



Each week in Let's Talk we hope to initiate discussion on an important current affair issue. It will give readers the opportunity to present their point of view and develop effective communication skills in arguing, persuading and conveying their ideas. Readers will be encouraged to send in their opinions to be shared on the NiE webpage.



By visiting your local newspaper's website you will be able to access supporting resources, past pages and other relevant NiE information with the click of a mouse.

You'll find your newspaper's website address on the masthead – the strap at the top of the front page identifying the name of the newspaper, the date and day of publication and price.

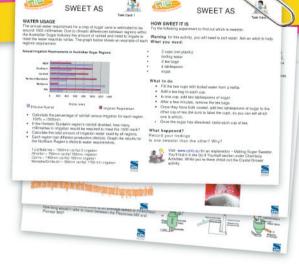
WHAT'S NEW?

This year you will see some changes to the content of the weekly NiE page. A relevant, topic-based segment will still be presented, delivering information to help readers develop their knowledge and understanding about an important subject. These topic pages are designed to foster the interest of young readers and encourage them to analyse and interpret what they read. In addition there will be a weekly challenge and a Let's Talk section that will launch students into further research and investigation.



TASK CARDS

EACH week you'll be able to access the NiE task cards on the NiE webpage. These task cards complement the NiE weekly page and provide teachers with a valuable resource that can be used for individual, group and class activities. Based on the Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum for English, Maths, Science and History and relevant state curriculum outcomes, the cards will focus on developing student's knowledge, understanding and skills. You'll not only find the activities for the Latest Topic but also an archive of past topic pages and resources that you can print and use.





WEEKLY CHALLENGE

To put students to the test, there will be a weekly challenge requiring them to use the newspaper and other multi-media channels to complete activities of varying levels of difficulty. It will give them a chance to explore how the newspaper uses information and ideas relating to significant events and issues.

The Front Page

The first thing you usually see when you pick up a newspaper is the front page. Some say that this is what sells the paper, therefore it has to be appealing to attract a reader to buy it. How the front page of a newspaper is presented determines its appeal. Look at the front page of your newspaper and answer these.

Challenge

- 1. In the masthead, what is shown?
- 2. Measure the size of the advertising strap on the bottom of the front page.
- **3.** Is the lead story a local, national or international story?
- 4. Why do you think the lead story is 'news-
- worthy' and therefore on the front page?
 5. How does the headline fit the story? Rew-
- rite the headline.
 6. Is the lead story continued on another page
- in the paper? If so, on which page?
- **7.** Write a caption for the photograph on the front page.
- **8.** Looking only on the front page, what else will you find in the newspaper?

NEXT WEEK: Fierce Floods

