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Spot the Spin: Compare Two Headlines

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Read two headlines about the same event, find the feeling words and rewrite each one neutrally.

YOU NEED: pencil, a highlighter (optional)

Circle the feeling words in each headline. Then write a version that is fair to both sides.

HEADLINE A
Beloved Local Bakery Forced to Hike Prices Again

HEADLINE B
Local Bakery Raises Prices by 8 Percent

Feeling words I found: _____

My neutral version: _____

HEADLINE A
Students Dazzle at Record-Breaking Science Fair

HEADLINE B
Science Fair Draws 40 More Entries Than Last Year

Feeling words I found: _____

My neutral version: _____

HEADLINE A
Town Council Slammed for Reckless Park Plan

HEADLINE B
Town Council Approves New Park Plan in 4-3 Vote

Feeling words I found: _____

My neutral version: _____

HEADLINE A
Chaos at Stadium as Fans Stampede to the Gates

HEADLINE B
Fans Arrive Early for Opening Day Game

Feeling words I found: _____

My neutral version: _____

GROWN-UP GUIDE: All headlines here are made up. Ask your teen how the same event can sound exciting or alarming just from word choices. Then try it with real headlines from a newspaper or news site.

NAME OR MARK: _____