

Chapter 4: News Analysis

ENGLISH WORKSHOP [PAGES 73 - 74]

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Write your own impressions about the news items given in (a), (b), (c), and (d) in the table below.

News item	Good news Bad news	Reliable Unreliable	Interesting Uninteresting Boring	Others
(a)				
(b)				
(c)				
(d)				

SOLUTION

News item	Good news Bad news	Reliable Unreliable	Interesting Uninteresting Boring	Others
(a)	good	reliable	interesting	Lists down DO's and DON'TS for the candidate.
(b)	bad	unreliable	boring	No authenticity Might be based on rumors.
(c)	bad	reliable	interesting	Creates an awareness about environmental problems.
(d)	bad	unreliable	boring	Highlights the need to adopt a more scientific attitude.

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Write a letter to your Class Teacher or the Principal of your school to make any one of the two following requests.

You wish to start a news bulletin for your school/ class. It will be a one-page bulletin to be published every week. A different group of students will manage the preparation of the bulletin every time.

SOLUTION

C/I, gloria Apartments,
I.B.S Road,

Dadar (West),
Mumbai - 400 028.
7th July 2020

To The Principal,
St. Agnel School,
Dadar (West),
Mumbai - 400 028.

Sub: Request to start a news bulletin.

Respected Sir,

I, XYZ, the monitor of VII - B, would wish to request you to grant us permission to start a news bulletin for our school. As part of the Literary Club activity, the bulletin will serve as a platform for those who wish to enhance their writing skills and try their hands at journalism right in school.

The bulletin would be a one-page weekly news bulletin covering national news. It would also contain news related to school and the class. A different group will take charge of its preparation every week. Besides, enhancing students' creativity, the bulletin will also expose them to one of the career options which they can take up in later life.

Kindly consider my humble request and grant us the permission so that the Literary Club lives up to its motto -

Express, Enhance, Excel.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
XYZ

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Write a letter to your Class Teacher or the Principal of your school.

Your school library subscribes to a few newspapers. Your class wants old issues of the newspapers for some educational activity in the classroom. You are required to make cuttings/ news clipping. Therefore, the papers cannot be returned to the library but you will use them in a responsible manner. Use the format of a formal letter given below

SOLUTION

C/I, Aparna Apartments,
C. S.Road,
Dadar (West),
Mumbai - 400 028.
7th July 2020.

To The Principal,
St. mary's School,

Dadar (West),
Mumbai - 400 028.

Sub: Request to issue old newspapers for a project.

Respected Sir,

I, XYZ, of class VII-B would wish to request you to grant us permission to use old newspaper clippings from the Library for our English project.

The project aims at making us aware of various types of news articles, the language used in newspaper reports, and enable us to compare and see the changes that have taken place in terms of presentation and news that is printed. However, we do not have access to newspapers for the last five years.

It is, therefore, my humble request to you to allow us to make use of newspaper clippings for the last five years from the school Library. I assure you that the newspaper will be used in a responsible manner.

We intend to hold a 'Best Project' competition that will further boost students to put in their best and only your permission can help serve the purpose better.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
XYZ

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Hold a discussion in the classroom about the differences between printed newspapers, radio news bulletins, TV news bulletins. Discuss the merits, demerits, and popularity of each.

SOLUTION

The merits and demerits of the print Media are as follows:

- **Print Media (Newspapers):**

Merits: These are more accessible. They are available at a low cost in every nook and corner.

They are also delivered at one's doorstep. Besides this, one can always choose to read news of one's choice by just turning over the page. It does not make use of electricity. and hence has more appeal even in the rural areas.

Demerits: The illiterate cannot make use of the Print Media. It occupies more space after some time when the newspapers pile up. It does not lend itself to any kind of

discussion and usually, the news articles are based on the opinions of the reporter. Many times, advertisements take up more space than actual news articles.

- **Electronic Media:**

Merits: The T.V appeals to the sense of hearing and sight hence even the illiterate can make use of it. It is more lively as the person can see the reporter or the panel discussing a given topic. Various news channels offer a wide variety of topics of one's interest. An animated map with a weather forecast is much more interesting to see as compared to reading it in black and white.

Demerits: Not everyone can afford a T.V or a Radio in the remotest of villages as electricity is a major concern. The news presented on Radio does not stay for more than a few seconds hence it has a less permanent impact. News is presented in a very sensational manner with often no authenticity. Under such circumstances, instead of presenting 'news', the channels end up presenting 'views'.