

# 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.

Holding the NewsCatcher in one hand with your thumb and fingers, open and close to find all eight features. Follow the instructions to complete the scavenger hunt. Or simply use this as a fun way to read a newspaper.

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<p><b>Interpret</b> What's</p>	<p><b>Photos and Graphics</b> Photographers and graphic artists produce visual representation of the day's news.</p>	<p><b>Ads</b> Ads provide information and keep the cost of newspapers affordable.</p>	<p><b>Serve</b> in</p>
<p><b>Local News</b> Staff reporters often have a beat, writing about a specific topic or locality.</p>	<p>Guess what a story is about by studying the photo or illustration.</p>	<p>Look at the entire paper, then guess: Ads make up what percentage of newspaper content?  <input type="checkbox"/> 20%  <input type="checkbox"/> 60%  <input type="checkbox"/> 90%</p>	<p><b>Syndicates</b> Find at least 3 syndicated features in today's paper. Syndicate services purchase columns, comics and special features and sell them to many newspapers.</p>
<p><b>Wire Stories</b> Many national and international stories in The Free Lance—Star are provided by wire services.</p>	<p>Circle the stories on today's front page that are from the Associated Press wire service.</p>	<p>The scoreboard gives brief scores for seasonal sports. Find scores for a sport you like.</p>	<p><b>Sports</b> The sports section is a newspaper within a paper and includes news, photos and stories, columns, comics.</p>
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