NEWS-LITERACY SKILLS
The essential critical-thinking and communication skills needed to think and speak for ourselves about current affairs

Good listeners learn more.

LISTENING

- Listen critically and identify potential bias in different perspectives
- Ask questions to find out more

This means you:
- Listen to things you don’t agree with so you can hear all of the important perspectives
- Listen critically and spot what’s true and what’s not

Good speakers have discussions that help everyone to learn, including themselves.

SPEAKING

- Speak influentially by articulating a compelling vision that persuades
- Speak adaptively by planning for different possible responses of listeners

This means you:
- Speak engagingly by using visual aids to support your points
- Speak effectively by making points in a logical order

Good problem-solvers can work out what’s really going on and what should be done about it.

PROBLEM SOLVING

- Complete tasks by solving complex problems
- Implement strategic plans to solve complex problems

This means you:
- Complete tasks by finding help if I need them
- Complete tasks by finding information I need myself

Creative people can come up with ideas about what might be going on and what could be done about it.

CREATIVITY

- Develop ideas by considering different perspectives
- Support others to innovate by coaching them to be more creative

This means you:
- Come up with ideas about why something is happening in the news
- Come up with ideas about how different events in the news might be connected

Listen helps us to gather all the important information we need to understand the news.

This means you:
- Listen critically and think about where differences in perspectives come from
- Think hard about your answers to the questions that people ask you
- Share your opinions about what’s happening and what should be done

This means you:
- Work out whether information is true or false
- Work out how to solve problems you hear about in the news

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Good listeners learn more.

- Listen to others without interrupting
- Listen to others and can remember short instructions
- Listen to others and can tell why they are communicating with me
- Listen to others and record important information as I do

This means you:
- Learn more.
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