

# Short Takes 1

## 58 Create A Story...

Create nonsense stories by selecting from different news stories each of the five W's and H. Write a lead, using the "who" from one story, the "what" from another story, the "where" from another and so on. Complete the story and prepare to present your *nonsense news* to your class.



## 62 Partner Puzzles...

Select a partner for this activity. Each partner should find an interesting story in the newspaper. Each partner should read his/her selected story. Then clip the story into paragraphs and exchange the stories between partners. Challenge your partner to put the news story into the original order.



## 59 Literally Speaking...

Draw a cartoon to show the literal interpretation of one example of a figure of speech in the newspaper. Mount the finished cartoon on colored construction paper and entitle the cartoon with the figure of speech taken from the newspaper.



## 63 Caption Cut-Ups...

Select several newspaper photos with captions (cutlines). Clip the photos and captions. Mix them up and place them in a folder. Swap folders with a classmate and try to match photos with the correct caption.



## 60 Sequence Surprise...

Select an interesting photograph from the newspaper and write a story about it. Make your story complete by describing the incidents that led up to the action in the photo. Then add a creative twist to the story by adding a surprise turn of events that occurred after the photo was taken.



## 64 Headline Hodge-Podge...

Find two headlines that could be changed completely in meaning with the simple addition or change in a prefix. Write the original headline on a sheet of paper. Below the headline, write the new headline and describe how the meaning of the original headline has changed.



## 61 Comics Predictions...

Read a comic strip which tells a continuing story for several days. Write a prediction for how the story will end. Save your prediction to compare it with the actual conclusion. Though your ending may be quite different, it still might be the better conclusion!



## 65 Birthday Budget...

Select a birthday gift for each member of your family, using the classified and retail advertising section of your newspaper. Plan your budget based on \$10 per family member. Select each item, clip and paste, along with the cost on a separate sheet of paper.

