

High School Newspaper Activities:

- Clip 10 pictures of news items from the paper to illustrate the various ways tax money is spent. Paste these onto your paper.
- Find newspaper examples of paragraphs written in present, past and future tense. Be aware of paragraphs containing clumsy shifts in tense. Clip your examples from the newspaper and paste them onto your paper.
- Find the average cost of renting a 1, 2, and 3 bedroom luxury apartment for a month, a year and for five years. List your reasons for classifying the apartments as "luxury."
- Scan the front page of the paper and see how many phrases of attribution you find in the stories, including such phrases as: he said...reportedly...allegedly...an informed source...it is reported...according to... (Underline the phrase as you locate it).
- Read the "help wanted" ads and find a job that lists a salary. Calculate the following: hourly wage, daily wage, weekly wage, monthly wage, annual wage and wages earned over a three year period.
- Find examples of editorials written to: 1) inform; 2) interpret; 3) entertain; and 4) influence.
- After scanning the newspaper, choose five news articles and write new headlines. After writing new headlines, write new leads that begin with different types of grammatical constructions, such as prepositional phrases, noun clauses, etc.
- Pretend you are living in a society in which there are no newspapers. Make a list of all the functions provided by the newspaper.
- Clip 10 adjectives from the advertising section of the newspaper. Paste them onto paper and write one synonym and one antonym beside each one.