

## MANUAL

### NEWS

November 26<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Check out the Newswise lesson about this subject in the archive on the website (week 46 – 2017)!

### INTRODUCTION

Make a copy of the text and exercises for all the pupils.

**Reading strategy:** summarising

**Language:** How does it feel to be in a Black Friday crowd? (writing and speaking)

#### Method:

To give the pupils the opportunity to talk about the text and the exercises, it is best to let them work in pairs or threes. Let them discuss the text actively while reading aloud in turns. They tell each other what they already know, which information is new and which words are unknown.

### 1. WORDS TO HELP YOU

Open the text on the interactive whiteboard by using this button on the *Newswise* website:

Click on the blurred sections to open the title, headings, pictures etc. separately.

Hand out the text and read the text aloud (or use the Readspeaker function on the website). The pupils read along with you. While reading, the pupils use the 'Words to help you' in exercise 1. They underline the words from the 'Words to help you' in the text. If they come across other difficult words, they underline those words too; let them find an appropriate translation.

If you have pupils in your class who have another mother tongue than Dutch, they can translate the words into their own language, if they like. Let the pupils learn the words for homework.



### 2. KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT

The pupils read the text again, together with a classmate. During reading they stop after each piece of text and discuss the key questions together. The questions help them to understand the text better. The pupils can write some key words down, to remember their answers. The answers to the questions are on page 2 of this manual.

### 3. MAIN TOPIC AND SUBTOPICS

Read the explanation, together with the pupils. After that, the pupils determine the main topic and subtopics of the text. Differentiation: if the multiple choice questions are too easy for some pupils, you can give them open questions: what is the subtopic of the first, second, third and fourth piece of the text?

After that, the pupils cut out the lines and put them in the right order to make a summary of the text. They glue the sentences onto a new page. You can find the answers on page 2 of the manual.

### 4. SHOP UNTIL YOU (LITERALLY) DROP

Watch the following clip together with the pupils: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s9zoZMUVJc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s9zoZMUVJc) (1:26). After that, they fill in the table about how it would feel to be in a Black Friday crowd. Discuss the pupil's answers in class. Also ask the pupils: what do they think about Black Friday? What is their opinion about this mass shopping day? Encourage the pupils to give their opinion in English. You may offer them some key sentences, like:

*I think ...*

*In my opinion ...*

*My opinion is ...*

*If you ask me ...*

## ANSWERS

### 2. KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT

#### Introduction

What happens on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020?

*It is Black Friday.*

#### Began

When did Black Friday begin?

*In 1952 (in America).*

Why did they choose this particular Friday?

*Because it is the day after Thanksgiving Day, a special family holiday. Most Americans do not have to work then, so they have time to shop.*

#### Black Friday around the world

Where can you also find Black Friday?

*For example in the UK, Germany and the Netherlands.*

#### Warning

Why do consumer groups warn shoppers?

*Not all offers are good bargains. Sometimes the same items are sold at a cheaper price at another time of the year.*

#### Black Friday 2020

Why and how is Black Friday different this year?

*Because of COVID-19 there can be no crowds in the streets. Most shopping will be online.*

### 3. MAIN TOPIC AND SUBTOPICS

3. C: history of Black Friday  
A: Black Friday in other countries  
D: not always bargains  
B: Black Friday this year
4. On November 27<sup>th</sup> it is Black Friday.  
Black Friday started in America 1952. It is the day after Thanksgiving.  
Other countries around the world have started doing Black Friday too.  
But, not all offers are good bargains. You have to check a bargain first and only buy what you need.  
This year, Black Friday is different due to COVID-19. There can be no crowds in the streets, so most shopping will be online.

## 4 SHOP UNTIL YOU (LITERALLY) DROP

Possible answers:

<p><b>What do you see?</b></p> 	<p><b>While in the Black Friday crowd, I see:</b></p> <p><i>a lot of people</i></p>
<p><b>What do you hear?</b></p> 	<p><b>I hear:</b></p> <p><i>People screaming to each other.</i></p>
<p><b>What do you think?</b></p> 	<p><b>I think:</b></p> <p><i>What am I doing here?</i></p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><i>I want that television!</i></p>
<p><b>What do you feel?</b></p> 	<p><b>I feel:</b></p> <p><i>People pushing against me.</i></p>