



Bayview High

The Paper

Chapter 9: Getting Help

Working with Words—Newspaper Talk

Words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or a group of people and which may not be understood by others outside the group is called jargon.

The meaning of jargon in a story can be figured out from:

- the context of the sentence or paragraph
- the use of a glossary
- the use of a dictionary.

Ivan needed to learn the jargon of the newsroom. Find out the meaning of each of the following words by:

(G) using the glossary on pages 124–125

(R) re-reading the sentence or paragraph where the word appears

(D) using a dictionary

Tell how you got the meaning by writing either G, R, or D next to each of the following:

1. press release
2. by-line
3. cutline
4. headline
5. column
6. layout