Headline English

Exercises

I. On the left there is a list of headlines. On the right there is a list of news topics. Match the headlines with the appropriate topic.

1. PM BACKS PEACE PLAN	marriage of famous actress
2. MP SPY DRAMA	royal jewels are stolen
3. SPACE PROBE FAILS	person who saw crime is in danger
4. QUEEN GEMS RIDDLE	proposal to end war
5. STAR WEDS	satellite is not launched
6. KEY WITNESS DEATH THREAT	political sells secrets to enemy

II. Explain what the following headlines mean in ordinary English.

Example: SHOP BLAZE 5 DEAD — five people died in a fire in a shop

1. MOVE TO CREATE MORE JOBS
2. GO-AHEAD FOR WATER CURBS
3. WOMAN QUITS AFTER JOB ORDEAL
4. POLL PROBES SPENDING HABITS
5. BID TO OUST PM
6. PRINCE VOWS TO BACK FAMILY

III. Look at the verbs in bold and try to explain what they mean. You may need to use more that one word.

Example: PM **TO CURB** SPENDING — limit

1. CHANCELLOR **CUTS** INTEREST RATE
2. BOMB **BLASTS** CENTRAL LONDON
3. PM **PLEDGES** BACKING FOR EUROPE
4. PRESIDENT **HEADS** PEACE MOVES
5. SIX **PLEA** FOR BIKO AMNESTY