

Implication In Headlines

Directions: Read each headline. Underline the **loaded** word or phrase. Then answer the questions.



1. "City Hall **stonewalls** residents requesting safety data."

- What does **stonewalls** suggest the city is doing on purpose?

- Write a more neutral version of the headline.

2. "Students **flood** the counseling office after schedule change."

- What picture does **flood** create in the reader's mind?

- Write a more precise, less dramatic version of the headline.

3. "New app **hijacks** attention during class, teachers say."

- What does **hijacks** imply about the app's effect and intention?

- Write a balanced headline that keeps the main point.

Short Analysis Response: Choose one headline. Write a 6-8 sentence analysis that:

- Explains the connotation of the loaded word or phrase.
- Describes the tone created and the possible bias it reveals.
- Explains how a neutral rewrite changes the reader's impression.
- Uses at least two academic connectors: **however, moreover, consequently, in contrast, specifically, nonetheless.**