

Headlines worksheet

1- Types of headlines

Sentence headlines	<i>Police rescue 12 divers as launch sinks off Phi Phi</i> <i>Pen manufacturers still see good future for luxury pens</i>
Phrase headlines	<i>Getting in touch with the spirits</i> <i>Heroism and cowardice at the Top of the World</i> <i>Reward for tracing suspect</i>

2- Headlines most common techniques

- **Noun Phrases** a noun phrase with no verb. A noun phrase describes a noun

Under Pressure from Boss

Unexpected Visit

Overwhelming Response of Voters

- **Noun Strings** a string of three, four or more nouns together

Widow Pension Pay Committee

Landscaping Company Disturbance Regulations

Mustang Referral Customer Complaint

- **Simple Tenses instead of Continuous or Perfect**

Forgotten Brother Appears = A forgotten brother has appeared (after a long period of time).

Professors Protest Pay Cuts = Professors are protesting pay cuts (at the university).

- **Auxiliary Verbs Dropped in Passive Form**

Man Killed in Accident = A Man has been killed in an accident.

Tommy the Dog Named Hero = Tommy the Dog has been named a hero (by the mayor).

- **Articles Dropped**

President Declares Celebration = The president has declared a celebration.

Passerby Sees Woman Jump = A passerby has seen a woman jump (into the river).

- **Infinitive to Indicate Future**

Mayor to Open Shopping Mall = The mayor is going to open a new shopping mall.

James Wood to Visit Portland = (Famous actor) James Wood is going to visit Portland soon.

3- Other common techniques

- **Puns** (play on words)
- **Short words and abbreviations** (to gain space)
- **Alliterations** (to appeal to the senses)

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<http://esl.about.com/od/intermediatereading/a/newsheadlines.htm>

TASK 1- Determine what technique is used in the following headlines .
Highlight the words, phrases or ideas that are common to the headline and opening paragraph.



Obama pays tribute to ailing Mandela - News24

2013-07-18 09:49

US President Barack Obama has paid warm tribute to Nelson Mandela for his 95th birthday, which the anti-apartheid icon will spend in hospital recovering from a lung infection.



Cuba's Raul Castro to attend Mandela funeral - News24

2013-12-09 06:46

Cuban President Raul Castro will attend the funeral of South African anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela.



Zuma praises anti-apartheid heroes - News24

2013-07-12 08:25

President Jacob Zuma has praised those who risked their lives fighting for freedom from apartheid, during the 50th commemoration of the raid on Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia.



Township house prices increase 8% - Fin24

2013-08-07 11:13

The areas formerly classified as "black areas" under apartheid have outperformed the former white "suburbs" in terms of house price growth, an FNB index shows.



Mandela still critical after reported op - News24

2013-07-28 09:46

The presidency says that Nelson Mandela is still critically ill in hospital but improving slightly, declining to comment on a report the anti-apartheid hero had undergone an operation.



Metros to get cash boost - News24

2013-10-23 14:55

The integrated city development grant will receive R356m to help SA's eight metropolitan municipalities improve on apartheid-era spatial planning.

Apartheid long gone- New Challenges new weapons - News24

2013-07-20 10:10

Majority dwellers of South Africa were subjected to racial segregation in a land of their own and apartheid was a well-structured and calculated system which oppressed many a black person.

Big Bad Apartheid - News24

2013-05-16 17:57

The intended purpose, we're told, was actually separate development through racial segregation.



Wouter Basson to learn fate - News24

2013-12-18 07:45

Judgment on the professional conduct of apartheid-era chemical warfare expert Dr Wouter Basson is due to be delivered.

TASK 2 : Write the headlines



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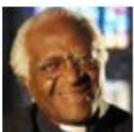


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TASK 3 : write the opening paragraph (2/3 sentences)



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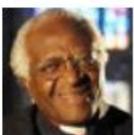


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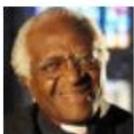
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