HEADLINES

OBJECTIVE:

We will learn how writers use different language effects to create interesting headlines.

Why are headlines important? Discuss.

Language effects.

- You may have already noticed that the style of headlines in broadsheet newspapers is different to that of tabloids.
- Guess which of the following headlines came from a broadsheet, or tabloid.

Hot pop-erty

SFO called in to EU scandal

Discuss the reasons for your opinion with your response partner.

Playing with words

Writers can have lots of fun with words. Look again at...

Hot pop-erty

Can you explain what the writer has done with the words?

Puns

- A pun = a word in a sentence that can have two meanings.
- Example

Christmas shoppers stocking up.

Witch Halloween costume is for you?

Letter play

Sometimes writer will change a letter in a word to give a double meaning.

Example

Truck by lightning

Alliteration

- Often using the same letter sound at the start of your words can create an interesting effect.
- Example

Sending up the Stars and Stripes.

Rhyme

Examples

Green queen
Glass with class

Now your turn...

Try to use one of the language effects in headlines of your own:

Puns
Letter Play
Alliteration
Rhyme