

VOLUME 1b PERIODICAL PEARLS® INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS

Use these exercises to expand students' understanding of words and to ignite their interest in looking for words.

Some Periodical Pearls offer a great chance for students to study double entendre (a figure of speech similar to the pun, in which a spoken phrase can be understood in either of two ways) and other types of play on words.

For example: The heading "Obstacle" followed by "Course teaches vital skills" puts obstacle and course together. Even better is the "cache" heading, since it plays not only on the homonym "catch," but also on the phrase "Here's the catch..." Another heading, "Biometrics may be the key..." cleverly puts key and opening doors together. Finally, Superette and price are deliberately combined in the same headline. This type of headline should prove helpful to your ESOL students.

Sometimes, though, headline writers do not get things quite right. Send your students to <http://www.slinky-city.com/play-on-words.html> to see examples of real headlines that are very funny. Have them explain just what went wrong in the writing. Encourage them to watch for these types of headlines in current periodicals.

Perhaps your students can brainstorm for reasons why residents are leaving rural areas.