

1 Find TEN words in the wordsearch (right to left, vertical, horizontal and diagonal).

E	Y	L	D	E	S	O	P	P	U	S	D
D	L	O	R	A	F	C	O	N	C	Y	E
E	R	B	P	L	A	X	I	B	L	T	H
R	F	A	I	F	O	R	A	N	I	I	C
O	T	E	E	S	F	A	K	O	M	L	T
F	A	K	D	A	U	P	L	A	H	I	E
L	N	A	J	O	W	A	X	A	P	B	F
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A	C	Y	T	A	B	B	E	P	S	D	R
F	S	T	C	O	C	N	O	C	T	E	A
X	O	A	G	L	N	S	R	E	A	R	F
P	O	M	N	I	E	K	A	T	L	C	Y

2 Complete the text with appropriate words from Exercise 1.

Have you heard about April Fool's Day? In countries like the UK, on April 1st people often tell stories that are ¹ supposedly true but turn out to be ² news. One famous example is the story of the spaghetti tree. In 1957, the BBC broadcast a programme showing women picking spaghetti. A well-known news broadcaster was employed to give the voiceover which gave the story ³ and is probably why so many people were ⁴ Back then, spaghetti was not a common food item in the UK, so many people ⁵ the story and didn't think it was at all ⁶ In fact, some viewers thought it so ⁷ they called in to find out where they could buy a tree. A few viewers didn't enjoy the BBC ⁸ and complained. I suppose they thought it was a ⁹ rather than an April fool's joke ¹⁰ to entertain the viewers.

3 Match the definitions with the words in the box. There are three extra words.

crackdown crack down on cut back cutback
downturn go-ahead go ahead outcome
outgoings setback the outset tip-off upkeep

- amounts of money that regularly have to be spent, for example to pay rent outgoings
- a secret warning or piece of secret information
- a reduction in something, made in order to save money
- a reduction in the amount or success of something, such as a country's economic activity

- a situation in which someone starts to deal with bad or illegal behaviour in a more severe way

- something that happens that delays or prevents a process from developing

- the result or effect of an action or situation

- the cost or process of keeping something, such as a building, in good condition

- the beginning

- an occasion when permission is given for someone to start doing something

4 Reorder the words to make complete sentences.

- the mission / outset / would be difficult / from / it was thought / to complete

From the outset it was thought that the mission would be difficult to complete.

- his income / he is always / outgoings / balancing / going on about / with his / his problems

- they are planning to / crack / crime / down / by increasing / on / the government / that / the number of police / confirmed

- cut / the company / back / at the Manchester office / it's claimed / is going to / the number of staff / that

- publish / they will / ahead / the university / in next month's journal / go / has informed me / and / that / my article

- millions of pounds / in compensation / out / that / pay / it's reported that / will have to / the company

- by an anonymous caller / tipped / the police / off / it is believed / were

- \$500,000 / the company / over / I am pleased / that / turned / this year / to confirm

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D	L	O	R	A	F	C	O	N	C	Y	E
E	R	B	P	L	A	X	I	B	L	T	H
R	F	A	I	F	O	R	A	N	I	I	C
O	T	E	E	S	F	A	K	O	M	L	T
F	A	K	D	A	U	P	L	A	H	I	E
L	N	A	J	O	W	A	X	A	P	B	F
L	A	F	M	I	E	H	L	J	O	I	-
A	C	Y	T	A	B	B	E	P	S	D	R
F	S	T	C	O	C	N	O	C	T	E	A
X	O	A	G	L	N	S	R	E	A	R	F
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- 2 fake
- 3 credibility
- 4 taken in
- 5 fell for
- 6 far-fetched
- 7 plausible
- 8 hoax
- 9 scam
- 10 concocted

3

- 2 tip-off
- 3 cutback
- 4 downturn
- 5 crackdown
- 6 setback
- 7 outcome
- 8 upkeep
- 9 the outset
- 10 go-ahead

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- 2 He is always going on about his problems balancing his income with his outgoings.
- 3 The government confirmed that they are planning to crack down on crime by increasing the number of police.
- 4 It's claimed that the company is going to cut back the number of staff at the Manchester office.
- 5 The university has informed me that they will go ahead and publish my article in next month's journal.
- 6 It's reported that the company will have to pay out millions of pounds in compensation.
- 7 It is believed the police were tipped off by an anonymous caller.
- 8 I am pleased to confirm that the company has turned over \$500,000 this year.