

ANSWER KEY

Making Predictions with News Headlines

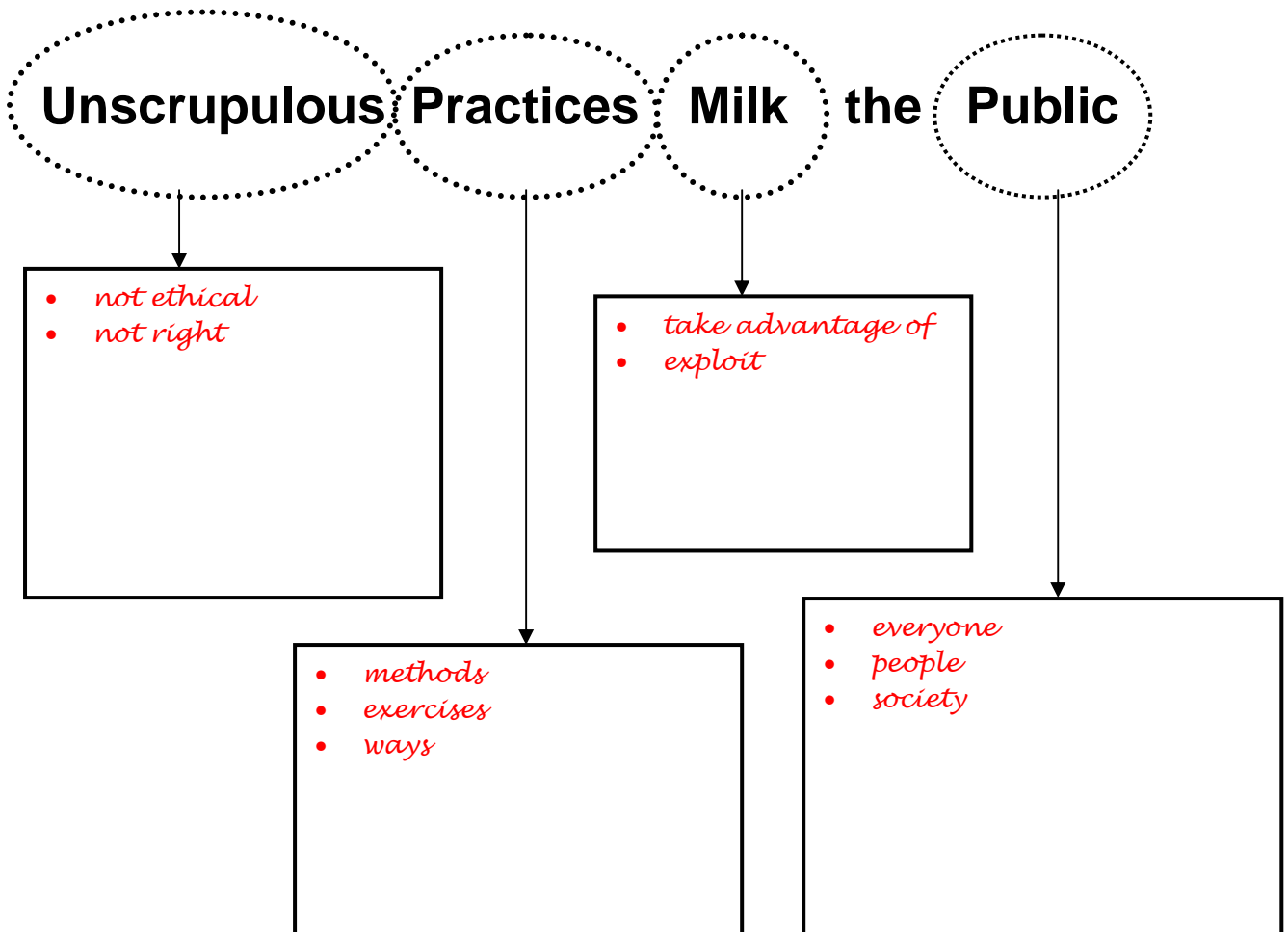
You are about to read the script of a news broadcast, but first, look at the title. Can you tell what the broadcast is about? The title is 'Unscrupulous Practices Milk the Public'.

A. What part of speech are the key words of the title? Circle the answer.

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|-------------------|------|------|-----------|--------|
| 1. Unscrupulous = | noun | verb | adjective | adverb |
| 2. Practices = | noun | verb | adjective | adverb |
| 3. Milk = | noun | verb | adjective | adverb |
| 4. Public = | noun | verb | adjective | adverb |

B. Match the following words with the key words in the news headline and write the answers in the boxes below. Some words are not related:

common	everyone ✓	exercises ✓	exploit ✓
healthy drink	honest	interesting	legal
methods ✓	not ethical ✓	not right ✓	open space
popular	people ✓	protein	society ✓
study	take advantage of ✓	ways ✓	cancer-causing



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C. Identifying the issue: What do you think, know or want to know?

I think ...	I know ...	I want to know ...
<p>Now that you have defined the key words in the title, can you <u>predict</u> or <u>tell before reading</u> what the news broadcast is about?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Answers may vary]</p>	<p>What do you already know about the social issue? List as many ideas as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Answers may vary]</p>	<p>Is there anything that you want to know more about the social issue? List as many ideas as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Answers may vary]</p>
<p>I think the newspaper article is about <i>how some people use methods that are not right. They take advantage of other people in society.</i></p> <p>[The teacher may need to guide students to think about the double meaning of 'milk' before students will be able to predict that the news broadcast is about the tainted milk scandal in China]</p> <p>because <i>they want to be rich or famous.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>many people became sick after drinking milk products</i> 2. <i>some babies died in China</i> 3. <i>supermarkets in Hong Kong stopped selling some brands of milk products</i> 4. <i>a chemical was added to the milk products in China</i> 5. <i>the chemical made the milk seem healthier</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How many people became sick?</i> 2. <i>How many babies died in China?</i> 3. <i>Which brands of milk products were unsafe to drink?</i> 4. <i>What was the name of the chemical?</i> 5. <i>Could it happen again?</i>

D. Share and compare your ideas with a classmate? Who is right? Are you able to get more ideas or answers from your classmate? Make changes, if you want, or add your ideas.