

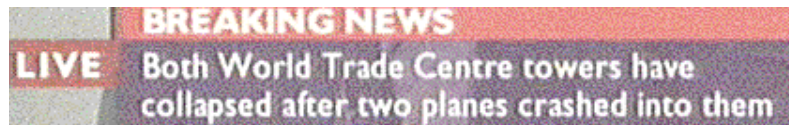
WORKSHEET - THE MEDIA (michelle)

TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE USA

1. Time and tenses. Study these 4 pieces of news updates. Jot down the differences you find and write similar pieces.

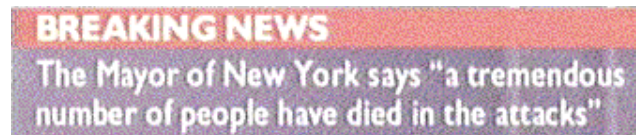


A World Trade Centre tower has collapsed after a hijacked plane crashed into it



[Hours later...] Two World Trade Centre towers collapsed after two hijacked planes had crashed into them

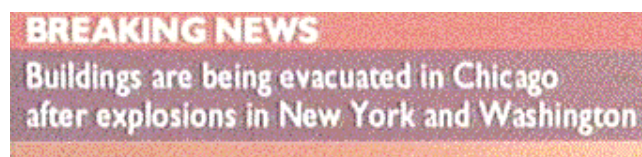
2. False friends. Translate the following text. What does "tremendo" mean in Spanish? What do you think it means in English? How would you translate now "tremendous"?



3. Read the next caption. How do journalists protect the confidentiality of their sources? If you were a journalist, what other expressions would you use?



4. The passive. The following sentence is in the present continuous, passive. How would you write the same sentence in the present perfect, passive?



In what passive tenses are the following statements?

Freedom has been attacked and freedom will be defended (Bush, September 11, 2001)

Services will be restored as soon as possible (Local NY authority, same day)

5. The following are headlines, which means some words are missing... Can you complete the sentences?

On the same day as it happens the following headlines appear on TV.

200 firefighters dead

78 police officers missing

blood donors needed

WTC towers destroyed by hijacked planes

Pentagon hit and set on fire

6. Can you write a short article using the information in the captions? What title would you choose?

TERRORISM ATTACKS IN US
Four hijacked planes crash – two in New York, one into the Pentagon, one in Pennsylvania

BREAKING NEWS
A third plane has crashed into the Pentagon in Washington

BREAKING NEWS
The Mayor of New York says "a tremendous number of people have died in the attacks"

7. Investigative Journalism. Here are a couple of questions about the piece of news we have been working in. Have you got any answers?

- How long did the hijacked planes take to divert their route and hit their target?
- Weren't air-traffic controllers aware of this situation? Why?