influence behind the widening protest over the involvement of the President in the *jueteng* payoffs. Her entry into the political arena again followed closely the call by her ally at the Edsa Revolution in 1986, Jaime Cardinal Sin, for the President to step down. By adding her weight to that of the cardinal, Ms Aquino has pushed forward the bandwagon seeking an early end to the scandal-ridden Estrada administration.

Ms Aquino came close to demanding Mr. Estrada's outright resignation when she said, "These are times that try men's souls and moments when love of country calls for supreme sacrifice, even if it means resignation." In spelling out the options available to the President, she left no doubt that she gave credence to Singson's allegations despite the sordid background of the *jueteng* racket and Singson's own involvement in it. She reflected the widespread public sentiment when she said, "So much is clear: serious crimes have been committed, and grave charges have been aired. What we have here is a quarrel among thieves over the sharing of spoils. None of these would be our concern, except that the spoils are public funds and the President has been the chief of Mr. Estrada's sweeping denial that he received bribes, Ms Aquino said, "No one in his right mind can dispute their gravity; few people of any honor can doubt their veracity. The best that can be said is whether these charges can be made to stick in a court of law or congressional impeachment of the President."

Pointing out the implication of a cover-up, she said that "these charges strike at the very essence of government. They call into question the very right of government to exist. And if they are not fully investigated and the appropriate action taken, they will undermine the foundations of our society. For they will tell the world that this country does not care about what is right or wrong, what is legal or criminal."

Among the three options she spelled out, impeachment is the worst because it would set in train a drawn-out process and it could be smothered by the administration party's majority in Congress. Already Ms Aquino called attention to the efforts in both the House and the Senate to drive the hearings toward exonerating the President. The filing of the impeachment complaint in the House yesterday started the process that's fraught with dangers of fueling unrest if the process is used to quash the charges.

Taking a leave of absence has by now been seen by the President as a step to sideline him. A leave of absence, whose length will be determined by how long the impeachment proceedings will take, can be open-ended. Many see it as a graceful way out for the President.

A drawn-out stalemate impeachment process would leave the country in a state of uncertainty and would "damage the economy beyond all hope of swift repair," as Ms Aquino correctly pointed out. In effect, she seemed to be saying that we should avoid a long stalemate and resolve the crisis quickly, and the most expedient way to do this is to escalate mass actions to put pressure on the Cabinet to break ranks and on the President to step down, on the grounds that this would be less chaotic and turbulent.

At the speed developments are hurtling forward, no one now is in control of events, not even the President. The economy continues its downhill slide. It is becoming more evident that the impeachment proceedings will be overtaken by events putting pressure on Mr. Estrada to resign. Among the options suggested by Ms Aquino, the most viable and the one that can be done without dragging the country and the economy into chaos, is resignation.

### Senators' antics doing Erap more harm than good

**AS I SEE IT**

Neal H. Cruz

If the senators are trying to protect the President, then they are doing him more harm than good. The impression they give to the people is that they don't want Singson to tell everything he knows. Why they don't want that when the blue ribbon investigation is supposed to be fact-finding, I leave to your judgment.

I think one problem stems from television. Yes, television. We have too many lawyer shows on TV where cases are won or lost by the smart cross-examination of witnesses by the lawyers. And the Senate has too many lawyers who, because the hearings there are being televised, want to show the voters that they are as smart or even smarter than the TV lawyers.

The pro-Erap senators forgot that the blue ribbon hearings are not yet the impeachment trial where the guilt or innocence of the accused will be judged. It is only a fact-finding investigation in aid of legislation. It is not yet imperative to impugn the credibility of witnesses.

Don't these pro-Erap senators realize that they can be disqualified from voting in the impeachment trial itself because they have shown that they are biased in favor of the accused? How can they help Erap if they are not allowed to vote to acquit him later on?

And a *lutong-macaco* decision will not be taken lightly by the people. Administration tacticians should see how the people applaud and mob Singson in the forums he attends. Presidential political adviser Lito Banayaw witnessed that yesterday at the Fontana breakfast forum in Greenhills. Other Malacañang spies also saw that

### A good, old-fashioned street fight

**WINDMILLS**

Jerry Barican

...tions to be released a bit at a time over the next few weeks.

The administration, on the other hand, seems prepared to ride the storm out. Whether it can depends partly on the credibility and corroboration of the evidence, and partly on its nature. For now, most people want to give the constitutional process a chance.

The international consequences of the crisis should not be ignored. Globalization has linked the fate of the Philippine currency and economy to that of other countries in the region, principally Thailand and Indonesia. This in turn will involve the United States and multilateral institutions like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, whose power cannot be long ignored.

The second conclusion we can draw is that the 2001 election will end up being converted by both sides into a referendum on these charges and on the President himself. A convincing victory for the President's candidates will take a lot of wind out of the opposition's sails. Alternatively, an opposition victory would provide impetus for impeachment moves both in Congress and in the streets.

Central to all this is the President's need to hold his political coalition whole. Both sides correctly view the continued stay of Cabinet members as the litmus test of support for the President. The opposition will therefore not only pressure the President and his family but also the members of the Cabinet. Any new allegations, including Singson's much-talked-about "atomic bomb" will be targeted as much to this group as to the general public.

Through all this, the Senate will continue its hearings. It remains unclear why the blue ribbon and justice committees have followed a procedure that seems to lead itself more to ensuring

at the Kapitan sa Manila (Hotel) forum last Monday.

I fear the President is in a no-win situation if the current setup continues. If the Senate acquiesces Erap, people will cry "*lutong-macaco!*" and take to the streets, like they did when Marcos stole the election from Cory Aquino.

For the people to accept a verdict peacefully, I think an independent investigator with full powers must be appointed, as was done in the impeachments of Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton. But the independent investigator must be appointed not by the President but by the Supreme Court. Imagine what would happen if Erap appoints Angel Ang or Dante Tan as investigator.

May I remind the senators that the issue they are supposed to investigate is the *jueteng* payoffs and the taking of P130 million in excise taxes for Ilocos Sur by the President. It is not the gambling losses, unliquidated cash advances and income taxes of Singson. They are different cases and should be prosecuted separately. If Singson is guilty, then he should be sent to prison. The first things first: the blue ribbon committee is investigating the *jueteng* payoffs and diversion of P130 million in excise taxes. And Singson is not the accused; he is the witness. Don't confuse him with the real defendant.

The blue ribbon committee is the most prestigious of the committees in the Senate. The people have faith in it and in its chair, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel. The developments there in the last few days have shaken this faith. Don't let the people lose it completely.

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**KAPHAN NOTES:** Sen. Francisco Tatad called to say that he did not confirm his attendance in last Monday's Kapitan sa Manila as was stated in this column. That was the forum where none of the invited government panelists showed up. Only Governor Singson did and the Erap side lost by default.

POLITICALLY, this week was just like last week—only more so. Gov. Luis Singson was in the Senate repeating his story in reply to the senators' repeated questions. There were media events and staged-for-media events, including yet another jog by Fr. Roberto Reyes, perhaps the most media-savvy priest around. Taping, then replaying, telephone calls became a cottage industry. There were prayer rallies and opposition rallies. There were even pickets outside the Senate *jueteng* hearing, articulating opposite political points of view. Confused?

Well, some things are becoming clearer. For one, it is clear that the President is not going to resign. Such is the scope of the charges against him that not merely is his presidency at stake but perhaps even the question of future criminal charges. He is determined to go through the constitutional process.

Impachment under this Congress, whose tenure expires in June next year, is improbable. As Senate President Frank Drilon has noted, there is an election campaign coming up, and there are probably not enough session days left for the House of Representatives to complete the impeachment process, much less for a full Senate trial to be held. This begs the question of the 30 percent needed by the House to impeach.

These two facts lead to two conclusions. First, as this saga unfolds unresolved over the next nine months at least, the negative effects on the economy will accelerate. Who will those citizens, who are undecided or are reluctant to vote, blame? The administration? The opposition? The battle will be fought on the fields of propaganda.

The relatively small number of committed political activists and movers aside, there is as yet no definitive public conclusion, or where there is, no sentiment of rage on this issue. People don't want a long drawn-out process with its debilitating effect on the economy. The opposition also needs an identifiable leader, like Cory was in 1986. Chances are that this will be a long, drawn-out affair.

To provide that "rage," the opposition hopes that new revelations at the Senate hearings or in Singson's news conferences will galvanize the public. Expect therefore a stream of new accus-

Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer, October 19, 2000.

The editorial is where the newspaper's editor can write his ideas about any topic. The editorial here is titled "Options for Erap exit."

Other writers can also share their ideas and comments about politics, the government, the environment, or anything in particular. These can be found in opinion columns, where each writer states his own views.

Even people who do not write for a newspaper can contribute too! There is usually a “Letters” section, where the readers can write in and share their ideas.

The opinion, editorial and letters section can be one-page or several pages long.

### **Local and International News**

We don’t find all the news articles we need in the front page. There are also pages where we can read more about local news. If you want to know about what’s happening in other countries, you can read the international news.

### **Business Section**

Do you want to know about the top corporations in the country? Are you interested in the latest financial news? Well then, this is the section for you. The business section of a newspaper tells you about the latest developments in business.

Some newspapers include air and shipping schedules. You can also find the current peso-to-dollar rate in this section of a newspaper.

### **Sports Section**

This part of the newspaper is for those who enjoy sports. You can find the latest results of a sports game such as basketball or tennis here. Tournament schedules are also found in this section.

You can also learn more about your favorite athlete in this section. Usually, newspapers have articles about athletes and their latest games.



## **Let’s Review**

So far, we have discussed a few parts or sections of the newspaper. Before proceeding further, let’s review what we have studied. Answer the test below by filling in the blanks. You can find the answers inside the box below.

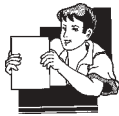
headline	editorial	local
opinion	business	front page
sports	flag	international

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ contains the name of the newspaper, the volume, date and price.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ contains the opinion of the editor about a certain issue.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ section features articles about games and athletes.



4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the title of the main story of the newspaper.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ news tells about events in different countries of the world.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ has the headline and usually some international and local news, the weather, and the index.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ section contains financial and business news.
8. Various writers working for the newspaper write about their thoughts and views in the \_\_\_\_\_ columns.

After answering the quiz, compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 49.



## Let's Learn

We will now continue discussing other parts of the newspaper. These are the entertainment section, classified ads, features section and obituary.

### Entertainment Section

This is the lighter, fun side of a newspaper. If you like reading about actors and movies, about singers and their music, then this section is for you! This section also contains movie and music reviews. You can also check on movie and television schedules in this section.

Of course, the entertainment section will not be complete without an entire page of comic strips, just like this one below.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Get on and stay busy if you wish to avoid disaster on the home front. Keep your nerves under control. Don't make changes without your partner's approval.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** You will enjoy contributing in group projects and can expect to earn praise for doing so. In love or romance may be a little distant if you have been following your own nose.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Business or pleasure trips will be favorable. Keep your ears alert, as valuable information will be revealed. Changes in your home environment will make a difference in the whole family.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You can make financial gains if you play your cards right. Your interest in group activities will lead you to new philosophical directions. Expect your partner to disagree with your ideal and attitudes.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Questions that will may try to take you for granted. Ponder yourself. Get out the facts out of you. You will meet exciting individuals if you socialize.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Business will be your downfall. You need to work out self-interests and creative projects. Don't donate money to social organizations. Difficulties with in-laws can be expected.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Your partner may control you regarding your feelings. Keep an open mind and listen to what others have to offer. You need to become involved in worthwhile causes.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Concentrate on opportunities, but don't let them slip. You may not spend your own cash. Opportunities to make career moves are evident.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your emotional partner may be looking for an excuse to leave. Don't be coerced into non-accidents. Travel should be on your agenda. Your destination will bring you added knowledge.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Listen into small business opportunities. Your personal partner may not be as enthusiastic as you had hoped regarding your future plans. You need to develop new friendships.

**Birthday Baby:** You may not always think before you leap. You are so impulsive and quick to respond to others that it could lead to some thinking times, but also to trouble.

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

1. Beach house
2. Pope who resigned in 2013
10. Hippie near
14. Hanging by the sea
15. March
16. Delays
17. Falls
18. Character
19. One-handed
20. Italian facts
22. Word
23. Jewels
24. Phrases
25. You to keep
26. Authority to decide
28. Drive forward
29. Soccer game
30. Melodic
31. Character scene
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**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

**LOVEKNOTS** BY ELIZABETH CHIONGIO

**HI AND LOIS** BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER

**MUTTS** BY PATRICK MCDONNELL

**CLAIRE** BY DOUG SHANNON

Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer, October 19, 2000.

Most newspapers also include a daily horoscope, crossword puzzles and other games in the entertainment section.

## Classified Ads

A lot of people consider this as a very important part of the newspaper. You can look at this section if you are in need of a job or if you are looking for something to buy or sell. "Classified Ads" is short for "classified advertisement," which is a list of short announcements for job openings, services for hire, goods for buy and sell, and house and lots for rent or sale.

Look at the different ads below.

### Wanted Secretary

F, 20-25 yo. Call 412-1189

What do you think does the ad want to say?

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Now compare your answer with this: *This is a "help wanted" ad. This tells you that someone needs a female (F) secretary who is between 20 to 25 years old. Anyone interested can call the number listed above.*

Here's another ad:

### Barber for Hire

CALL 942-0930 or 872-82

What do you think does the ad want to say?

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Let's see if you got it right. *This is an ad that shows services for hire. A barber is advertising his skills to anyone who might need a haircut or a barber.*

### House for Sale

Q.C. 150 sqm. 2bd page-125090

Now what about this ad? What does it say?

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*This ad tells you that a house is for sale in Quezon City. The pager number to call is given for interested buyers. There also is additional information about the house — that it is 150 sq. m. big and has two bedrooms.*

**Wanted to Buy**

TV/RADIO CALL: 789-09754

Write down below what the ad is all about.

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*This ad is a wanted-to-buy ad, which tells you that someone wants to buy a television or a radio. Anyone interested can call the number listed above.*

**Apt. For Rent**

MAKATI CALL 567-9202

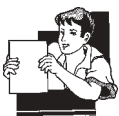
What does the ad above say?

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*This ad is for those looking for an apartment for rent. It tells you that there is a vacant apartment in Makati and that anyone interested to rent it can call the number listed above.*



## Let's Learn

It's easy to read the classified ads, right? Having known all about the entertainment and classified ads section, let's now study about the features section and obituaries.

### Features Section

The features portion of a newspaper usually has a number of pages. This is a section that contains a lot of topics, usually articles on health, science and technology, the environment and art.

Not all newspapers have the same content when it comes to the features section. Some have additional features like fitness, child care and parenting, gardening, fashion and beauty, and art. You may also notice a section for the community, which gives the readers updates on what's going on in their communities.

There are also schedules and announcements for exhibits, seminars, contests, programs, plays, etc. in the features section.

Look again at the sample newspapers that you got. Find the features section and see what articles it contains.

### **Obituary**

This part of a newspaper shows notices of deaths and brief biographies of the persons who passed away. Some families want to notify the public of deaths in their family, so they put a notice in the obituary.

The obituary section is also used as a way for the family of the deceased to thank those who gave their respects and prayers.

There are other parts of the newspaper that have not been discussed. But we have covered all the major or important sections in the preceding discussions.



## **Let's See What You Have Learned**

Listed below are the different sections of a newspaper. Then they are followed by five different articles. To which section does each article belong? Write the section in the blank provided.

- ◆ Front Page
- ◆ International News
- ◆ Sports Section
- ◆ Features Section
- ◆ Obituary
- ◆ Local News
- ◆ Business Section
- ◆ Entertainment Section
- ◆ Classified Ads

1. Article One \_\_\_\_\_

### **Judy Ann teams up with Rico**

Popular young actress Judy Ann will team up with heartthrob Rico in the latest movie, "First Love." The movie is a love story with a bit of action. The two are said to be preparing for their action scenes by working out in the gym.

2. Article Two \_\_\_\_\_

**RP Boxers Make History**

Filipino boxers made history yesterday as they took the heavyweight titles for the first time in Philippine boxing history. Mark Guman and Julio Dugas both won in the heavyweight division against US boxers in the Hollywood Arena.

3. Article Three \_\_\_\_\_

**For Immediate Employment**

Accountant, male or female  
2–4 yrs. Work experience  
Send Biodata to  
P.O. BOX 54628

4. Article Four \_\_\_\_\_

**Higher rates and taxes next year**

There is a possibility of higher taxes and interest rates next year. Government officials confirmed that this could happen if oil prices continue to rise, and the peso continues to weaken.

Government officials state that the public should prepare themselves for this possibility.

5. Article Five \_\_\_\_\_

**SC Rules VFA is legal**

The Supreme Court declared yesterday that the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement is constitutional and legal. This was declared on a 11-to-3 vote.

VFA opponents had earlier raised several issues. These included the US forces bringing in nuclear weapons, exemption from taxes, and others.

After answering the items, refer to the *Answer Key* on pages 49–50 to see if you got everything right.



## Let's Remember

A newspaper has different parts and sections. Each section has different articles and topics.

These are:

1. **The Front Page** which includes the:
  - ◆ title of the newspaper, the date and issue number
  - ◆ main story of the day and other news items
  - ◆ weather forecast
  - ◆ index or a listing of where to find other articles
2. **Opinion, Editorial and Letters Section** which includes the:
  - ◆ editorial written by the editor of the paper
  - ◆ opinion columns
  - ◆ letters to the editor
3. **Local and International News**, covering:
  - ◆ local news reports concerning the country
  - ◆ international news reports from other countries around the world
4. **Business Section**
  - ◆ contains news about business developments it may include air and shipping schedules, stock market rates and peso-to-dollar exchange rate
5. **Sports Section**
  - ◆ includes different news items about sports, athletes and games
6. **Entertainment Section**
  - ◆ includes articles about movies, television, music, actors and entertainers
7. **Features Section**
  - ◆ includes articles on different topics like health, art, science and technology, the environment, etc.
8. **Classified Ads**
  - ◆ posts lists of items for rent or sale, services for hire, and job opportunities
9. **Obituary**
  - ◆ notices of deaths

## Using a Newspaper

Knowing the essential parts of a newspaper is one thing, but using a newspaper is another. How can you use your newspaper? There are many ways a newspaper can be helpful to you.

In this lesson, you will learn that a newspaper can:

- ◆ improve your daily life by using the information you get;
- ◆ give you a voice, a chance to express your opinion; and
- ◆ entertain and educate you.

Businessmen, professionals and educated people have something in common. They are well-informed. They know about the latest news and developments. They usually learn about these in the newspaper. And they use the information they read about in their business or work and even in their home life.

Do you want to be like them? Would you like to be able to use the information that you can find?

Information you can get from a newspaper can help you in your everyday life. Read on to know how.



### Let's Try This

Find someone in your home or community who has the habit of reading a newspaper every day. This person may be a family member, a neighbor, a barangay official or your own Instructional Manager or Facilitator. Ask him or her: *Why do you read the newspaper regularly? What benefits do you get from reading the newspaper?*

Write his/her answer in the spaces below.

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Finished? If yes, good! Think of the answer you wrote as you read the rest of this lesson.



## Let's Read

In Lesson 1, we learned about the very important parts of the newspaper that make up the **front page**.

The front page gives you the main stories of the day. What are main stories? These are the most important events and issues that happen in the country or around the world.

How can this be helpful to you? Read this story to find out.

One day, Abby and Berna were on their way to the market. It was a fine sunny day, perfect for a nice walk.



Abby said to Berna, "I'm so glad we decided to take a walk. The weather is so nice."

"I know, that's why I didn't bother to bring an umbrella. But do you know that we have to be prepared for rainy weather two days from now?" Berna replied.

Abby was surprised. How could there be rain when the day was so nice and bright? She decided to ask Berna more.

"How do you know that it will rain?" Abby asked.

"Well, that's because a storm is headed for our province. It will probably start raining tomorrow. That's why I'm also going to buy candles and extra kerosene for our lamp," Berna said.

"Where did you get this information?" Abby asked.

"On the front page of a newspaper, of course! You can find weather updates on the front page," Berna replied.



So Abby decided that she too, would read the weather section of the newspaper to find out more. When they got to the market, Abby was shocked by the prices of meat and fish.

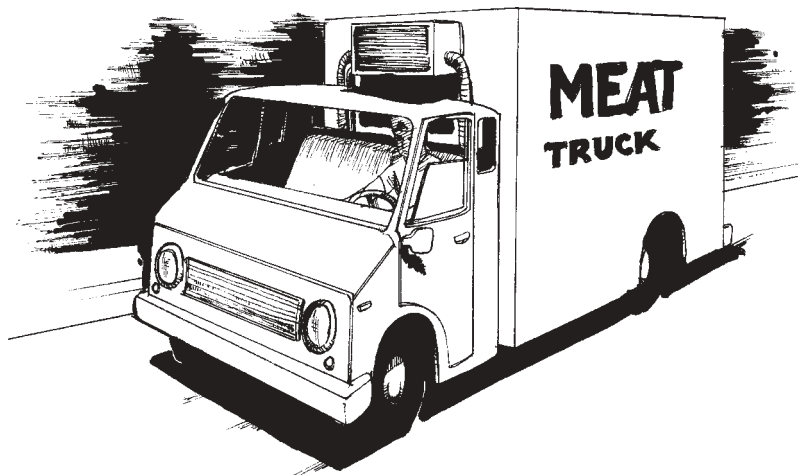


“I can’t believe that the prices of meat have risen so quickly!” Abby exclaimed.

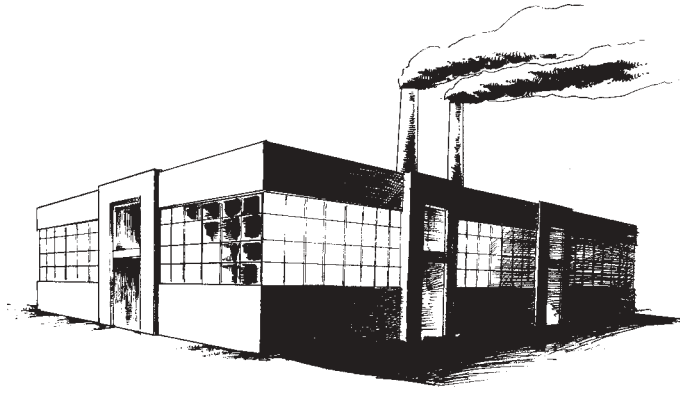
“Well, that’s because of the oil price increase that took effect yesterday,” Berna said.

“Oil price increase? How did you know about this? And how can it affect the price of meat and fish?” asked a surprised Abby.

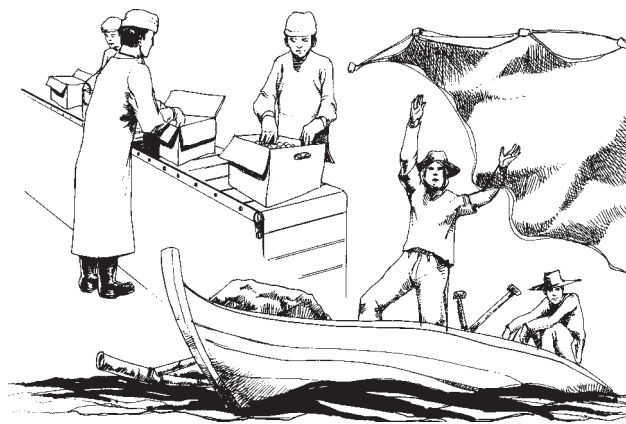
“Well, I read all about it on the front page of the newspaper. Did you know that when the prices of oil and other petroleum products rise, the prices of basic commodities also rise? This is because . . .



“ . . . it is more expensive to transport these basic commodities . . .

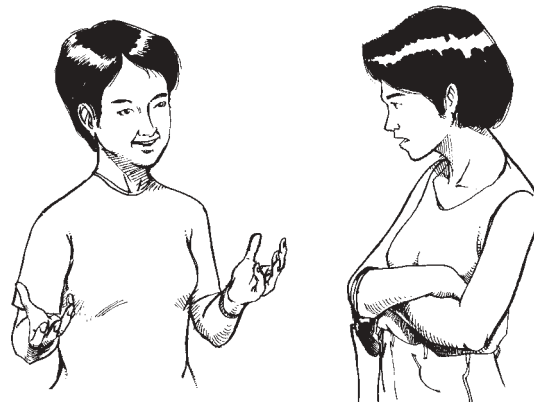


“... it is also more expensive to use machineries in factories...”



“... so, the costs of producing these commodities also increases.”

“That’s because to produce these commodities, oil products like gasoline and kerosene are needed. So definitely, an increase in oil prices also results in an increase in the prices of basic commodities. So that’s why I’m prepared. I plan to save my money and cook cheaper meals,” Berna explained.



Abby was impressed. “All these, you learned by simply reading the front page of a newspaper?”

“Of course. The front page of a newspaper tells you a lot about the latest happenings and information that you need. But this is just the beginning of what you can get from a newspaper. Stick with me, and I’ll tell you more,” Berna said.

Did you like what you have just read? Notice how Berna knew a lot of information. And the important thing is, she knew how to use the information she got. She read the front page of the newspaper and learned a lot from what she read.



## Let's Try This

How did Berna use the following information from the front page?

- a. The weather report

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- b. The main story

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Read the topic again if you have any difficulty answering the questions. Afterwards, don't forget to check with the *Answer Key* on page 50 for the correct answers.

Now, continue reading to find out how you can use the other parts of a newspaper.



## Let's Read

### Local and International News

Do you remember what we said about local and international news? **Local news** is about the events happening within the country. **International news**, on the other hand, tells you about events happening in other countries. It also tells you about the issues that the whole world is concerned about.

Read on to learn how you can use the information you can get from reading the local and international news. Here are a few examples of local news articles:

- A. This is an excerpt of a news article in the Philippine Star on October 6, 2000.

**DFA bans travel to Israel**

The Department of Foreign Affairs advised yesterday Filipinos planning to visit the Holy Land to forego the travel in view of the violent clashes between Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli security forces.

The DFA said Filipinos should avoid these areas until tensions between Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli forces have subsided.

*\* Information Source: Philippine Star, October 6, 2000*

How can this article be useful? Think about this for a moment, and then write your answer below.

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Anyone planning to go to Israel or the Middle East will know that the situation there is quite dangerous. The newspaper informs one about this situation. So a person planning to travel at that time can cancel his or her trip.

- B. Read this next article to see how much more a newspaper can be of use.

**Davao mango production pushed**

DIGOS CITY – Officials of Sulop, Davao del Sur, have urged corn farmers to shift to mango production in order to earn more. “In a year of mango farming, a farmer can earn as much as ₱200,000 per hectare,” Sulop Mayor Jose Jimmy Sagarino said.

According to the officials, planting mangoes instead of corn would increase the profits of farmers in the area.

*\* Information Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer, October 10, 2000*

To what kind of people or workers will the article be useful? How will the article help them?

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This article states that planting mangoes can increase a farmer's earnings. Corn farmers, especially those in Davao del Sur, will find this very helpful. By learning of this information, they can choose to plant new crops.

C. Now here's another article. It is about wage increase in some parts of the country.

**Wage increase for Metro Manila,  
Southern Tagalog, and Central Mindanao**

Regional wage boards in the country have approved increases in wages for Metro Manila, Southern Tagalog and Central Mindanao.

Workers in Central Mindanao will receive a ₱15 raise in their daily minimum wage. In Metro Manila, an addition of ₱ 26.50 will be given. Meanwhile, workers in Southern Tagalog can expect a ₱17 increase in their incomes.

*\* Information Source: Philippine Star, October 11, 2000*

Again, do you think the article will be of use to some persons? Who will be benefited by the wage increase? How is the article useful to them?

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If you are a worker in Metro Manila, Southern Tagalog and Central Mindanao, this news article will be very helpful to you. If your employer or boss has not increased your salary, as specified in the news item, you can demand a raise. This article has provided you with the knowledge that you are supposed to have an increase in wages.



### **Let's Think About This**

The examples you have just read are just a few of the ways a newspaper can be of use to you. Let's now move on to **international news**. Probably you are thinking, "How does news outside the country be important to me?"

The answer is simple. Remember that our country is part of a big global community. Anything happening in other countries can affect us. So it is also important to be well informed about news and issues around the world.

Look at this international news article.

**Ozone hole gets bigger**

Researchers in New Zealand have discovered that the hole in the ozone layer has gotten bigger. Scientist Stephen Wood said that the hole over Antarctica covers 29.3 million sq. km.

For the first time, a populated city in Chile is exposed to harmful radiation. Too much UV radiation can cause skin cancer and destroy plants.

The ozone layer plays a very important role in protecting the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. Pollution from refrigerants, solvents and other chemicals can cause ozone depletion.

*\* Information Source: Philippine Star, October 6, 2000*

Do you think this article is useful to you? Why or why not?

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The environment is something that everyone around the world is concerned about. Destruction of the environment is a global issue. This article does two things. First, it informs you about the ozone layer and its importance. It also tells you that the ozone protects us from harmful radiation. Second, it tells you that the hole in the ozone layer has gotten bigger. Too much exposure to radiation can cause cancer and kill plant life.

Now that you know that the hole in the ozone has gotten bigger, you know that more people can be affected by radiation. The news article you have just read is very important!

People who read this article must be more aware of how they use chemicals that affect the environment. You can tell your friends about this article. You can help stop the continuing destruction of the ozone layer.

That's just one example of how information from an international news article can be used. Read on to learn more.



### Rift Valley fever hits Saudi Arabia

An outbreak of Rift Valley fever has killed over 80 people in Saudi Arabia and Yemen. The disease is spread from animals to humans by mosquitoes. It can also be transmitted by contact with infected animals.

Saudi officials have ordered the spraying of insecticide in the areas affected by the fever. The officials also warned people in affected areas to be careful when handling livestock. Symptoms of the disease include high fever, diarrhea, burst arteries, and renal failure. Other areas in the Middle East, such as Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, were reportedly unaffected by the disease.

*\* Information Source: Manila Bulletin, September 22, 2000*

This article informs you that there is a fever that affects people in Saudi Arabia. This information is very helpful for those who have relatives working in Saudi Arabia. By knowing this information, you can check if your relatives may be affected. This information can also warn those who plan to go to Saudi Arabia to take the necessary precautions.



### Let's Try This

Again, get a newspaper (whether old or new). You may have one at home, or you may borrow from a neighbor or friend. On the first, second and third pages, read about some local and international news. Choose one article and then explain how it can affect you and how you live. Write your answers in the blank spaces below.

Title of article: \_\_\_\_\_

What it says (what it is about):

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How the news can affect me (why it is useful to me):

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Show your answers to your Instructional Manager or Facilitator.



## Let's Read

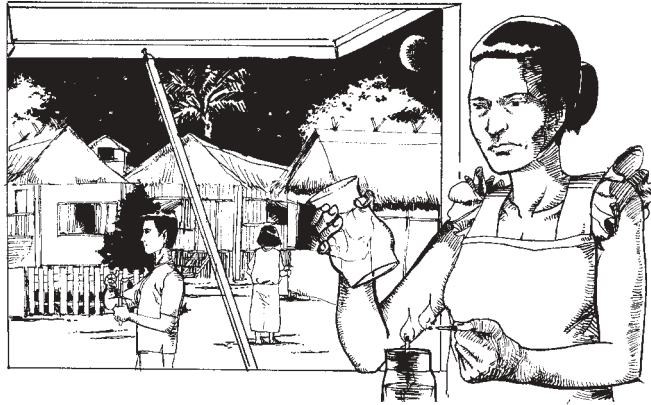
We will now study how the business section can help you.

### Business Section

If you think that this page is only for those who work in offices, you're wrong! This page can be very useful to you in your daily activities. This page tells you all about the latest developments in business, which affect every person.

See how the information from business articles helped the people of Sitio Dilim:

For many years, the residents of Sitio Dilim lived without electricity. They had to make do with gas lamps at night. They cooked using coals and firewood. Life was hard in Sitio Dilim, because they could not communicate with other barrios, and there was no power to operate a health clinic and other basic services for the sitio.



It was a good thing the residents learned that the Development Bank of the Philippines was willing to fund energy projects in the countryside. After they read this information in a newspaper, the residents hoped that their *sitio* would get electricity. Below is the business article from which they got the information.

#### **DBP supports energy projects in provinces**

The Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) said that there is an increasing demand for energy in the countryside. This will mean more environment-friendly energy like solar power in different provinces.

Remedios Macalinag, president and chief executive officer of DBP said that the bank will support energy projects. DBP already extended ₱199 million for energy projects in the country. The DBP also established the New and Renewable Energy Preparation Revolving Fund, with an amount of \$180,000. This fund can assist organizations and businesses that are involved in energy programs.

*\* Information Source: Manila Bulletin, September 18, 2000*

One day, the dreams of the residents of Sitio Dilim came true. An organization called Energy Plus read about the DBP fund in the same article. So it was able to source money to provide electricity for Sitio Dilim through the DBP fund.

Truly, it was a good thing that the information about this fund was known to many because of a newspaper. It was very helpful for those who lived in places without electricity.

Here is another example of how a business article can help people.



One day, Aling Coring was in the market to buy rice and fish. She noticed that the prices of rice went up by ₱1.00. Instead of the usual price of ₱ 20.00, Maligaya rice was priced at ₱ 21.00. She decided to talk to the rice dealer, Mang Emong.

“Aba, Emong, why are the prices of rice higher?” asked Aling Coring.

“Well, Coring, you should know that there is an oil price increase. This means the price of everything will also increase,” Emong explained.

Aling Coring knew that this was not the truth. “Hoy, Emong, do you know that the NFA stated that there should be no price increase for rice!”

Aling Coring showed Mang Emong the news article that she read:

#### **NFA warns against rice increase**

The National Food Authority (NFA) has warned the public against rice dealers who are increasing their prices. There have been reports about rice dealers increasing the price of their goods.

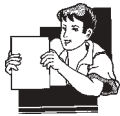
The NFA stated that the prices of rice are to remain the same even during oil price increases. Buyers are warned not to buy overpriced rice.

*\* Information Source: Manila Bulletin, September 18, 2000*

Mang Emong was ashamed. He was actually cheating his customers by charging them more. Many people in the marketplace were angry.

“It’s a good thing I always read newspapers,” said Aling Coring.

See how the information from the business news articles helped? The newspaper provided information that people could use in their everyday lives. There are many more other uses that one can get from the business section. You will learn about this in the next section. Right now you may take a break from the module. You can rest a bit, have some *merienda*, or maybe read the entertainment section of a newspaper! The comics section will surely refresh you. Afterwards, you can resume studying the module.



## Let’s Learn

Other important pieces of information found in the business section are the shipping schedule, the peso exchange rates, and stock market rates.

1. **Shipping Schedule** – This can give you information about when and where a ship will dock. This will help those who need or are interested in the services of a ship. Suppose you live in Manila and you are expecting a package from Bacolod. The package will be delivered by Super Ferry 5. You want to know what time your package will arrive today.

Take a look at this Shipping Schedule so you can find out.

TELEPHONE VESSEL	ARRIVES MANILA	PORTS OF CALL
2450660 Super Ferry 5	MON/1100	Bacolod
2450660 Our Lady of Medjugorie	MON/0800	Dumaguait, Roxas
2435359 Saint Joseph the Worker	MON/1100	Bacolod
2435359 Mary the Queen	TUES/0300	Tagbilaran, Diplo- ligan, Cebu

If you look at the schedule closely, you can find what you need. The ship you need is called Super Ferry 5. It will arrive in Manila on Monday, at 11:00 a.m. The heading *Ports of Call* tells you where the ship is coming from. You can see that Super Ferry 5 comes from Bacolod.

If you need to send a package back to Bacolod, you know that Super Ferry 5 will leave Manila on Thursday, 6:00 p.m. The numbers beside the date tells you what time the ship will leave or arrive. But do these numbers confuse you? Don't worry; they are easy to understand. This is what is called military time. Count from 0100 — this is one o'clock in the morning; 0130 means 1:30 a.m; 0200 means 2:00 a.m; and so on. The succeeding hours are all numbered till 2300. (Thus, 1800 means 6:00 pm. To learn more about military time, refer to an NFE A&E module titled *It's About Time.*)

Let's summarize the contents of the shipping schedule:

Look at the first column of the table. You will see that it is marked *Telephone Vessel*. This column tells you the name of the ship and the telephone numbers to call in case of inquiries. The second column tells you what day and time the ship arrives in Manila. The third column indicates the *Ports of Call* — where the ship is coming from. The last column tells you on what day and time the ship will leave Manila.



## Let's Try This

Look at the shipping schedule again and answer the following:

1. When will the ship Mary the Queen arrive in Manila?  
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2. Where did the ship Saint Joseph the Worker come from?  
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3. What time will the ship Our Lady of Medjugorie leave Manila?  
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Don't forget to check with the *Answer Key* on page 50 for the correct answers. Keep on reading to learn more!



## Let's Read

Besides shipping schedules, the peso exchange rates and the stock market rates can be found in the business section. Let's see how these are important to you.

### 2. **Peso Exchange Rates**

What are peso exchange rates? These are the values of the Philippine peso when compared with currencies of other countries.

Here is an example of the peso-to-dollar rate that you can find in newspapers.

₱45.49 = \$1 – This tells you that one dollar is equivalent to forty-five pesos and forty-nine centavos.

Why is this information important? That's because the rate of the peso shows how stable our currency is. And the value of our money can also influence the price of commodities.

If you have family members who work abroad and send money in dollars, then you can estimate how much you have if you convert the money into pesos.

### **3. Stock Market Rates**

Have you been to an ordinary market? I'm sure you have! What do you usually do in the market? Write it down below.

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If you wrote that you buy rice, meat, vegetables and other food items in the market, you are correct! Now what about the stock market? Let's find out how it is similar or different from the common market.

The purpose and function of a stock market is the same as an ordinary marketplace. Instead of selling fish, rice or meat, here is where shares and stocks of companies are bought and sold.

What are shares and stocks? They are the public's share of the company. Shares are offered by companies so that people can buy or invest in the company. When the company earns, your shares and stocks in it grow. When a lot of people buy shares, the company earns more money.

A lot of Philippine companies offer shares that even people from other countries can buy. When a lot of people buy shares, Philippine businesses become stronger. When this happens, the Philippine economy becomes stronger.

If you're wondering what this has to do with you, think deeply. If more people in other countries invest in Philippine businesses, this means more money for the country. This means higher wages and better services, indicating a better life for you.

Many people look at the business section of a newspaper to determine how the stock market is doing.



## Classified Ads

Ask your family members, friends or neighbors if they have tried using the classified ads of a newspaper. If one of them answered *yes*, ask him/her to tell you what the ad was and how it helped him/her. Write the answer below.

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In a supermarket, you can find all commodities that you need to buy. You can also sell those commodities to earn money. In a supermarket you can also find commodities to eat, clothing materials and other household needs.

But where do you go if you need to find or buy a piece of land, rent a house, hire someone, avail of services, or get a job? Simple, just go to the classified ads of a newspaper! The classified ads section of a newspaper is like a supermarket. You can find things and commodities that you can buy or rent, or you can sell through the classified ads! What information can the classified ads give you?

Generally, the classified ads can help you when you want to:

1. buy something
  2. rent something
  3. find a job
  4. rent services
1. ***You can buy*** using the classified ads. Look at the following ads. These ads are all advertising things or properties that people can buy.

**LOT FOR SALE**  
Dahlia Ave, Fairview 100 sq. m  
1.2M nego. Call Ana at 673-0021

This ad tells you that there is a piece of land for sale. The land is 100 sq. m. big. It is located in Dahlia, Fairview. It is priced at 1.2 million. “Nego” means “negotiable,” which tells you that the lot can be bought at a lower price. If a buyer is interested, he or she can call Ana at the telephone number indicated.

Now, this second ad indicates the sale of bakery equipment. You can get a cheap oven, roller, or slicer. All you have to do is call the number shown.

**Bakery Equipment**  
Cheapest Oven /Roller/Slicer  
Call 412-3793

There are so many other things and goods advertised for sale in the classified ads. There are vehicles, household equipment, farming materials, sporting goods, musical instruments, computers and telephones, and many, many others.

2. You can also use the classified ads if you want **to rent something**. If you are interested in renting or leasing a house or some equipment, you can also do this through the classified ads. Below is an example of a “for rent” ad.

**APT. FOR RENT**

2Br 1Tb Pandacan Manila  
4T/mo call 6540980

“Apt.” stands for apartment. “2Br 1Tb” means that the apartment has two bedrooms and one bathroom (“Br” stands for bedroom, and “Tb” stands for “toilet and bath”). The apartment is located in Pandacan, Manila. It is priced at ₱4,000 per month. Those who are interested can call the number listed.

3. You can use the classified ads **to find a job**. There are many listings of job openings in the classified ads. In fact, most people find jobs by looking through the classified ads of a newspaper. Look at these two examples. Write down below each one the kind of work involved and how to apply for it.

**FOR HIRE: SECRETARY**

- ◆ female, computer literate
- ◆ w/ or w/o exp.

Send bio-data to Unit 4 Alba Bldg.  
Scout Tuason, Quezon City.

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**WELDER**

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4. You can also use the classified ads *to hire a service person*. When you are in need of a plumber, a carpenter, or any other service person, you can look for their services under the headings “FOR HIRE” or “SERVICES OFFERED.” Look at these examples.

**PLUMBING/CARPENTRY**

Call 4265910

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**Tutor Math and Science**

Call 8927490

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**Let's Try This**

Again, get or borrow a newspaper. It may be new or old. Then answer the following questions.

1. What is the peso-dollar exchange rate according to the newspaper?  
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2. Go to the classified ads sections. Choose an example of the following. Write down the details below.

a.) Something for sale

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b.) Something for rent

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c.) A job opening

\_\_\_\_\_  
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After writing down your answers, show them to your Instructional Manager or Facilitator.



## Let's Read

### Editorial, Opinion and Letters Section

You learned that this section of a newspaper is where writers and readers give their opinions and ideas about anything. How can this be of use to you? Read on. You will see how the opinion page can be very useful to you.

Do you know what “freedom of speech” is? It is a right guaranteed to us by the Philippine Constitution, which is the basic law of the country. It is your right to speak up and make your ideas and feelings known.

The opinion and editorial page gives people a chance to air their ideas about what is happening in the country. Many writers can express their feelings through writing. You too can, if you become a writer. But even if you do not become a writer, you can still express your feelings as a reader by writing in the “Letters” section. This means you can send a letter to the newspaper and they can print what you have to say.

Read the following. You will see how the writers expressed their ideas through a newspaper.

### Editorial Section

Below is an excerpt of an Editorial from *Manila Bulletin*, September 22, 2000.

#### Children in Mindanao

The displaced people in the Mindanao conflict are not simple statistical numbers; they include innocent children who for months have had to contend with the sound of gunshots, sleepless nights, the ordeal of being caught in a crossfire, and seeing their homes burned to the ground.

The issue of healing the traumatized children of Mindanao is one of the biggest challenges facing the country today as they return to their homes and try to go on with their lives.

An editorial like the one you have just read is an article written by the editor of a newspaper. The editor is like the head of the newspaper.

This editorial was written during the Abu Sayyaf crisis in Mindanao. Many villagers were forced to move out of their homes. As you have just read, many children were affected by the situation in Mindanao.

The writer of this editorial is concerned about the children of Mindanao. If you read the article carefully, you will see that the writer wants the government to take good care of the children. He states that it is the biggest challenge that faces the country.

How can this editorial be helpful to those who live in Mindanao and are affected by the crisis? Think about this. If more writers continued to write about this situation, the government will know what the people in our country think about the situation. Writers of editorials and opinion columns are the voices of the people.

### Opinion Columns

An opinion column is a part of a newspaper where a writer (called a columnist) can express his/her ideas. The article written is called an *opinion*. Some writers have a daily column, which means that their articles or columns can be read every day. Some writers just write weekly. The ideas expressed in the opinion columns are the writer's own opinion. He or she writes freely about any topic.

Read the following opinion column.

#### Clean up that river!

By R. Manahan  
The Daily News

One must not forget the importance of a clean environment. The Pasig River in Metro Manila was once the country's pride. It used to be clean and green. It was a source of drinking water and food. The water was clean and fresh.

Today the river's color remains a dull brown. It changes to black because of waste from factories. Garbage and filth cover the waters. Government officials and the public should do all they can to clean up the river. We should be responsible and keep our river clean.

The writer of this opinion column is concerned about Pasig River. The opinion column helps this writer express ideas and feelings. The writer states that we should care for our environment, particularly the Pasig River. It also states how much the river has changed.



### Let's Try This

How about you? Do you have an opinion on something? Write your own opinion column in the space provided below. Maybe you can be a writer someday!



## Let's Read

Read the short story below about certain happenings in a barangay health center.

### The Story of Barangay Chairman Daraya

*Characters:*

Barangay Chairman Daraya

Bosyo, the Chairman's assistant

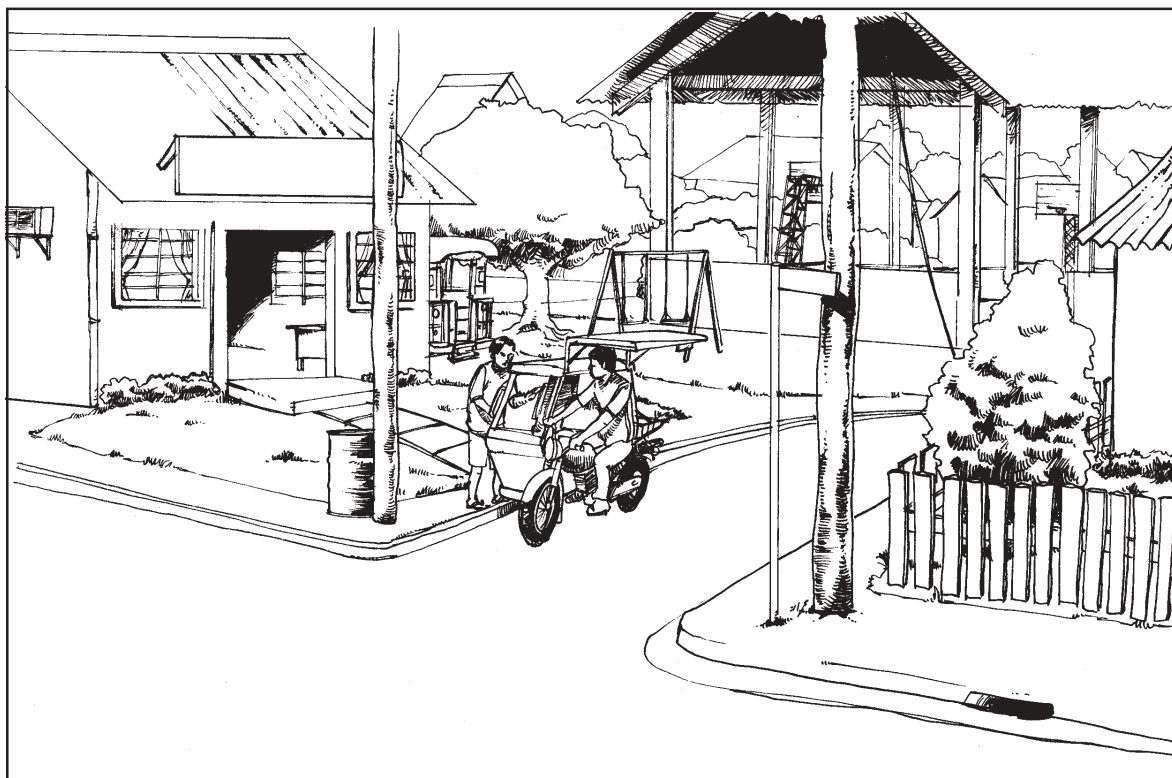
Aling Fely, a fish vendor at the market

Mang Jose, a farmer

Aling Selya, a beautician

Carlos, a teacher

Barangay Saya is a peaceful and quiet barangay. Everyone is happy and contented. But is this barangay as peaceful as it seems?





At the barangay hall, two men are planning an evil scheme.

Well, I'll just do the usual! I'll get more money and pretend to order more medicines! But there will be no medicines, actually, only more money for me! Mwahahahaha!

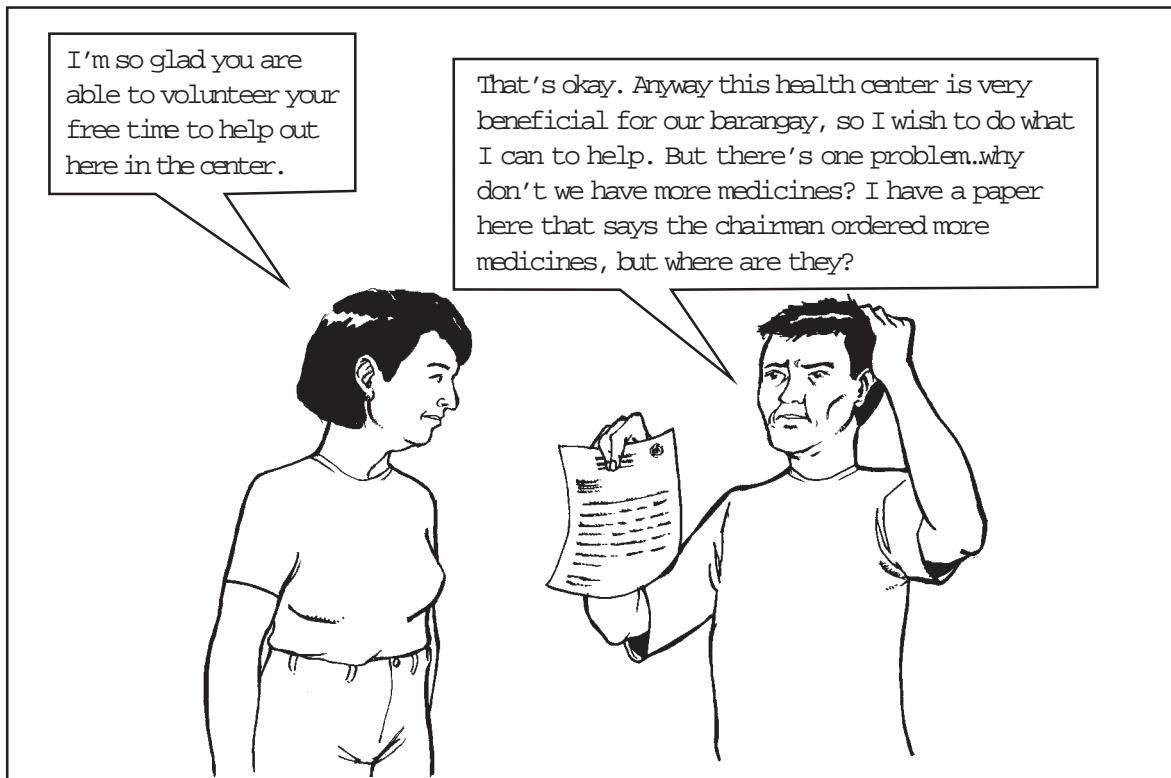
How will you do that, Bosing?

Hehehe..Bosyo! With this new health center project, I can steal more money!



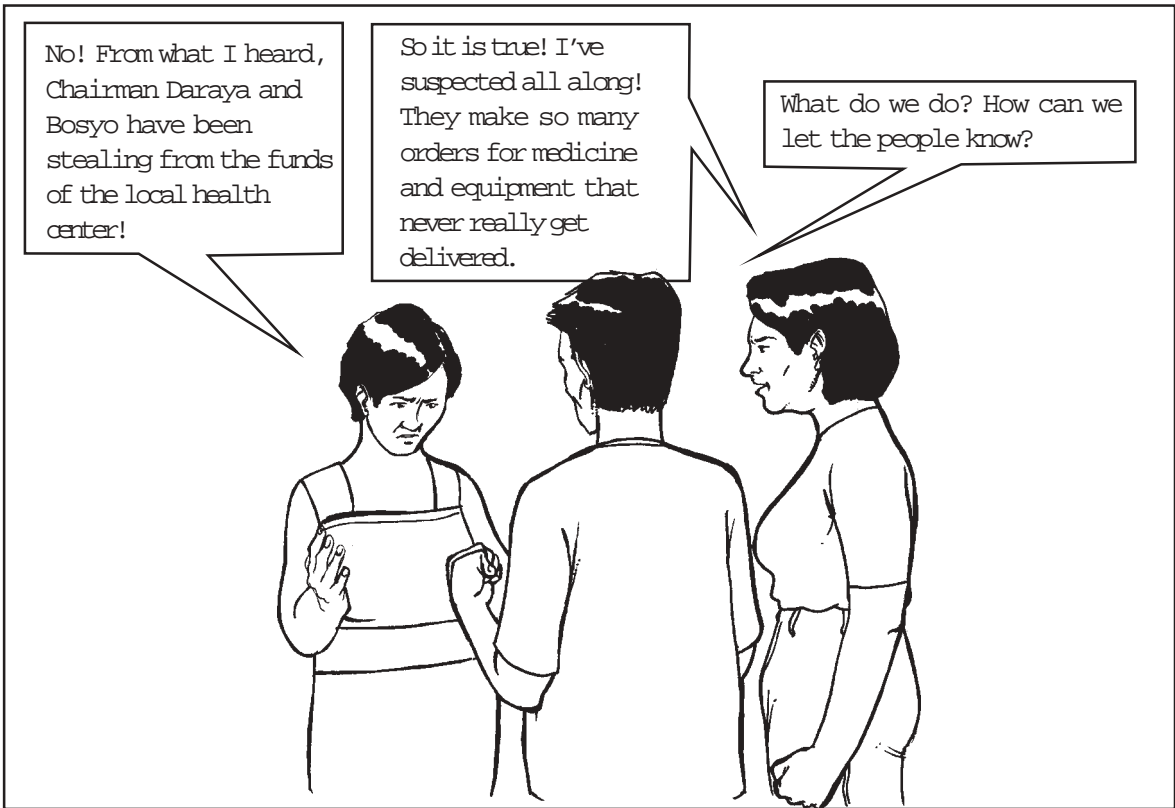
Meanwhile, at the local health center...



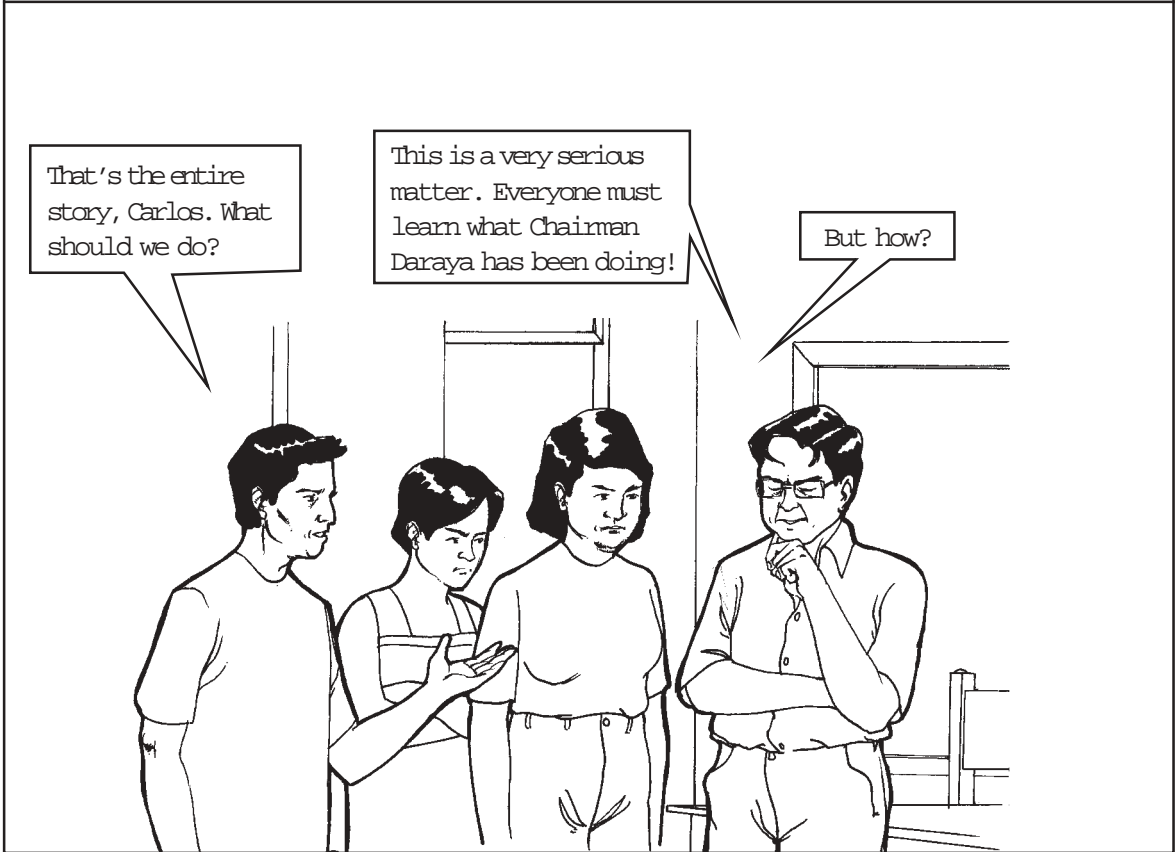


The volunteers in the health center found out about the missing medicines the next day, during a meeting . . .



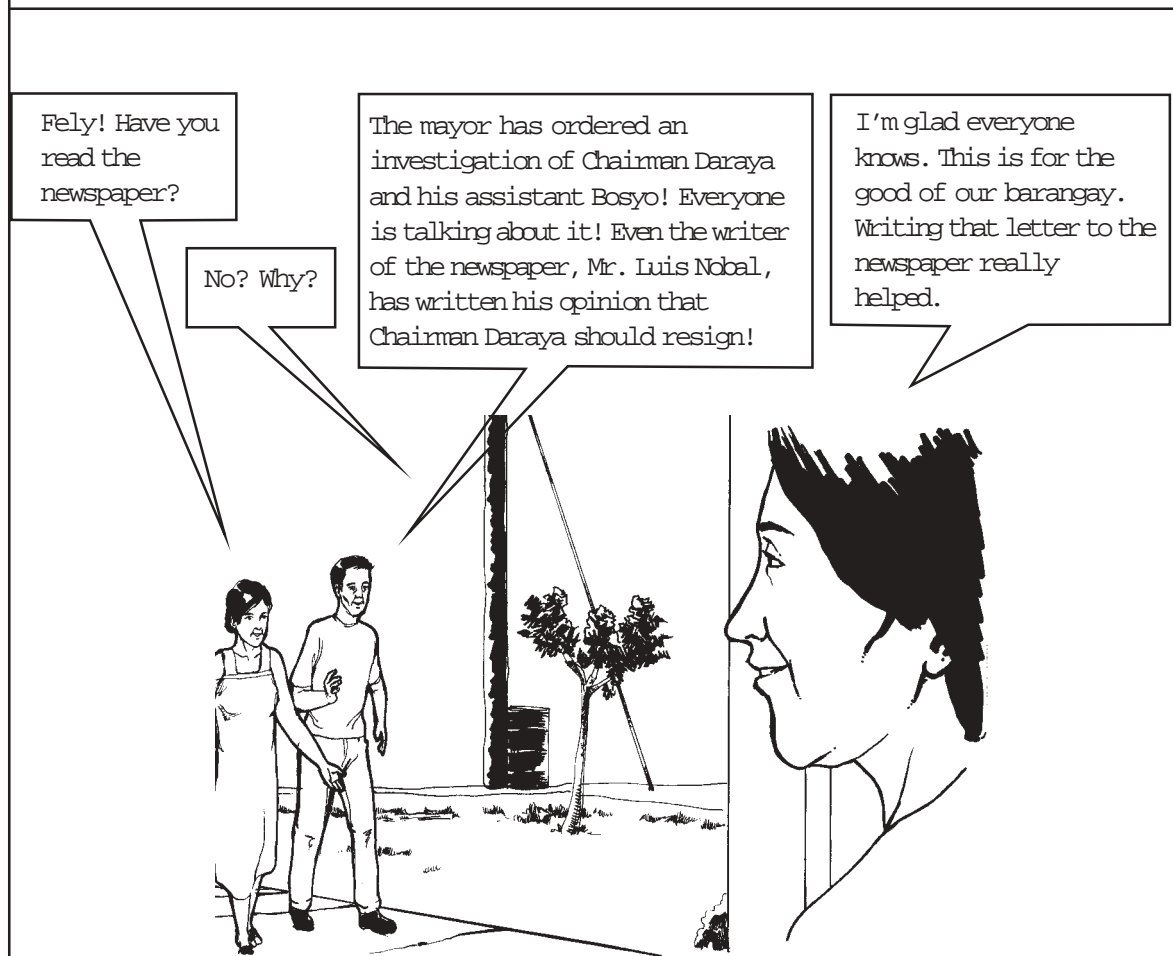


The three volunteers decided to ask the help of Carlos, a facilitator at the NFE center of Barangay Saya.





So they decided to write a letter to the Barangay Saya Daily News. This letter was published in the newspaper. Everyone in Barangay Saya read about it.



And so, because the three volunteers used the power of their freedom of speech, they were able to end Chairman Daraya's stealing. Barangay Saya was peaceful and corrupt-free once again.

That's true. Now everyone knows the truth, and maybe we will have a better Chairman next time!



Thanks to the Barangay Saya Daily News and freedom of speech!



### Let's Review

Answer the following questions about the dialogue you read.

1. Who were the two barangay officials involved in a wrongdoing?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How did they steal money? What did they do?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Aling Selya, Carlos and the other volunteers in the health center do to tell the people what has been happening?  
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4. Was their method effective? Explain your answer.  
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5. If you were in the same situation, would you also write to a newspaper? Why or why not?

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After finishing the test, compare your answers with the *Answer Key* on page 50.



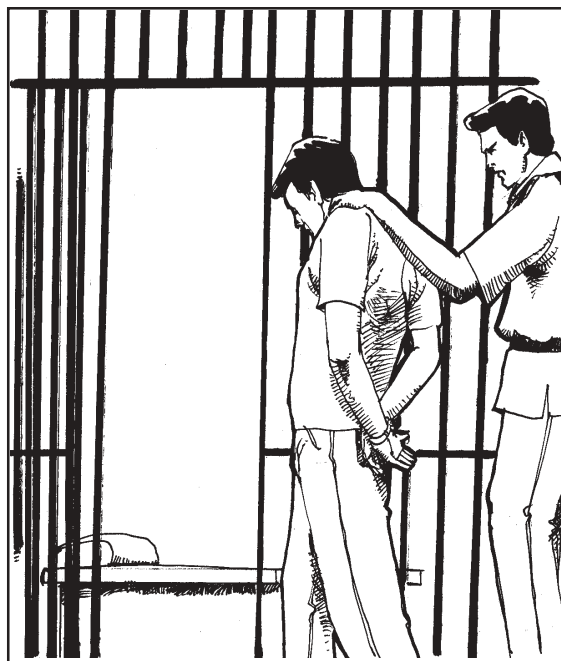
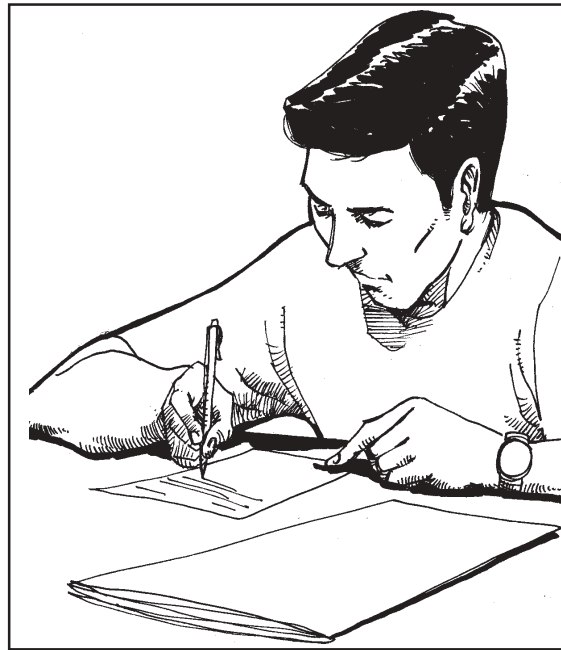
## Let's Think About This

The right to freedom of speech is indeed precious. Through the editorial, opinion columns, and the letters to the editor, people are able to voice out their needs and ideas. The public is able to demand for needed changes in the government.

What would happen if we were not allowed to air our opinions or express ourselves freely through newspapers? Remember that writing our ideas, feelings, and opinions is an expression of our right to freedom of speech.

When our country was under martial law, people were unable to say what they really wanted. The government was very strict about the content of newspapers. So people were not free to criticize the government and ask for changes. In fact, many people were put to jail for writing and speaking up against the government.

It was on September 21, 1972 when martial law was proclaimed — President Ferdinand E. Marcos issued Letter of Instruction (LOI) No. 1. This ordered government officials to take over and control the mass media, including newspapers, publishing houses, radio and television broadcast stations. Some publishers, editors, columnists, and reporters were arrested and jailed.



The reason for this, according to the government, was that some members of the mass media were speaking against the government. They said that this could cause violence and confusion in society. But actually, the more the government censored the mass media, more violence occurred.

People were then afraid to make complaints. They could not speak up against corrupt officials. They could not make requests for better services. The people's right to freedom of speech was controlled.



It was in 1986 when all this changed through the February 1986 People Power Revolution. Newspapers, radios and television were free to print and show what they wanted the people to know. We are lucky because up to now, we continue to enjoy freedom of speech.

Given the above, do you think that freedom of speech and the newspaper are important? Write down your thoughts below.

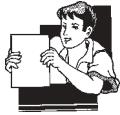
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Now compare your answer with this: *Newspapers are important because through them, we exercise our freedom of speech. Through newspapers, we can express our ideas and opinions. The opinion columns, editorials, and letters to the editor are very important. They give the public a voice.*





## Let's Learn

Watching television or listening to the radio can give you entertainment. But did you know that you also derive entertainment from reading a newspaper?

That's true. Newspapers have entertainment sections on different topics. There are sections for movies, music, sports, and more! So, not only does a newspaper entertain you, but it also helps you learn about a lot of topics.

The features section of a newspaper contains a variety of topics for every reader. There are articles about health, fitness, the environment, child care, parenting, art, and others.

To learn more about how we can get entertainment and learn at the same time, let's read the following articles.

### The Sports Section

The sports section gives us a lot of information about athletics and sports. We can learn the latest in the world of sports. We can read about any sport, be it boxing, basketball, tennis, or swimming! Below are two examples of sports articles.

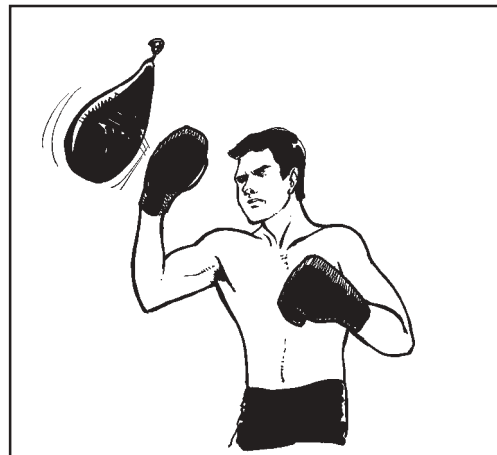
#### Dribblers run down Giants 75–50

The Batangas Dribblers took the victory away from the Laguna Giants at the Araneta Astrodome yesterday. Dribbling their way to a 25-point lead, the Batangueños proved their strength in the rebound and defense department. Giants pointguard Joey Calud stated that the loss taught his team a lesson in basketball offense.



#### RP Boxers ready to fight

“Filipino boxers are ready to fight in the Olympics!” This was the statement made by Philippine Federation of Boxers head Boyet Cabrera. Lightweight boxer Anthony Manalo and featherweight Junior Carlo have been undergoing extensive training for the upcoming Olympics. Both boxers have expressed that they want to win the gold for the Philippines this year.





## Let's Review

Study the examples of sports article you have just read. Also, read the sports section of any newspaper and then answer the following questions.

1. What sports can you read about in the sports page?

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2. In the article given, who won in the basketball game between the Batangas Dribblers and the Laguna Giants?

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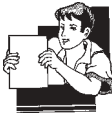
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3. According to the sports article, in which sports competition will the boxers participate?

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Check with the *Answer Key* on page 51 for the correct answers. If you got some answers wrong, just read the sports page and the examples again.



## Let's Learn

### The Entertainment Section

This section gives you information on movies, actors and actresses, singers, and television. This section also includes interviews or stories of movie stars and singers.

Here's an example of what you can find in the entertainment section:

#### **Anna Minda launches new album**

Popular singer Anna Minda is out with her newest album, titled "Music." The album is the fourth for the multi-awarded singer. When we interviewed Anna during her press conference, the singer had a lot to say about the new album.

*"Music is probably my most favorite album of all. It contains revivals of my favorite old songs."*

The entertainment section can also give you schedules for movies, television shows, theater plays and concerts.

You can also find here movie and music reviews. These are articles written by critics, and they tell you whether the movie, album, or television show is good or not.

The entertainment section also includes comic strips, which can lighten up your day.



Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer, October 19, 2000

## The Features Section

This section of the newspaper is probably the most diverse and informative. It has a lot of topics that are of interest to all kinds of readers. Look at the articles below. These are examples of what are commonly featured in this section.

### Health

#### Younger smokers more likely to have heart attack

LONDON – 30-to-40-year-old smokers have a higher risk of having heart attacks than non-smokers. The study, published in the British Medical Journal, shows that among smokers in the ages of 30 to 39, heart attacks are 6.3 times more common.

\* Information Source: Manila Bulletin, September 18, 2000

## ***Environment***

### **Keeping our households green**

Even our homes have to be environment-friendly. Did you know that being “green” starts at home? Here are some tips on how to keep our homes earth-friendly:

- ◆ Use natural cleaning materials. Avoid using harsh chemicals like chlorine bleach. Instead, use baking soda or vinegar for cleaning.
- ◆ Learn how to segregate your garbage. Separate biodegradable from nonbiodegradable garbage.
- ◆ Keep your homes environment-friendly by having a lot of outdoor and indoor plants.



## ***Art And Theater***

### **CCP stages Nick Joaquin play**

Musical Theater Philippines and Ballet Philippines are working together to stage *Fire Water Woman*, a play adapted from Nick Joaquin’s short story “Summer Solstice.” The play will be staged at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Little Theater.

## ***Science And Technology***

### **Scientists explore animal intelligence**

More than two dozen scientists will meet this week to discuss animal intelligence. The scientists are interested in studying dolphins’ ability to imitate the sounds of other dolphins. Other scientists will present the study of elephants that make low-pitched sounds that humans cannot hear.

The scientists hope that this conference will give them more information on the habits and intelligence of animals.



\* *Information Source: Manila Bulletin, September 18, 2000*

What do you notice about the four feature articles that you just read? The articles provided you with interesting information, and they were able to entertain you, right?

The features section can:

- ◆ teach you about new topics;
- ◆ entertain you with interesting information; and
- ◆ keep you informed about the latest developments in health, science, art, music, etc.



## Let's See What You Have Learned

Answer the following questions:

1. Can information from a newspaper be of use to you? Explain.

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2. Can a newspaper be informative and entertaining at the same time? Explain.

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3. How can a person's feelings and ideas be expressed through a newspaper?

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Compare your answer with those given in the *Answer Key* on page 51.



## Let's Remember

A newspaper has many uses. Through a newspaper, we can:

- ◆ Use the information we get in our daily lives, including:
  - weather updates and main stories from the front page;
  - local and international news; and
  - business news
- ◆ Express our opinions through the editorial, opinion columns or letters to the editor.
- ◆ Learn while being entertained through the sports news, entertainment section, and features sections.



## Let's Sum Up

- ◆ These are the different parts of a newspaper:
  1. Front Page
  2. Opinion, editorial, and letters section
  3. Local and international news
  4. Business section
  5. Sports section
  6. Entertainment section
  7. Features section
  8. Classified ads
  9. Obituary
- ◆ A newspaper can provide information that we can use in our daily lives:
  1. **Front Page** — provides us with the main stories and other useful information such as the weather
  2. **Local and International News** — gives us information on daily events that can affect our lives, government services, and events in other countries
  3. **Business Section** — provides us information on business developments that can affect us; shipping schedules; peso exchange rates and stock market rates

4. **Classified Ads Section** — provides information about lots or properties for sale or rent, services for hire and job opportunities
- ◆ A newspaper can also be a means of expressing freedom of speech. This is done through:
    - **Editorials** – which are opinions and ideas expressed by the editor of the newspaper
    - **Opinion Columns** – daily or weekly articles by writers who want to express their ideas, opinions and comments
    - **Letters to the Editor** – letters sent in by readers of the newspaper
  - ◆ A newspaper can also give entertainment, while at the same time providing useful knowledge on certain topics. The sections that do this are:
    - **Sports Section** – where you can find out more about the world of sports
    - **Entertainment Section** – where you can read about movies, music, actors and actresses, singers
    - **Features Section** – where you can read and learn more about different topics like health, environment, science and technology, child care, etc.



## What Have You Learned?

A. Read the following articles. Then answer the questions that follow.

1.

### More US visas for skilled workers

The US Senate passed a law allowing up to 195,000 highly skilled foreign workers to enter the United States on special visas. The law increases the number of H-1B visas that can be issued.

H-1B visas are given to workers in computer-related fields, electronics, software, and telecommunications. It can also include architects, educators, and medical professionals.

*\* Information Source: The Philippine Star, October 2000*

a. Is the article useful to you? Why or why not? (1 point)

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- b. If you have a friend or a family member who is planning to work abroad, would the article be useful to him/her? Explain your answer. (1 point)

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2.

**WB program benefits mothers**

Filipina mothers in at least 55 provinces have benefited from the ₱685 million World Bank assistance program under the women's health and safe motherhood project.

The financing assistance currently implemented in these provinces will end by December 2001. The project helps to improve the health status of women particularly those in the reproductive age.

- c. Can this information be of use to health clinics in the country? How? (1 point)

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- d. Who are the people who will benefit from reading the article ? Why? (1 point)

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- B. Read each statement below. If it is true, write **true** in the blank and if it is false, write **false**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Opinions and ideas cannot be expressed through a newspaper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Only businessmen who work in offices can use the information from the business section.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The classified ads only advertises things and assets for sale.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The letters section is a means for readers to write in their opinions and ideas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. International events also affect people in the country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Feature articles contain a variety of topics.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The peso-to-dollar exchange rate can be found in the business section of a newspaper.



- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Entertainment news features actors, movies, music and singers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. You cannot be entertained by simply reading a newspaper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. You can get a job by looking at the classified ads of a newspaper.

When you have finished answering the test, refer to the *Answer Key* on pages 51–52. If your score is:

- 9 – 14 Very good! You learned a lot from this module. You can now proceed to the next module.
- 0 – 8 Review the module, especially the parts you did not understand well.

To learn more on the topic, you may wish to read the NFE A&E module titled *Daily News*. This discusses the importance of a newspaper and how to read headlines.



## Answer Key

### A. Let's See What You Already Know (page 2)

1. Yes. The features section of a newspaper has a variety of topics. These include health, science and technology, environment, art, music, theater, etc.
2. Yes. The opinion column is a means for writers to express their feelings, ideas, comments, and views on any topic or issue.
3. No. Entertainment can also be found in a newspaper. You can find entertainment in the features section, sports section, and through the entertainment section.
4. Yes. You can get a weather forecast through reading a newspaper. This is usually found on the front page.
5. No. All the information that you read in a newspaper can be useful in your daily life!

### B. Lesson 1

#### *Let's Review (pages 6–7)*

1. flag
2. editorial
3. sports
4. headline
5. International
6. front page
7. business
8. opinion

#### *Let's See What You Have Learned (pages 10–11)*

1. Entertainment Section – the article refers to a movie actress and actor and their new movie. Articles on movies can be found in the entertainment section of a newspaper.
2. Sports Section – the article refers to the victory of Filipino athletes in boxing. Articles about sports can be found in the Sports section.

3. Classified Ads – this is an ad for an employment opportunity. Jobs ads can be found in this section.
4. Business Section – this article speaks of higher taxes and interest rates. These are topics on business, and this article is an example of business news.
5. Local News – Supreme Court decisions and the VFA are issues that concern the country. News about the country is under the local news.

### **C. Lesson 2**

*Let's Try This (page 17)*

1. Through reading the weather report, Berna was able to know what kind of weather the country would have that day. She knew that it would be fine and sunny, so she did not bring an umbrella. But she also learned that a storm was approaching their area. So she got ready for this by buying the necessary things like candles and extra kerosene.
2. The main story in the newspaper was about the rising price of oil. By knowing this information, Berna was not surprised when she saw the increasing prices of goods in the market. By knowing the effects of an oil price increase, Berna was prepared to save and cook cheaper meals.

*Let's Try This (page 25)*

1. Mary the Queen will arrive in Manila on Tuesday, at 3:00 a.m.
2. Saint Joseph the Worker comes from Bacolod as listed in the Ports of Call.
3. Our Lady of Medjugorie will leave Manila on Saturday, at 12:00 noon.

*Let's Review (pages 37–38)*

1. Chairman Daraya and his assistant, Bosyo
2. They pretended to order medicines for the barangay health center. In truth, they just pocketed the money for those medicines.
3. They wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper. Their letter was published and read by many people in their barangay.
4. Yes. Because many people read their letter, the illegal activities of their barangay officials were exposed.
5. Yes, I would also write to a newspaper. It's easy to do and very effective. Writing is a way of using my right to free speech in order to do something good and beneficial. But before writing, I would make sure that my information is correct and that I have proof to back it up.

*Let's Review (page 41)*

1. You can read about basketball, boxing, tennis, cockfighting, paralympics and many more in the sports page.
2. It was the Batangas Dribblers that won against the Laguna Giants.
3. The boxers will participate in the Olympics.

*Let's See What You Have Learned ( page 44)*

1. Information from a newspaper can be useful to me in my daily life. I can learn things about events in the country by reading the local news. I can learn about what's happening outside the country by reading the international news. I can also know shipping schedules, the peso exchange rate, and all about the stock market by reading the business news. Information about the weather and other government services can also be known by reading a newspaper.
2. Yes. A newspaper can be informative and entertaining at the same time. It can give me news and updates about my favorite movie stars, singers, movies, and television shows through the entertainment section. At the same time, I can enjoy while learning new things by reading the sports section and the features section.
3. Feelings and ideas can be expressed through a newspaper. This is done by writing letters to the editor or columnists. They may write about your ideas in the editorial or opinion columns, or they may publish your letter in the letters to the editor.

**D. What Have You Learned?** (*pages 46–48*)

- A.**
1. This article can be useful for workers who want to leave for the US. By knowing that the US government granted more visas for workers, they can prepare what they need.
  2. This article can definitely help health clinics in the country. The health clinics can ask the government for help in funding motherhood programs. Since the government will be assisted by the World Bank, there is a possibility that more programs for mothers can be funded.
- B.**
1. **False.** Opinions and ideas can be expressed through an opinion column, an editorial, or letter to the editor.
  2. **False.** Anyone can use the information in the business section, since the developments in business affect everyone in the country.

3. **False.** The classified ads also advertises lots or assets for rent, job opportunities, and services for hire.
4. **True.** Readers of a newspaper can write in through the letters to the editor.
5. **True.** Whatever happens outside the country can affect the people in the country.
6. **True.** The features section includes topics on health, art, the environment, science and technology, child care, etc.
7. **True.** It is updated every day.
8. **True.**
9. **False.** A newspaper can provide you with entertainment through different articles.
10. **True.**



## Glossary

**Classified Ads** Part of a newspaper containing short announcements of items for sale or rent, services for hire, and job opportunities

**Column** A newspaper article, written by a columnist, about his/her personal opinions on a certain issue

**Editorial** An article written by the editor about his/her opinions on a particular issue

**Features** Section of a newspaper containing articles on many topics such as health, science, the environment, art and technology

**Flag** Part of a newspaper that indicates its name

**Foreign or International News** News in other countries or around the world

**Headline** Large heading in the front page about the most important event written in the newspaper

**Horoscope** A description of what is going to happen to a person, based on the position of the stars and planets at the time of his/her birth

**Index** Part of the front page showing the contents and page numbers of other sections

**Local News** News that is happening in the country

**Obituary** An announcement or notice of a person's death

**Stock Market** Where shares and stocks of companies are bought and sold

