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## Answer Key: News Detectives and the Pizza Parlor Poll: 2nd Grade Current Events Search

Young reporters investigate how new parks get built and why local newspapers share stories about their neighbors through investigative inquiry.

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**1. A local neighborhood is voting on whether to build a new playground or a community garden. What kind of news is this?**

**Answer:** C) Local news

Local news focuses on events happening right in your own town or neighborhood that affect the people living there.

**2. True or False: If a newspaper only tells one side of a story, it might be showing bias.**

**Answer:** A) True

Bias happens when a report favors one point of view instead of explaining all sides of a situation fairly.

**3. When a reporter writes about a big storm hitting many different states at the same time, they are covering a \_\_\_\_\_ issue.**

**Answer:** A) National

National issues involve things that affect an entire country or many parts of it at once.

**4. You see a photo in a news story about a new recycling law. Why did the author likely include the photo?**

**Answer:** C) To provide evidence of what is happening

Photos in current events stories act as visual evidence to help the reader see the real people or places involved.

**5. To find out if a news story is true, a good detective should check multiple \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Answer:** B) Sources

Checking different sources, like different newspapers or experts, helps confirm if the information is accurate.

**6. True or False: A 'columnist' is a person who always reports only facts and never shares their opinion.**

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**Answer:** B) False

Columnists or opinion writers often share their own thoughts and feelings about the news rather than just the facts.

**7. If two countries agree to stop catching too many fish in the ocean, this is an example of:**

**Answer:** B) An international agreement

International issues and agreements involve two or more different countries working together.

**8. How can a second grader help with a 'local issue' like litter in the school hallway?**

**Answer:** C) By starting a clean-up club

Taking action in your own community, like a school club, is a way to address local events and problems.

**9. The main reason we study current events is to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ around us.**

**Answer:** A) World

Current events help us learn about what is happening right now in our community, country, and world.

**10. True or False: News can change quickly as new information is discovered.**

**Answer:** A) True

As events happen, reporters find out new things, so the 'current' news is always updating.