

Quick-Step English

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Warm-up

Decide if each sentence is true (T) or false (F).

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| 1. I read the newspaper every day. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I often read the news on the Internet. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. In the future, nobody will read newspapers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Step 1 Read this essay. Record your reading time below. 

The days of enjoying a morning newspaper may soon be over. Many newspapers, both large and small, are **in trouble**. A good number are losing money. Some have already **gone out of business**.

5 Yet people have read newspapers for hundreds of years. What's going on? For one thing, companies are spending less on advertising. That really hurts newspapers. With less money coming in, papers must cut costs. For example, they may reduce their staffs. Or they might close overseas offices. Many are choosing to make their newspapers shorter with fewer pages.

10 Changing habits are another part of the problem. People are changing the way they get the news. We're simply buying fewer newspapers. Instead, millions of people read news **websites** and blogs. In response, newspapers are looking for ways to make money online. A few, like the *Wall Street Journal*, have had some **success**.

15 So, are we on the way to a newspaper-free world? Some people think so. In the USA, more than 100 newspapers closed shop from 2008-2009. Many others are near the end. For sure, we'll always need news and information. But the way it is delivered will surely keep changing. Hopefully, the quality of the reporting can remain high.



Your Reading Time: _____ minutes _____ seconds

Notes

a good number たくさん、多数 spend less on ~ ~に割く予算を減らす in response (文頭に来る場合で、全文を受けて)それに対して on the way to ~ ~に向かっている、~に向かう途中で
close shop 活動を停止する、店じまいをする many others 他の多く for sure 確かなことには

Step 2 Comprehension Choose the best answer to each question.

1. From 2008-2009, how many US newspapers went out of business?
A. Thousands B. Millions C. More than one hundred
2. In line 6, what does “cut costs” mean?
A. cut up B. lose money C. spend less
3. What is NOT mentioned as a reason for newspapers’ troubles?
A. Poor reporting B. High costs C. Lower income
4. The article discusses the *Wall Street Journal* to _____.
A. give an example B. reject an idea C. recommend a great newspaper

Step 3 Vocabulary Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase from the box.

success go out of business in trouble website

1. The movie was a big _____. So they made a Part 2 and Part 3.
2. I love this _____. It has great photos of trains.
3. That man is _____. Let’s help him.
4. They are losing a lot of money. They might _____ soon.

Step 4 Structure Write the correct form of the word in parentheses.

1. His cat is much _____ (fat) than mine.
2. I don’t want to be late. Is there a _____ (fast) way to get there?
3. Ten years ago, going to the movies was much _____ (cheap).
It’s so expensive these days.
4. I love the weather in Tokyo. It’s not as _____ (cold) as the
weather in Canada.

Step 5 Listening Listen to the conversation and choose the best answer to each question.

1. How does the woman feel about the news?
A. Angry B. Happy C. Surprised
2. What does the man think about the website?
A. It’s good. B. It’s expensive. C. It’s funny.



Listen again and write a brief answer to each question.

3. How did the woman hear the news?	
4. How much money did the paper lose last year?	