

# News Headlines

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## APPENDIX: Handouts

### Sports News Headlines

(Handout #1)

#### Example 1

**Headline:** Ronda Rousey: 'It might be six months before I can eat an apple'

Ronda Rousey says it may take six months to fully recover from the injuries she sustained in her Ultimate Fighting Championship bantamweight title defeat by Holly Holm in November.

Holm, 34, ended her fellow American's unbeaten 12-fight streak with a second-round knockout in Melbourne.

"It might be three to six months before I can eat an apple, let alone take an impact," Rousey, 28, told ESPN.

#### Example 2

**Headline:** Woods to tell his kids 'real story'

Tiger Woods says he has a fantastic relationship with his former wife and will be the one to explain to his children the reasons for their divorce.

Woods and Elin Nordegren split in 2009 after he admitted to a number of affairs and the pair's six-year marriage came to an end in 2010.

The pair have two children, daughter Sam, eight, and son Charlie, six.

"I want it to come from me so that when they come of age, I'll just tell them the real story," said Woods.

### Now it's your turn . . .

Expand the following news headlines into a few lines or a paragraph in order to give more details about the story, like in the examples above. Use your knowledge, language tools, and your imagination.

1. **Rider eyes return after losing arm in crash**

2. **Slade likely to miss Six Nations**

## The Rest of the Stories

(Handout #2)

Compare your story to the authentic version. What differences do you notice?

### 1) Rider eyes return after losing arm in crash

Northern Ireland rider Stephen Thompson has vowed to make a comeback to road racing despite losing an arm after a crash at this year's North West 200.

The Crumlin man, who hopes to have a prosthetic arm fitted in the new year, wants to be back on a bike next August.

"A lot of people maybe don't like it but I want to race again. It's going to be a different way of racing with a prosthetic arm on," said Thompson, 38.

"You get one life and racing is where I enjoy myself, it makes me happy."

Thompson added: "I don't know how competitive I'm going to be. I'll know from my lap times. I'll practice."

#### Questions

- In the headline, it says "Rider eyes return." Would "Rider has his sights set on returning" give the same meaning?
- "A lot of people maybe don't like it"; what does "it" refer to?
- The first sentence is in the present perfect tense. Can you change the verb tense and still retain the same meaning?

### 2) Slade likely to miss Six Nations

Exeter Chiefs and England centre Henry Slade will be out for about four months after undergoing surgery on his broken leg and damaged ankle.

It means Slade is likely to miss the Six Nations, which starts in February.

The 22-year-old, capped twice by England, was hurt during Exeter's Premiership win over Wasps on Saturday.

"It was a pretty major operation but certainly not one we don't expect him to make a full recovery from," head coach Rob Baxter told the club website.

#### Questions

- Henry Slade "will be out." What does this mean?
- "It/was/a pretty major operation (but)/certainly not one/we/don't expect/him/to make a full recovery from." How does parsing this sentence help you understand the meaning?
- What parts of the story could you change and still keep the same meaning?

**Discussion**

**(Handout #3)**

With your partner, discuss these questions about sports, making sure to build the conversation by asking for and providing plenty of detail.

1. What do you think of the four stories, and generally of the sports in the stories?
2. Do you watch or play any sports?
3. What do you think about athletes receiving lots of money and attention?
4. With your partner, create a new sport and describe in as much detail as possible how it is played. For example: How many people can play? What equipment is needed? Is it played indoors or outdoors?

Notes About Our New Sport: