

HOW TO ACCESS PRINTABLES

Your school has unlimited access to each week's resources and a full library of previous activities. Any number of teachers at your school can register to access them, and each will need to follow the instructions below:



REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME

- 1 Visit schools.firstnews.co.uk/register
- 2 Enter your school's First News Education ID and click 'Confirm'
- 3 Enter your details in the form and click 'Complete'
- 4 Invite colleagues at your school who will also be using Printables
- 5 You will be automatically logged in once you have registered

Your school's First News Education ID can be found in your welcome pack, as well as in the email you received containing details about your package.

ACCESSING PRINTABLES WEEKLY

- 1 To log in, visit schools.firstnews.co.uk/login
- 2 Enter your email address and password, tick the security box and click 'Login'
- 3 Bookmark this page in your browser for quick access each week:
www.firstnews.co.uk/printables

Remember, all teachers in your school have unlimited access to download weekly activities. Invite them to register at schools.firstnews.co.uk/register using your school's First News Education ID.

If you have any questions, please visit help.firstnews.co.uk/knowledge or email schools@firstnews.co.uk. Alternatively, call (+44) 01371 851 898, weekdays 9.00am to 5.00pm

COMPREHENSIONS

News reports are ideal for short, focused comprehension or discussion activities. Like authors, journalists play with language, so news 'stories' are rich nuggets of text to investigate. Engaging, thought-provoking stories from the newspaper are selected for the news comprehension activities, helping children unpack and understand the often complex ideas and events in a news story.



LEARNING UNDERTAKEN:

- Builds topical knowledge and understanding of the wider world outside the classroom: linking to other subjects across the curriculum.
- Enhances reading comprehension skills: developing vocabulary in context; identifying facts and opinions; explaining and summarising information; inferring ideas and finding evidence; identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning; identifying themes; understanding writer's intent.



LOWER KS2: News Qs

Three worksheets for LKS2 pupils, each featuring retrieval, inference, sequencing and prediction questions based on a story – or a pair of stories – from the latest issue of *First News*, with answer sheets and glossary definitions included. Differentiated three ways: tricky, trickier and trickiest! PDFs can be downloaded with or without answer sheets.



UPPER KS2: Reading Practice

Weekly worksheets for UKS2 pupils, based on an article – or pair of articles – from the latest issue of *First News*. Eight questions, designed to resemble the KS2 SATs reading booklet, plus an additional challenge to encourage longer answers and deeper engagement with the text. Glossary definitions and answer sheets linking to NC content domains included. PDFs can be downloaded with or without answer sheets.



KS3: Article Analysis

Weekly worksheets for students in KS3 (age 11+), as well as for those achieving greater depth in reading at UKS2. PDFs can be downloaded with or without answer sheets.

DEBATES

News is one of the greatest igniters of debate among children and adults alike. Being able to express one's voice and listen to those of others is an essential skill at every stage of our lives. Schools across the UK have built a culture of communication by using First News Education's debate topics as a basis for teaching oracy through classroom discussion, to successfully develop essential speech and communication skills. When pupils have access to reliable facts and context, they are given a platform to understand an issue in depth, build their points of view and appreciate different perspectives from fellow pupils.



LEARNING UNDERTAKEN:

- Develop crucial oracy skills
- Build cultural capital
- Encourage the respectful exchange of opinions and ideas
- Identify and practise persuasive rhetorical techniques
- Improve confidence levels

News Debate

In Printables, the debates are provided as a resource for KS2+ (age 10+) on a fortnightly basis.



VOCABULARY PUZZLES

These engaging crosswords are a fun way to develop pupils' tier 2 and tier 3 vocabularies in LKS2, UKS2 and KS3, whilst building familiarity with reading non-fiction texts (available with answers highlighted, or without, for additional challenge).



LEARNING UNDERTAKEN

- Builds topical knowledge and understanding of the wider world outside the classroom
- Develops understanding of tricky and subject-specific vocabulary in the context of a topical news story



LOWER KS2: News Puzzle

A simplified version of a story from the latest issue of *First News*. The crossword clues provide definitions of eight words in the news story, which pupils identify to complete the puzzle.



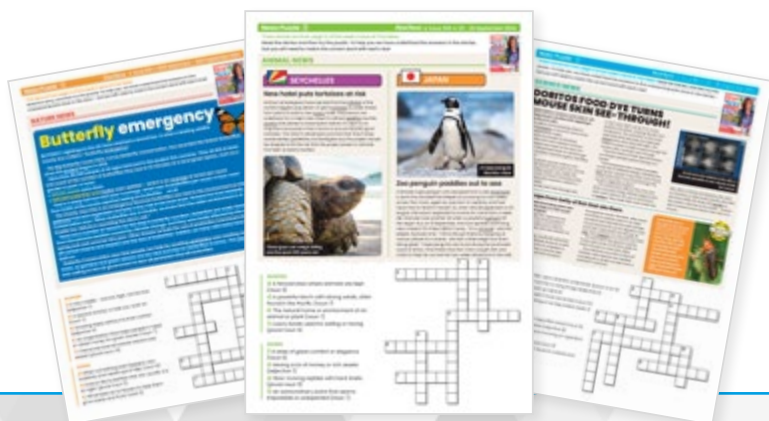
UPPER KS2: News Puzzle

Eight words or phrases from a news article are highlighted and defined to develop pupils' vocabulary and understanding of the story.



KS3: News Puzzle

A challenging puzzle looking at the definitions of 10 words and specialist vocabulary in stories in the news.



INTERACTIVE QUIZ

New every week: ten questions that will get children talking about what's happening in the world around them, building cultural capital and developing retrieval skills as they pick up points to climb the leaderboard!



LEARNING UNDERTAKEN

- Develop teamwork skills
- Spark news-based discussions
- Wake up everyone's brains and get them ready for learning!



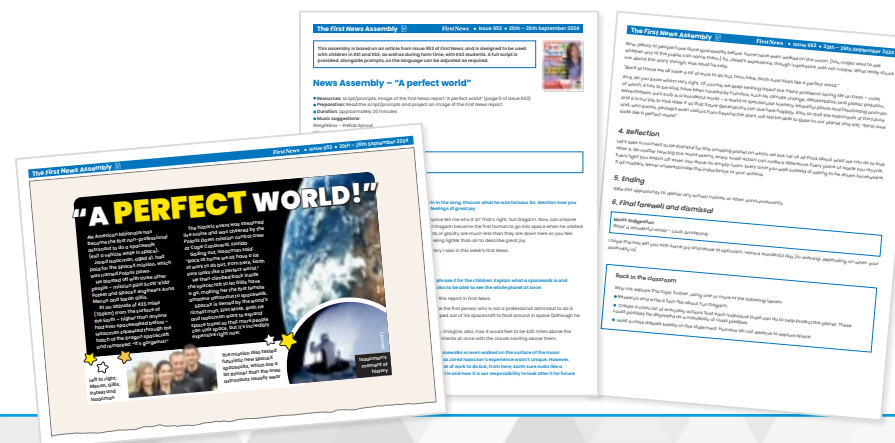
ASSEMBLY PACKS

New every week: Everything you need to deliver a thought-provoking, topical assembly for KS2+ children, plus ideas to take the learning further.



LEARNING UNDERTAKEN

- Empower children to think and talk about topical issues
- Make links to your PSHE and citizenship curriculums
- Promote British values and encourage respectful debate
- Feed into classroom learning





For the online, interactive version of our weekly activities, try First News Engage Pro!



Interactive reading activities based on the latest articles reported in First News, the trusted source of news for young people



Engaging, weekly **comprehensions, vocabulary puzzles, polls** and a **fortnightly debate topic**, with the option to print or save a scorecard for each activity



With **instant, automatic marking** available, your pupils earn accuracy-based points, encouraging focus and motivation while driving core literacy skills



Each activity comes in three reading levels, for Lower KS2, Upper KS2 and KS3, with the flexibility to choose a level for each session



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