

# Newspapers

Newspapers tend to use short words in titles, so large type can be used to attract attention.

Match the headline with the correct text:

**Bank chief  
in PM snub**

**TV ditch  
top soap**

**Drugs giant in  
cash bid**

**Sack ref says  
expert**

**Toff in  
aid row**

**Star slams  
TV critic**

**MPs face rap  
for jobs**

1. Former ambassador Sir Charles Addlestrop has been criticised by the Ethiopian government for failing to distribute emergency UN food supplies across the country.
2. Sandy Pearce, a victim of the attack on Pullings estate, south London, said that ASBOs were wholly inadequate. "People in Parliament should come and live down on our estate. Then they'll know what's what around here".
3. Channel Culture announced today that the award-winning show 'Up Your Street' was moving towards an exciting finale this autumn. Sources close to the company indicate that Jerry is going to marry Sue before being murdered in the bath by Liz, the lover of Pat. There are no plans for a second series.
4. Gordon Brown denied today that former Treasury supremo Eric Clutterbuck had been demoted. "All along it has been this government's policy to review fiscal supervision and how the levers of management are best controlled. Eric continues to have an important part to play in this government's financial policy-making."
5. Football TV panellist Chris Dribblesworth believes that computers will soon be able to referee football matches.
6. Pharmaceutical company Fizzicon is seeking major European funding as part of a new research initiative to combat a range of diseases.
7. Actress Gloria Sending told BBC radio that she had not yet seen the review of her appearance in 'Up Your Street' which compared her performance with that of 'a half-dead zombie'. "My job is to act," she said. "I don't have the time or the inclination to read the rubbish they write in newspaper columns."

## More news ...

What is your favourite UK newspaper?

Read these press cuttings and explain the underlined words.

### Blair apology row rumbles on

French descendants of victims of the battle of Agincourt, in which thousands of French knights died at the hands of British forces, are enraged by Tony Blair's refusal to apologise yesterday. 'I regret what happened, of course I do,' said a sombre PM. 'But look, you know, I mean hey, there are sensitivities on both sides. The preliminary findings of the government report, which I commissioned, demonstrates that there are many thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, who can claim genetic descent from the men this country lost at the battle of Hastings in 1066.'

A French official insisted that President Chirac had already apologised for Hastings. 'The President is not obliged to apologise to you again today, because if you please he was desolated yesterday when the media was in another place.'

**Brussels:** In a further round of apologies last night European ministers agreed to rebuild Carthage.

### UK to join the USA

The UK has formally applied to become a state of the United States of America, a source close to the Prime Minister revealed this afternoon. Once the Government had formally acquired the permission of the Queen, the issue was never in doubt. The Royal Family has agreed to take up residence in Disneyland, Florida, and the US will continue to decide matters of British foreign policy.

### Business news

Smiths Ltd have been taken over by American company Hanks Hardware in a behind-the-scenes deal involving three Smiths directors who are also on the board of Hanks. One shrugged off accusations of selling out to the Americans: 'My £70m bonus is performance-related. This company is over here doing rather well over there: this is good news for Britain,' he said from his Florida home which sports a union jack. The original UK workforce of 1300 will be replaced with 200 Filipinos who will work round-the-clock shifts.

### More trouble at Buzzoff

Where will it end? First the calves for veal, then the halibut, now wasps," said a spokesman for insecticide manufacturers Buzzoff UK, whose spray manufacturing plant was burned to the ground last week.

Expert advisors to the Pentagon believe the upsurge of animal rights activity is part of a wider strategy to destabilize human society – orchestrated by whales. Officials would not be drawn into whether a joint UN Whaling Force had been set up, but George Thompson Jr told reporters there was no question of the larger mammals infiltrating human society while he was US Defense Secretary.

### Terrorists crack codes

Western intelligence believes Al Qaeda have cracked key military codes. A spokesman for the Centre for Espionage Studies in Swindon would not comment on the use of Latin by Nato forces, but did confirm that they had evidence of hostile countries in the middle east engaging in prolific training in this former top language.

Government officials are investigating an unnamed British company which is exporting crash courses in conversational Latin from a Bristol address.