

## HANDOUT 1: Unit 3

News REPORT: Exam Paper

English III

**NEWS REPORT: Write a News report using the information below.** (In the exam you are supposed to do only 250 words. Therefore you're not supposed to use all the information below. Select the information according to your needs and type of newspaper).

**FACT: El Dr, Muerte se ha suicidado.** El Dr. Muerte fue un médico del Reino Unido que fue condenado por matar, se supone, a más de 15 personas para cobrar sus herencias. Todo se descubrió cuando una de las hijas de una de las muertas comenzó a investigar las razones por la que la madre había dejado todo en herencia al doctor. Esta noticia se publicó cuando lo descubrieron muerto en su celda.<sup>1</sup>

<b>DATE:</b>	January 13, 2004
<b>FACT:</b>	Dr Death hangs himself at jail
<b>INFORMATION:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) He was Harold Shipman. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) He was a suburban doctor.</li> <li>b) He was married. He had 4 kids.</li> <li>c) He had grey beard and glasses..</li> <li>d) He was from Hyde, a suburb outside Manchester in northern England.</li> <li>e) The press calls him "Dr. Death". He was Britain's most prolific mass murderer</li> <li>f) He had abused a heroin-like drug in the 1970's. he was already a practicing doctor.</li> <li>g) He was convicted of writing himself drug prescriptions . He received a fine.</li> <li>h) He was fired from his job.</li> <li>i) In 1977, he began practicing medicine in Hyde.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) He hanged himself up in his prison cell. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) He made the rope with sheets.</li> <li>b) Staff members at the Wakefield Prison in West Yorkshire couldn't revive him.</li> <li>c) Stephen Shaw is the responsible for the investigation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) Dr. Shipman was serving 15 consecutive life terms, without parole <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) He was convicted four years ago of murdering 15 of his patients through lethal injection.</li> <li>b) An official inquiry in 2002, headed by Dame Janet Smith, a High Court judge, found out the number of patients he murdered: 215 patients, and possibly as many as 260, over 23 years.</li> <li>c) Most of them were elderly or middle-aged patients, usually women living alone, who needed checkups or complained of mild ailments.</li> <li>d) He never admitted it.</li> <li>e) He won his patients' trust before killing at least 215 of them.</li> <li>f) In their homes, he gave a deadly injection, usually containing diamorphine, the medical term for heroin.</li> <li>g) He prescribe it or steal it from cancer patients.</li> <li>h) On the death, the doctor easily persuaded relatives no autopsies were needed, offered explanations. Many of the victims were cremated,</li> <li>i) This was possible due to loopholes in the law that allowed him to kill people without suspicion. Reforms in law to follow</li> <li>j) .These facts shocked and horrified people in Britain for months.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4) He was nabbed after an autopsy in one the victims. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Kathleen Grundy, the daughter of his last victim, challenged a will left by her mother.</li> <li>b) The revised will left everything to Dr. Shipman.</li> <li>c) Her body was exhumed, and traces of heroin found.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5) Judges and prosecutors think Dr. Shipman had a desire to play God. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) He was profoundly affected by the experience of watching his own mother die from cancer</li> <li>b) She took diamorphine to ease her pain</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

<sup>1</sup> Source: The Guardian (2004): "Dr. Death,' British Serial Killer, Kills Himself", issue 13<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

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### Quotations:

Jane Parsons, a spokeswoman for the Prison Service, said "Dr. Shipman, who had been on suicide watch on and off at other prisons, was not considered a risk to himself at the time of his death." "His behavior was not a cause for concern," she said. "He had not received any threats."

Dr. Shipman's trial judge, Justice Thayne Forbes, said "I have little doubt that each of your victims smiled and thanked you as she submitted to your deadly administrations,"

The relatives of Dr. Shipman's many victims said on Tuesday "we felt cheated. Dr. Shipman's suicide is an easy way out" and "the deaths will never be explained".

Dame Janet said "He betrayed their trust in a way and to an extent that I believe is unparalleled in history," Dame Janet said he might have been "addicted to killing".

Dr. Shipman's lawyer, Giovanni di Stefano, told The Evening Standard "Prison officials failed to safeguard his client. The fact that he had done this is an outrage and the fault lies entirely, absolutely with the authorities,"

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**HEADLINE:**

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