NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

News items and stories in newspapers have headlines above them. A headline usually has only four or five words. The idea of a headline is to attract the interest of the readers by telling them in an interesting and short way what the story is about.

Read the newspaper stories below and then write a headline for each story. Try to write each one in about five words.

1. Last night Chelsea football club beat Bristol City 3-2 in an exciting game. Johns scored a hat-trick for Chelsea.

Headline: _______________________________________________________

2. Three children were walking across a field in Bedminster when they discovered a hole. At the bottom of the hole was a chest filled with gold and silver. The children ran and told the police about their discovery.

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3. Yesterday there was a very bad storm at sea. The fishing vessel Saucy Sal began to sink. The captain of the vessel sent out a distress signal. A lifeboat put out to sea and rescued the fishermen just in time.

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4. Two days ago a kitten called Rhubarb, belonging to Mrs Daniels, climbed a tree. It got stuck at the top and could not get down. A large crowd gathered. They could not help the cat. In the end they sent for the fire brigade. The firemen put a ladder up the tree and brought the frightened cat down.

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5. In Bristol yesterday Mrs Brown’s brother from Australia visited her at her home in Washington Street. Mrs Brown’s brother, Mr Thomas Brown, went to Australia forty years ago and has not returned until now. This is the first time that Mrs Brown has seen her brother since they were children.

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