

ANSWER KEY

Making Predictions with News Headlines

You are going to read a text from the media about an important global issue. Before you do, look at the headline below. Use a dictionary to help you understand the words that you do not know. Then answer the questions that follow.

Gore's **Mission**: Planet Earth

1. What do you think this headline refers to? c

- a) The global response to China's space programme
- b) The global response to the US presidential elections
- c) A film on global warming and climate change
- d) A World Trade Organization conference

Explain the two ways of interpreting 'mission' here:

- a) A journey to explore uncharted territory (e.g. a space shuttle's mission)
- b) A very important task or goal to benefit society (e.g. a school's mission)

2. The headline refers to a person named Gore. Who is Gore? Al Gore, the former Vice President of the United States of America.

3. What exactly do you think Gore's "mission" is? [Answers may vary] e.g. Gore's mission is to protect Planet Earth/ to encourage people to take care of Planet Earth.

Use the space below to make a mind map of this issue. Jot down all of the words and phrases that you can think of related to the issue. Use your dictionary to help you if necessary. **[Answers may vary]**

