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Lebanon newspaper publishes 'no news' protest edition

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THE ARTICLE

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Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/08/lebanon-daily-star-publishes-edition-protest-national-crisis-190808095602980.html>
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WARM-UPS

1. NEWSPAPERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about newspapers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Lebanon / newspaper / edition / blank pages / ills / cedar tree / national symbol / editor / rationale / protest / alarm / crises / politicians / deadlock / pollution / think

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PROTESTS: Students A **strongly** believe newspapers should be used to make protests; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ILLS: What are your country's ills? How can we overcome them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Ills	Overcoming Them
Politics		
Pollution		
Unemployment		
Crime		
Healthcare		
Social cohesion		

5. PAGE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "page". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. NEWS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best news at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- political
- business
- sports
- local
- celebrity
- world
- environment
- fake

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. edition | a. A heading or advertisement. |
| 2. blank | b. A particular form or version of a published text. |
| 3. banner | c. Problems or misfortunes. |
| 4. ills | d. Regards or considers in a specified way. |
| 5. deems | e. Not written or printed on. |
| 6. refrained | f. Becoming progressively worse. |
| 7. deteriorating | g. Stopped oneself from doing something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. rationale | h. Try honestly or persistently to persuade someone to do something. |
| 9. urge | i. Worrying or disturbing. |
| 10. resolving | j. A set of reasons or a logical basis for a course of action or a particular belief. |
| 11. deadlock | k. Finding a solution to a problem or dispute. |
| 12. alarming | l. Something, typically money, that is owed or due. |
| 13. debt | m. A situation, typically one involving opposing parties, in which no progress can be made. |
| 14. flooding | n. Arrive in overwhelming amounts or quantities. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Lebanon has two English-language daily newspapers. **T / F**
- b. Lebanon's Daily started printed an edition with all black pages. **T / F**
- c. The Daily Star published a picture of a cedar tree on its back page. **T / F**
- d. The Daily Star told people to not to sleep too late. **T / F**
- e. The newspaper rang alarm bells about the country's challenges. **T / F**
- f. The newspaper had headlines about pollution and illegal weapons. **T / F**
- g. Lebanon's public debt is over \$100 million. **T / F**
- h. The editor-in-chief said people should think about Lebanon's problems. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. published | a. reasoning |
| 2. largely | b. heading |
| 3. highlighting | c. worsening |
| 4. caption | d. encourage |
| 5. deteriorating | e. printed |
| 6. rationale | f. inundating |
| 7. challenges | g. focusing on |
| 8. urge | h. stalemate |
| 9. deadlock | i. mainly |
| 10. flooding | j. problems |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Lebanon's only English-language | a. flooding the country |
| 2. a newspaper that contained largely | b. crises |
| 3. current ills the paper deems the country | c. the alarm bells |
| 4. Lebanon's national | d. notice of these problems |
| 5. the country's deteriorating | e. is suffering from |
| 6. The aim is to ring | f. daily newspaper |
| 7. work towards resolving these | g. unemployment |
| 8. Other woes highlighted included | h. symbol |
| 9. illegal weapons | i. economy |
| 10. It's enough that people take | j. blank, white pages |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

Lebanon's only English-language (1) _____ newspaper published an edition on Thursday without any news. The Daily Star printed a newspaper that contained (2) _____ blank, white pages. The front page simply said "Lebanon". The inside pages contained a (3) _____ banner highlighting the current ills the paper (4) _____ the country is suffering from, and the back page had a photo of a cedar tree (Lebanon's national symbol) with a (5) _____ reading: "Wake up before it's too late." The newspaper explained why it had not put any news on its pages, saying it had, "(6) _____ from publishing news articles in its print edition" to (7) _____ against the country's deteriorating economy and political (8) _____.

deems
largely
situation
refrained
daily
protest
single
caption

The Daily Star's editor-in-chief, Nadim Ladki, spoke to reporters at CNN about the (9) _____ for the protest publication. She said: "The aim is to ring the alarm bells about all the challenges that our country is facing and to (10) _____ everyone in Lebanon to work towards resolving these (11) _____." She added that she was, "calling on politicians and everyone to pull together". Some of the (12) _____ on the inside pages read: "Government deadlock," "Pollution at alarming levels," and "Public (13) _____ close to \$100 million". Other (14) _____ highlighted included unemployment and illegal weapons (15) _____ the country. Ms Ladki said: "It's enough that people take (16) _____ of these problems and think."

crises
debt
flooding
rationale
headlines
notice
urge
woes

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

- 1) Lebanon's only English-language daily newspaper published _____ Thursday
 - a. an addition on
 - b. an edits on on
 - c. an edition on
 - d. an Edison on
- 2) The Daily Star printed a newspaper that contained largely _____ pages
 - a. black, white
 - b. blank, white
 - c. plank, white
 - d. plaque, white
- 3) The inside pages contained a single banner highlighting _____
 - a. the current ill
 - b. the current tills
 - c. the current wills
 - d. the current bills
- 4) the back page had a photo of a cedar tree (Lebanon's national symbol) _____
 - a. wither caption
 - b. with the caption
 - c. with a caption
 - d. without caption
- 5) news articles in its print edition to protest against the country's _____
 - a. deteriorate in economy
 - b. deterioration economy
 - c. deteriorate an economy
 - d. deteriorating economy
- 6) The Daily Star's editor-in-chief, Nadim Ladki, spoke to reporters at CNN _____
 - a. about the rational
 - b. about the ration all
 - c. about the rationale
 - d. about the rash on all
- 7) our country is facing and to urge everyone in Lebanon to work towards _____
 - a. resolving these crisis
 - b. resolving these cries is
 - c. resolving these cries ease
 - d. resolving these crises
- 8) Government deadlock," "Pollution at alarming levels," and " _____ "
 - a. Public debt
 - b. pub lick debt
 - c. pub leek debt
 - d. publicity debt
- 9) Other woes highlighted included unemployment and _____
 - a. illegal weapon
 - b. illegal weapons
 - c. illegally weapons
 - d. ill eagle weapons
- 10) flooding the country. Ms Ladki said: "It's enough that people _____"
 - a. take no tiff
 - b. take no tryst
 - c. take no thrice
 - d. take notice

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

1. How many English-language daily newspapers does Lebanon have?
2. What was on the cover of Thursday's edition of the Daily Star?
3. What photo was on the back page of Thursday's edition of the Daily Star?
4. What did the caption on the back page say?
5. How did the newspaper describe Lebanon's economy?
6. Which news agency did the newspaper's editor-in-chief speak to?
7. What did the editor-in-chief want to ring?
8. What did the editor-in-chief want politicians and people to do?
9. How much is Lebanon's public debt?
10. What does the editor-in-chief want people to take notice of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

- 1) How many English-language daily newspapers does Lebanon have?
 - a) one
 - b) two
 - c) three
 - d) four
- 2) What was on the cover of Thursday's edition of the Daily Star?
 - a) nothing
 - b) the word "protest"
 - c) the word "Lebanon"
 - d) a black page
- 3) What photo was on the back page of Thursday's edition of the Daily Star?
 - a) the Prime Minister
 - b) a photo of a cedar tree
 - c) a hungry child
 - d) the moon
- 4) What did the caption on the back page say?
 - a) "Go to sleep. It's too late."
 - b) "Wake me up before it's too late."
 - c) "Go to sleep before it's too late."
 - d) "Wake up before it's too late."
- 5) How did the newspaper describe Lebanon's economy?
 - a) as deteriorating
 - b) as developing
 - c) as dying
 - d) as darkening
- 6) Which news agency did the newspaper's editor-in-chief speak to?
 - a) Russia Today
 - b) BBC
 - c) Aljazeera
 - d) CNN
- 7) What did the editor-in-chief want to ring?
 - a) a news agency
 - b) alarm bells
 - c) changes
 - d) another newspaper
- 8) What did the editor-in-chief want politicians and people to do?
 - a) but more newspapers
 - b) spend
 - c) protest
 - d) pull together
- 9) How much is Lebanon's public debt?
 - a) exactly \$100 million
 - b) over \$100 million
 - c) close to \$100 million
 - d) \$100 million a month
- 10) What does the editor-in-chief want people to take notice of?
 - a) money
 - b) Lebanon's problems
 - c) their neighbourhood
 - d) each other

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Celebrity News

You think celebrity news is the best news category. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their category isn't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): business news, local news or political news.

Role B – Business News

You think business news is the best news category. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their category isn't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): celebrity news, local news or political news.

Role C – Local News

You think local news is the best news category. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their category isn't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): business news, celebrity news or political news.

Role D – Political News

You think political news is the best news category. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their category isn't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): business news, local news or celebrity news.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'news' and 'protest'.

news	protest

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• daily• white• simply• photo• late• print	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chief• aim• pull• some• other• enough
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NEWSPAPERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

Write five GOOD questions about newspapers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

NEWSPAPERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'newspaper'?
3. What is your favourite newspaper, and why?
4. What do you think of the Daily Star's actions?
5. Why might a newspaper be called the Daily Star?
6. What are your newspaper-reading habits?
7. What was the last story you read in a newspaper?
8. What sections of the newspaper do you like best?
9. What newspapers do you dislike?
10. What do you think of fake news?

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NEWSPAPERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'protest'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are newspapers better than Internet news?
15. Do you think the Daily Star rang alarm bells?
16. What challenges is your country facing?
17. What crises have there been in your country?
18. Do you believe everything you read in the newspapers?
19. What do you see as the future of newspapers?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Daily Star's editor?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) edition | (b) addition | (c) rendition | (d) attrition |
| 2. | (a) large | (b) largish | (c) largely | (d) largesse |
| 3. | (a) pills | (b) wills | (c) bills | (d) ills |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) from | (c) of | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) regained | (b) remained | (c) retrained | (d) refrained |
| 6. | (a) deterioration | (b) deteriorate | (c) deteriorating | (d) determine |
| 7. | (a) gong | (b) ring | (c) call | (d) band |
| 8. | (a) urge | (b) purge | (c) verge | (d) surge |
| 9. | (a) crises | (b) cries | (c) crisis | (d) crisps |
| 10. | (a) deadwood | (b) deadpan | (c) deadlock | (d) deadline |
| 11. | (a) toes | (b) hoes | (c) foes | (d) woes |
| 12. | (a) do | (b) take | (c) have | (d) be |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. English-language dyali newspaper
2. The inside pages ncateinod a single banner
3. Lebanon's national boyslm
4. with a caopitn reading: "Wake up"
5. reaerdifn from publishing news articles
6. the country's tangdreitoeri economy

Paragraph 2

7. spoke to reporters at CNN about the aietrnol
8. the protest uoiaclnbitp
9. rueg everyone in Lebanon
10. resolving these cissre
11. Government daclokde
12. illegal aesownp flooding the country

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () page simply said "Lebanon". The inside pages contained a single banner highlighting the current
- () deadlock," "Pollution at alarming levels," and "Public debt close to \$100 million". Other woes
- (**1**) Lebanon's only English-language daily newspaper published an edition on Thursday without any
- () why it had not put any news on its pages, saying it had, "refrained from publishing news articles in its print
- () facing and to urge everyone in Lebanon to work towards resolving these crises." She added that she was, "calling
- () highlighted included unemployment and illegal weapons flooding the country. Ms Ladki said:
- () The Daily Star's editor-in-chief, Nadim Ladki, spoke to reporters at CNN about the rationale for the protest
- () ills the paper deems the country is suffering from, and the back page had a photo of a cedar tree (Lebanon's national
- () on politicians and everyone to pull together". Some of the headlines on the inside pages read: "Government
- () publication. She said: "The aim is to ring the alarm bells about all the challenges that our country is
- () news. The Daily Star printed a newspaper that contained largely blank, white pages. The front
- () symbol) with a caption reading: "Wake up before it's too late." The newspaper explained
- () "It's enough that people take notice of these problems and think."
- () edition" to protest against the country's deteriorating economy and political situation.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. contained newspaper blank, A largely that white pages .
2. a pages The single inside contained banner .
3. put not its It news pages . had on
4. its publishing edition . from Refrained articles print in
5. deteriorating Protest the politics . country's economy and against
6. the rationale . to at Spoke CNN about reporters
7. all the alarm about bells the Ring challenges .
8. to politicians and together . everyone on Calling pull
9. the the of Some on inside headlines pages .
10. take of notice think . these problems and People

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190811-newspaper.html>

Lebanon's only English-language daily newspaper published an *addition / edition* on Thursday without any news. The Daily Star printed a newspaper that contained largely *blink / blank*, white pages. The front page *simple / simply* said "Lebanon". The inside pages *contents / contained* a single banner highlighting the current *ills / pills* the paper deems the country is *suffering / suffered* from, and the back page had a photo of a cedar tree (Lebanon's national symbol) with a *traction / caption* reading: "Wake up before it's *too / not* late." The newspaper explained why it had not put any news on its pages, saying it had, "*refrained / retrained* from publishing news articles in its print edition" to protest against the country's deteriorating economy and *politically / political* situation.

The Daily Star's editor-in-chief, Nadim Ladki, spoke to reporters at CNN about the *rational / rationale* for the protest publication. She said: "The aim is to *peel / ring* the alarm bells about all the *challenges / challenger* that our country is facing and to *urge / purge* everyone in Lebanon to work towards resolving these *crisis / crises*." She added that she was, "calling on politicians and everyone to *repel / pull* together". Some of the headlines on the inside pages read: "Government *deadlock / dreadlock*," "Pollution at alarming levels," and "Public debt *close / closed* to \$100 million". Other woes highlighted included unemployment and *illegally / illegal* weapons flooding the country. Ms Ladki said: "It's enough that people *have / take* notice of these problems and think."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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L_b_n_n 's _n_l_y E_n_g_l_s_h - l_n_g__ g_ d__ l_y n_w_s
p_p_r p_b_l_s_h_d _n _d_t__ n _n T_h_r_s_d_y w_t_h__
t _n_y n_w_s . T_h_ D__ l_y S_t_r p_r_n_t_d _ n_w_s
p_p_r t_h_t c_n_t__ n_d l_r_g_l_y b_l_n_k , w_h_t_
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. T_h_ _n_s_d_ p_g_s c_n_t__ n_d _ s_n_g_l_ b_n_n_r
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m_s t_h_ c__ n_t_r_y _s s_f_f_r_n_g f_r_m , _n_d t_h_
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_x_p_l__ n_d w_h_y _t h_d n_t p_t _n_y n_w_s _n t
h_ n_w_s p_p_r , s_y_n_g _t h_d , " r_f_r__ n_d f_r_m
p_b_l_s_h_n_g n_w_s _r_t_c_l_s _n _t_s p_r_n_t _d_t__ n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NEWSPAPERS: Make a poster about newspapers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NEWS: Write a magazine article about news being made a part of the school curriculum. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on newspapers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make newspapers better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. published | a. printed |
| 2. largely | b. mainly |
| 3. highlighting | c. focusing on |
| 4. caption | d. heading |
| 5. deteriorating | e. worsening |
| 6. rationale | f. reasoning |
| 7. challenges | g. problems |
| 8. urge | h. encourage |
| 9. deadlock | i. stalemate |
| 10. flooding | j. inundating |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- One
- The word "Lebanon"
- A photo of a cedar tree
- "Wake up before it's too late."
- As deteriorating
- CNN
- Alarm bells
- Pull together
- Close to \$100 million
- Lebanon's problems

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- A newspaper that contained largely blank, white pages.
- The inside pages contained a single banner.
- It had not put news on its pages.
- Refrained from publishing articles in its print edition.
- Protest against the country's deteriorating economy and politics.
- Spoke to reporters at CNN about the rationale.
- Ring the alarm bells about all the challenges.
- Calling on politicians and everyone to pull together.
- Some of the headlines on the inside pages.
- People take notice of these problems and think.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)