

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

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

2 Complete the text with appropriate words from Exercise 1. The first letter of each word is given.

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 *f* 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 *c* and is probably why so many people were ⁴ *t*. Back then, spaghetti was not a common food item in the UK, so many people ⁵ *f* the story and didn't think it was at all ⁶ *f*. In fact, some viewers thought it so ⁷ *p* they called in to find out where they could buy a tree. A few viewers didn't enjoy the BBC ⁸ *h* and complained. I suppose they thought it was a ⁹ *s* rather than an April fool's joke ¹⁰ *c* to entertain the viewers.

3 Match the definitions with the words in the box.

crackdown cutback downturn 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
He is always
- they are planning to / crack / crime / down / by increasing / on / the government / the number of police / confirmed that
The government
- cut / that the company / back / at the Manchester office / it's claimed / is going to / the number of staff / It's claimed
- publish / that they will / ahead / the university / in next month's journal / go / has informed me / and / my article
The university
- millions of pounds / in compensation / out / pay / it's reported that / will have to / that the company
It's reported that
- by an anonymous caller / tipped / the police / off / it is believed / were
It is believed
- \$500,000 / the company / over / I am pleased / turned / that this year / to confirm
I am pleased

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

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- 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.