

ACTIVITY: SCAVENGER HUNTS - 12 LIFE SKILL TOPICS

SPL Level:
2, 3, 4, 5, 6+

Language Skills:
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7.4.1

Competency Area:

All

Activity Objective:

Students use scanning skills to locate specific items in the newspaper.

Newspaper section:

All

Required Class Time:

Varies according to the teacher's lesson plan and learners' proficiency level. A hunt can be a 15 minute warm-up or a 30-minute activity.

Target Vocabulary:

Scavenger hunt, find

Other vocabulary according to the specific hunt

Grammar points:

None

Materials List:

Newspapers, worksheets for each learner

In-Class Procedure

1. **Warm up:** Explain the meaning of "scavenger hunt". Explain the purpose of scanning - to find specific details in a text quickly.
2. Give each learner a newspaper and a worksheet. Ask learners to read the entire list of search items before beginning to scan. Clarify any unknown vocabulary
3. Remind learners that each scavenger hunt is a general list of items commonly found in a typical newspaper on that life skill topic. Thus, all of the items on the list might not appear in any particular day's newspaper. Explain that learners don't need to find the items in order - they can write the answer to any item on the list whenever they find it.
4. Announce a time limit and write it on the board. Let learners begin.
5. When the time limit is up, have learners share their results in small groups.

TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES:

For adult learner:

Ask learners to write a 10-item scavenger hunt based on a particular day's newspaper as described in the Tips and Options section below. Learners can exchange hunts the next day and do their partner's hunt in class.

For learner and child(ren):

Ages 3-8: Parents and young children can make their own impromptu hunts using the "I Spy" technique. For example, sitting together with the newspaper, the parent and child can take turns saying, "I spy a picture of a woman wearing a big hat," "I spy the word 'girls'", "I spy a dollar sign", "I spy a triangle", etc.

Grades 1-4: Learners and their children can use the "For Parents and Children" scavenger hunt worksheet provided in this section. Children can either look for the pictures or the words based on their literacy level.

Tips and Options:

1. Learners can be divided into teams. The team that finds the most items on the scavenger hunt within the given time limit wins.
2. Teachers or learners can write scavenger hunts based on a particular day's newspaper. These hunts will be specifically tailored to the photos, headlines, advertisements and news articles of that day's paper.

ABOUT THE NEWSPAPER

The items below are all about using newspapers. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find a funny headline _____
2. Find a letter _____
3. Find the last page number of the Front Page section

4. Find the name of the newspaper's editor _____
5. Find a color photograph _____
6. Find today's temperature _____
7. Find the name of a female journalist _____
8. Find a comic strip _____
9. Find the name of a male columnist _____
10. Find the telephone number of the newspaper offices

11. Find an article about an athlete _____
12. Find an obituary _____
13. Find a full-page advertisement _____
14. Find a crossword puzzle _____

GOING PLACES

The items below are all about transportation. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find the name of an airline _____
2. Find a vacation destination _____
3. Find a state map _____
4. Find a picture of a car _____
5. Find an advertisement for an air fare _____
6. Find an abbreviation for "street" _____
7. Find a weather map _____
8. Find a picture of a traffic accident _____
9. Find the word "bus" _____
10. Find a classified ad for a used car _____
11. Find the word "travel" or "tourism" _____
12. Find an advertisement for auto tires _____
13. Your choice (please describe) _____

IN OUR COMMUNITY

The items below are all about community services. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can.

Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find a headline about a school _____
2. Find the word "volunteer" _____
3. Find information about an American holiday _____
4. Find the phone number of a service organization _____
5. Find a picture of the state governor _____
6. Find the word "senator" _____
7. Find an article about the fire department _____
8. Find information about an ethnic group _____
9. Find the word "community" _____
10. Find a headline about Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid

11. Find the word "Police" _____
12. Find a local map _____
13. Find information about a special event happening this weekend in your community _____
14. Find the name of a crime _____
15. Your choice (please describe) _____

STAYING HEALTHY AND FIT

The items below are all about health. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find an ad for a weight loss product or program _____
2. Find an article about pollution _____
3. Find the word "low fat" _____
4. Find the name of an illness _____
5. Find the abbreviation for dentist - D.D.S. _____
6. Find the word "hospital" _____
7. Find an advertisement for eyeglasses _____
8. Find a picture of a person exercising _____
9. Find a drawing of a part of the body _____
10. Find an article about mental health _____
11. Find the names of three sports _____
12. Find an employment ad for nurses _____
13. Find the name of a local pharmacy _____
14. Your choice (please describe) _____

THE WORLD OF WORK

The items below are all about employment. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find the word "economy" or "economic" _____
2. Find a picture of a computer _____
3. Find an employment ad for an auto mechanic _____
4. Find the word "labor" _____
5. Find a picture of someone wearing a tie _____
6. Find the name of a large business in your community

7. Find a picture of a politician _____
8. Find an employment ad for a cook _____
9. Find the index to the classified advertisements _____
10. Find an article about employment in another country

11. Find the word "hire" or "hiring" _____
12. Find an ad for a local job fair _____
13. Find the word "job" or "jobless" _____
14. Your choice (please describe) _____

HOME SWEET HOME

The items below are all about housing. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find the word "house" or "housing" _____
2. Find an ad for a real estate company with pictures of realtors

3. Find the name of a local business that sells furniture

4. Find a drawing of a floor plan _____
5. Find an ad for windows or doors _____
6. Find the word "neighborhood" _____
7. Find a picture of a single family home _____
8. Find a local map _____
9. Find an "apartment for rent" ad _____
10. Find the word "garage" _____
11. Find an ad for washers/dryers on sale _____
12. Find the word "homeless" _____
13. Find an address _____
14. Your choice (please describe) _____

A SMART CONSUMER

The items below are all about consumer economics. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can.

Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find a grocery coupon _____
2. Find the word "Sale" _____
3. Find a price higher than \$100 _____
4. Find the name of a local supermarket _____
5. Find an advertisement for women's clothing _____
6. Find the word "money" _____
7. Find an ad for electronics equipment _____
8. Find a picture of a credit card _____
9. Find the word "consumer" _____
10. Find the name of a local bank _____
11. Find an advertisement for men's shoes _____
12. Find the name of a local department store _____
13. Find an ad for pizza _____
14. Your choice (please describe): _____

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

The items below are interesting to children. First, read the whole list to your young child or let your older child read the list to you. Then look in the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Help your child write a short description of the answer. Also write the page number where you and your child found your answer.

Example: Find the name of a city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find something to eat _____
2. Find something to drink _____
3. Find something to ride in or on _____
4. Find something to wear _____
5. Find an animal _____
6. Find something hot _____
7. Find something cold _____
8. Find something that uses electricity _____
9. Find a boy _____
10. Find a girl _____
11. Find something that is big _____
12. Find something that is small _____
13. Find a number _____
14. Find big black print _____
15. Find very, very small print _____
16. Find something that makes you smile _____

JUST ABOUT ME

The items below are all about personal choices. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find an ad for something you want to buy _____
2. Find a new word you want to learn _____
3. Find the number of your age plus 10 _____
4. Find the word "family" _____
5. Find a picture of someone you would like to meet

6. Find an ad for a movie you have seen _____
7. Find a word that describes you _____
8. Find the word "me", "my" or "mine" _____
9. Find a food you like to eat _____
10. Find the name of a country you would like to visit

11. If you are female find the word "woman" or "women"

12. If you are male find the word "man" or "men"

13. Your choice (please describe) _____

WHERE IN THE WORLD

The items below are all about world geography. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find the name of a city in the eastern U.S. _____
2. Find the name of a capital city in South America

3. Find a map of a country _____
4. Find the word "international" _____
5. Find an article from your home country _____
6. Find the value of the Euro _____
7. Find the name of an ocean _____
8. Find the word "world" _____
9. Find an article from a country in Asia _____
10. Find an article about international business

11. Find the word "country" or "countries" _____
12. Find a picture from another country _____
13. Find the temperature in Paris, France _____
14. Your choice (please describe) _____

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

The items below are all about recreation and entertainment. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find the name of a movie theater in your town _____
2. Find the word "ticket" _____
3. Find three names of team sports _____
4. Find information about an event that will happen outside

5. Find an advertisement for a new book _____
6. Find a picture of a popular singer _____
7. Find the cost of an event _____
8. Find the word "film" _____
9. Find the time that a new movie is playing _____
10. Find the television schedule for today _____
11. Find the word "dance" or "ballet" _____
12. Find a drawing of a musical instrument _____
13. Find the word "museum" _____
14. Your choice (please describe) _____

NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

The items below are all about numbers. First, read the whole list. Then quickly scan the newspaper to find as many items as you can. Write a short description of your answer. Also write the page number where you found your answer.

Example: Find the name of western city: Denver, Colorado page 12B

1. Find a number less than 10 _____
2. Find a money number _____
3. Find a TV channel number _____
4. Find a number written in words _____
5. Find a date _____
6. Find an address _____
7. Find the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ _____
8. Find a telephone number _____
9. Find a percentage (%) _____
10. Find a number greater than 1,000 _____
11. Find a temperature _____
12. Find someone's age _____
13. Find a time of day _____
14. Your choice (please describe) _____

