

NewsCatcher INTRO TO NEWSPAPERS

This NewsCatcher mimics an old-time paper toy.

Folding the NewsCatcher

- Neatly cut or tear along the bold lines.
- Fold along all horizontal lines. Unfold.
- Fold along all diagonal lines. Unfold.
- Flatten the sheet
- Fold each outside corner under on the diagonal line, forming a smaller square.
- Fold outside corners towards the inside center.
- Pull new outside corners up toward center, allowing lower flaps to open as finger holes.

The outside squares name the functions of a newspaper. The eight 3-part triangle segments inside describe features found in a newspaper.


Step 1. Holding the NewsCatcher in one hand with your thumb and fingers, open and close it as you spell your name.

Step 2. Pick a category. Read the description and use the newspaper to answer the question inside.

Step 3. Use the answer to count as you open and close the news catcher. Continue with Steps 2 and 3 to explore the sections and features in the newspaper.

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Print out a blank NewsCatcher and write your own activities
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 <p>Interpret What's</p>	<p>Photos and Graphics Photographers and graphic artists illustrate the day's news</p>	<p>Ads Ads provide information about products and services.</p>	<p>Serve in</p>
<p>Local News Local reporters often have a beat, writing about a specific topic or locality.</p>	<p>How many photos are on today's front page?</p>	<p>How many categories for products are listed in the classified section?</p>	<p>Syndicates Syndicate services purchase columns, comics and special features and sell them to many newspapers.</p>
<p>Wire Stories Many national and international stories in The Free Lance-Star are provided by wire services.</p>	<p>How many front page stories are written by Free Lance-Star reporters?</p>	<p>How many times can you find the word "syndicate" on the comics page?</p>	<p>Sports The sports section in a newspaper includes news, photos and stories, columns, and features within a feature.</p>
<p>Entertain the Free Lance-Star</p>	<p>How many stories on today's front page are from the Associated Press wire service?</p>	<p>How many points did your favorite team score in the last game?</p>	<p>INFORM nie</p>
<p>Editorial Pages Gain insight into the news by reading what others think</p>	<p>How many letters to the editor are in today's paper?</p>	<p>How many TV programs are listed for 7:00 p.m. tonight?</p>	<p>Features and Entertainment The "Life" Section entertains with special features and stories about people, fashion, travel, food, etc.</p>