

Foreword

World News Tonight with David Muir, the flagship news program of the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), is enjoyed by millions of Americans each evening at 6:30 p.m. It consistently ranks among the top-rated news programs in the United States, and for good reason. With its long history of fair and balanced reporting, the program covers issues that matter both domestically and internationally. A news broadcast not only has a responsibility to report events accurately, but also to set the agenda by deciding which stories deserve public attention. *World News Tonight* excels in both respects: It strives to present the news without bias while selecting topics that genuinely inform and engage the public. These qualities make it an ideal foundation for a news-based English textbook for students.

The publication of this textbook now spans over three decades, reflecting the ongoing desire of students to learn English through engaging, real-world content. From the hundreds of stories broadcast each year on *World News Tonight*, we have carefully selected fifteen recent and relevant reports for this edition. Special attention was given to choosing stories that are both engaging and varied, appealing to a wide range of learners. Topics range from fascinating technological breakthroughs, such as the cloning of the dire wolf, to the dramatic shutdown and restoration of the popular social media platform TikTok. There are moving human-interest stories, such as a lung donation that led to love, and urgent environmental issues, including the dangerous, so-called “zombie wells.” With this range of meaningful topics and thoughtfully structured activities, we aim to help learners improve their English while also expanding their understanding of the world.

The textbook is organized so that learners can ease into each chapter by previewing gist questions and learning key vocabulary they will hear in the news story video. This vocabulary is carefully selected based on frequency, usefulness, and importance for understanding the story. The activities that follow each news story consolidate learning through comprehension checks and a variety of input and output activities. Each chapter concludes with interactive discussion questions that encourage learners to connect new knowledge with their own experiences and perspectives.

Adopting authentic broadcast news material for classroom use is a powerful way to build English skills while also developing awareness of world affairs and the

critical thinking skills essential for young people in today's interconnected world. Because news language is often formal, much of its vocabulary overlaps with what appears on standardized tests such as the TOEFL and TOEIC, making it potentially useful as a supplementary resource for exam preparation.

We hope this textbook inspires you to stay informed about global events, think critically about the information you encounter, and engage more deeply with the world around you. Best wishes for your studies!

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日常生活における情報源として、インターネットやAIの活用が年代を問わず欠かせないツールとなっている。このような高度な情報化社会では、不正確な情報や見方の偏った情報も多くあふれている。学生諸君は、何が本当に自分に役立つ正しい情報か、情報の「質」を見極める能力を身につける必要があるのではないだろうか。

一般的に、テレビニュースからの情報は信頼性が高いといわれている。本書はアメリカの3大ネットワーク（ABC／CBS／NBC）の一つである、ABC放送からのテレビニュースを文字化した上で、テキスト用に編集したものである。収録したニュースは米国東部標準時間夕方6時30分から毎日放送されているABC放送の看板ニュース番組*World News Tonight with David Muir*である。

1948年に始まり、長い歴史を誇るこのABC放送のニュース番組は、ピーター・ジェニングズなど、多くの人気キャスターを生み出してきた。2014年にディビッド・ミューアがアンカーパーソンに抜擢され、さらに人気が高まった。2015年3月には「アメリカで最も多く視聴されている夕方のニュース番組」となり、アメリカ国内でも絶大な人気を保ちながら、質の高い情報を毎日提供し続けている。

今回もそのABC放送の看板番組の中から、大学生が学ぶにふさわしい多種多様なニュースを15本厳選し、収録することができた。「メタ社、ファクトチェッ

クプログラムを終了」「卵の価格が高騰」など、本書で取り上げた現代社会が抱えるさまざまなトピックを学ぶことを通じて、学生諸君にはニュースの理解を深めながら自分の意見も持ってもらいたい。また、「アマゾンの自然を守る」や「放棄された井戸から有害ガス」など、世界共通の課題である環境問題を学べるものも含まれている。身近で親しみやすい話題としては、「アメリカ製のマグが人気」、考えさせられる話題としては、「肺移植がもたらした運命の出会い」なども収録した。

ニュースを収録した映像は、専用のウェブサイトplus+Media上でストリーミング視聴することができる。ぜひ、学生諸君にはこの映像を繰り返し見てもらいたい。アメリカの人々が家庭で毎日見ている良質のニュース番組に触れ、信頼できる情報をもとに英語を学んでももらいたい。

本書は1987年に*TV News from the U.S.A.*として始まった。その後、*ABC World News*、*Broadcast: ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT*、そして*ABC NEWSROOM*と改良を重ねたロングシリーズとなっている。アメリカABC放送のニュースを利用した本シリーズは今回で通算33冊目になり、お陰様で長年にわたり毎回たいへん好評を頂いている。今後もより良い教材開発の努力を続けていきたい。

最後になったが、テキスト作成に際して毎回大変お世話になっている金星堂のみなさん、今回もこころよく版權を許可してくださったアメリカABC放送に心から感謝の意を表したい。

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News Story

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Air Date: March 12, 2025
Duration: 2'10"

MLB's Dugout Mugs: A Home Run Idea

The Gist

- What is a "home run idea"?
- What makes Dugout Mugs so successful?



Before You Watch the News

Warm-up Exercises

•) **A Vocabulary Check:** Choose the correct definition for each of the words below.



DL 02



CD1-02

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|---------------|-----|--|
| 1. hollow out | () | a. to remove the inside of something |
| 2. dugout | () | b. already started or in progress |
| 3. new hire | () | c. to arrive in large amounts, often quickly |
| 4. pour in | () | d. a small shelter used by baseball players during a |
| 5. underway | () | game |
| | | e. a person who has been recently employed |

B Fill in the blanks with appropriate expressions from the Vocabulary Check above. Change the word forms where necessary.

1. He carefully used a knife to () the pumpkin for Halloween.
2. The Dodgers sat in the third-base side (), waiting for their turn at bat.
3. Large-scale renovation work is () at my house.
4. After the sale started, online orders suddenly began to ().
5. () are extremely talented and are already leading new projects at the company.



Focus on the News Story

D. Muir: Finally, tonight here, “Made in America” is back with a major league idea—celebrating your favorite team and celebrating American workers.

Tonight, “Made in America” takes us to Winter Haven, Florida, about 50 miles south of right here in Orlando. The company Dugout Mugs and their home run idea, ready for MLB opening day, ¹ _____

K. Dehnert, owner, Dugout Mugs: Hey, David. Welcome to Dugout Mugs.

D. Muir: Owner Kris Dehnert bringing us inside. And Kris’ pitch.

K. Dehnert: Dugout Mugs are baseball bat barrels hollowed out and turned into probably one of ² _____ on the planet.

D. Muir: The wood from Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Ohio, and New York—20 workers in all, 900 mugs a day.

K. Dehnert: As an idea that started in a dugout, in a baseball dugout almost nine years ago, ah... it’s kind of crazy to see how far we’ve come and ah... what we’ve been able to accomplish.

D. Muir: And ³ _____.

K. Dehnert: We add your favorite Major League Baseball team or custom logos. And we’re sold in all Major League Baseball stadiums.





20 *D. Muir:* And tonight, those mugs getting shipped to MLB stadiums and training camps across this country. Here they are in Lakeland, Florida, just outside Orlando, at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium, home of the Detroit Tigers spring training camp. Their mugs in the team shop, ⁴ _____
_____. And back with us tonight...

25 *K. Dehnert:* Hey, David.

D. Muir: ...owner Kris Dehnert on what happened after we first reported on them before the holidays.

K. Dehnert: I just wanted to say thanks so much to you, all your viewers, and the show for all the support we've got. ⁵ _____

30 _____ for the "Made in America Christmas," we've had people reaching out across the country.

D. Muir: Tonight, six new hires and new product lines, too, all with your help.

K. Dehnert: The bottle openers, the home plate coasters, the drawstring bags, board games, keychains, all the cool stuff we've added to our roster since the show.

35 *D. Muir:* Tonight, the orders pouring in. Tina wrapping up the mugs, Alexis taping up the boxes, the team shipping out the orders just in time for game day. ⁶ _____
_____.

Employees, group: Made in America!

40 *D. Muir:* We love those three words, made in America. Spring training well underway here in Florida. Baseball season almost here. I'm David Muir. I'll see you tomorrow night. Good night.

- Notes
- L. 1 **"Made in America"** 「メイド・イン・アメリカ (特集ニュース) <アメリカ製の製品や、それを製作する労働者などを紹介する特集ニュース>
 - L. 1 **major league** 「大リーグ級の; 素晴らしい」
 - L. 3 **Winter Haven** 「ウィンター・ヘイブン <フロリダ州中央部の都市>
 - L. 4 **Orlando** 「オーランド <フロリダ州中央部の都市で、ウォルト・ディズニー・ワールド・リゾートがあることで有名>
 - L. 4 **Dugout Mugs** 「ダグアウト・マグズ社 <2016 年創設の会社で、メジャーリーグベースボール (MLB) のバットをテーマにしたマグカップと関連商品を製作・販売している。MLB の公式ライセンスを取得しており、マグカップなどは全 30 チーム対応している>
 - L. 8 **pitch** 「売り込み; 商品の説明; 宣伝 (文句) <野球の投球 (pitch) とかけている>
 - L. 9 **bat barrels** 「バットのヘッド [バレル; 太い部分; 打撃部]」
 - L. 19 **we're sold** 「我々の商品 [マグ] が売られている <we は our mugs を指す>
 - L. 21 **Lakeland** 「レイクランド <フロリダ州中央部の都市で、タンパとオーランドの間に位置する>
 - L. 22 **Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium** 「パブリックス・フィールド・アット・ジョーカー・マーチャント・スタジアム <フロリダ州レイクランドにある野球場で、デトロイト・タイガースの春季トレーニングの本拠地>
 - L. 22 **Detroit Tigers** 「デトロイト・タイガース <アメリカンリーグに属する MLB の野球チーム>
 - L. 33 **drawstring bags** 「巾着袋; 引きひもの付いた袋」
 - L. 34 **roster** 「ラインナップ; 商品目録 <roster は野球の登録選手名簿のことで、自社の商品目録とをかけている>



After You Watch the News

Exercises

•) **A** Listen to the news story and fill in the blanks in the text.

CD1-03 [Normal] CD1-04 [Slow]

B Multiple Choice Questions: Select the best answer to each question.

1. What is true about Dugout Mugs?
 - a. It is located in Orlando.
 - b. It makes 20 mugs a day.
 - c. Kris Dehnert is the owner.
2. Where are Dugout Mugs sold?
 - a. available online exclusively through their website
 - b. at all Major League Baseball stadiums
 - c. at local sporting goods stores only

3. What was one effect of Dugout Mugs being featured on the “Made in America Christmas” segment?
 - a. The company opened a second factory in New York.
 - b. The company received orders from around the world.
 - c. The company hired six new employees and expanded its product lines.

4. What is **NOT** a new product line of Dugout Mugs?
 - a. board games
 - b. coffee mugs
 - c. bottle openers

•)) C Translate the following Japanese into English. Then listen to the CD and practice the conversation with your partner.



DL 03



CD1-05

A: That game was truly amazing! I still can't believe the Yankees won in the bottom of the ninth inning.

B: Seriously! ¹ And _____
 _____. I love this Dugout Mug—who knew drinking out of a baseball bat could be this cool?

A: Right? I saw the “Made in America” story about them the other night. ² They are manufactured in Florida and _____
 _____. Pretty awesome.

B: Yeah, and they've got all the teams. You know I had to get mine with the Red Sox logo!

A: I went for the classic Yankees one, of course. And did you see the home plate coasters and keychains too?

B: Well, at least now we have mugs to toast the season opener! Here's to baseball and a great season! ³ And _____
 _____.

A: Definitely! Next time we come, I might even get one of those bottle openers.

1. そして、試合前にチームショップに寄って本当に良かったです。

2. マグはフロリダで製造されて、それぞれが本物のバットのバレルから手作業でつくられています。

3. そして、私たちの地域の小規模企業を支援しましょう。

-)) **D Summary Practice:** Fill in the blanks with suitable words beginning with the letters indicated. Then listen to the CD and check your answers.



DL 04



CD1-06

Tonight's "Made in America" highlights (¹**D**) (²**M**), a Florida-based company turning baseball (³**b**) (⁴**b**) into unique drinking mugs. Founded nearly (⁵**n**) years ago by Kris Dehnert, the company operates in Winter Haven, Florida, and sources its (⁶**w**) from five northeastern states. With (⁷**t**) workers producing about 900 mugs daily, Dugout Mugs engraves each mug with the (⁸**l**) of a (⁹**M**) (¹⁰**L**) Baseball team and sells them in every MLB (¹¹**s**). Since first being featured on the "Made in America" (¹²**C**) special in December, the company has seen a surge in nationwide (¹³**o**), leading to six new (¹⁴**h**) and the launch of new product (¹⁵**l**), including bottle openers, coasters, (¹⁶**k**), and more. Their products are now being (¹⁷**s**) to training (¹⁸**c**) and ballparks across the country, including the Detroit Tigers' (¹⁹**s**) training facility in Lakeland, Florida. The news story (²⁰**c**) the company's growth and the pride behind three powerful words: Made in America.

E Discussion: Share your ideas and opinions with your classmates.

1. Do you watch baseball? What are the similarities and differences between MLB and Japanese professional baseball?
2. Describe a creative product from Japan that uses traditional or local materials, like the baseball bat mugs in the story.
3. How do you think media exposure, like being featured on a TV show, can help a small business grow?



英語では音節の構造上、語尾が子音で終わる単語が多く、また単語として独立している場合でも、音節どうしの結びつきが強いため、語の境界を越えて後続の母音とつながりやすいので、2つ以上の単語が連結して発音されることがある。例えば、以下の例文中の *in_a* では、2つの語がつながって発音され、「イン・ア」が「イナ」のように聞こえる。

— As an idea that started *in_a* dugout, *in_a* baseball dugout almost nine years ago, ...

(1. *MLB's Dugout Mugs: A Home Run Idea*, P. 9 L. 14)

特に、語尾子音の /n/ と後続母音との連結が多く、これを “n” 連結 (n-linking) という。野球放送では日本人アナウンサーも *one_out* を「ワンナウト」と発音しているのをよく聞く。また *come_on* などの句動詞、*first_of_all* など英語で頻繁に用いられる慣用句での連結例も多く見られる。実際、ニュース英語でも以下のような連結の例が見られた。なめらかに発音できるようになるためには、何度も音声を聞いて音読する練習が必要である。

— ..., Ohio, and New York—20 workers *in_all*, 900 mugs a day.

(1. *MLB's Dugout Mugs: A Home Run Idea*, P. 9 L. 12)

— ..., finally free after spending the last three *and_a* half years *in_a* Russian prison.

(4. *A Return From Russian Prison*, P. 28 L. 9)

— ..., but he was sentenced to 14 years *in_a* penal colony.

(4. *A Return From Russian Prison*, P. 28 L. 13)

— I don't think I've ever been *in_a* tunnel like this...

(6. *Protecting Ecuador's Amazon*, P. 40 L. 10)

— Bob Woodruff and the nonprofit Global Conservation *on_a* journey across five countries.

(6. *Protecting Ecuador's Amazon*, P. 40 L. 1)

— A *line_of* cars around the block right here waiting to buy eggs.

(12. *Egg Shortages*, P. 79 L. 4)

— *One_of* them ceremonially rung by winning athletes during this summer's Olympic Games in Paris.

(13. *Notre Dame Cathedral to Reopen After Fire*, P. 87 L. 23)