

## Unit 7: Not the Normal News

### Pre-Reading

1. What was in the news over the past few days?

The news of the coronavirus.

2. How would you describe the information from this news? (interesting, sad, scary, etc.)

Scary and sad

3. Can you remember many happy or funny stories in the news?

Students' own answers.

### Vocabulary Preview

Write the letter of the word or phrase with the same meaning as the underlined word.

### Reading Passage

Read the passage and then answer the questions on the next page.

### *Vocabulary*

<sup>2</sup> *society*: a body of individuals living as members of a community

<sup>5</sup> *unbalanced*: not equal; one-sided

<sup>6</sup> *news media*: newspapers, magazines, TV news shows, etc.

<sup>6</sup> *distort*: to not truly represent the facts; to be false

<sup>7</sup> *exaggerate*: to describe something as larger or more extreme than it is

<sup>7</sup> *misery*: suffering; sadness

<sup>7</sup> *despair*: without hope; extreme sadness

<sup>22</sup> *fan mail*: letters or notes from people who enjoy or support something

### Idiomatic Expressions. Study the idioms and do the exercise.

1) set up

2) agree with

3) on a daily basis

### Summary

Fill in the spaces with the correct word or phrase from the box

### Writing

#### *Where I Get My News*

### Answer the following questions and write a paragraph

(1) Where do you usually hear or read news reports?

(2) Is the news from this source mostly about issues in society or entertainment?

(3) Why do you like to get your news from this source?

(4) Have you heard or read this news source today?

I usually read news reports online from an international newspaper's website. The news from this source is mostly about issues in society. I like to get my news from this source because the articles are short and easy to read. I have not read this news source today, but I will read it tonight before I go to sleep.

**Vocabulary & Idiom preview**

A. Choose the best word or phrase

B. Choose the correct form of the word to fill in the blank