

Welcome to the *Retro Times*, ESL Kingdom's historical newspaper. The *Retro Times* brings history to life for learners with events presented from the perspective of the time they actually happened.

Each month, three new issues of the *Retro Times* will be uploaded into each of the three levels: lower intermediate, intermediate and upper intermediate. Each level will have unique and original articles, so as learners advance in ability, they can progress through each level of the *Retro Times* without having to repeat the same events! Also, each issue will be accompanied by extensive exercises.

### **About the Lesson Exercises**

#### Before Reading: Preview the Information

This section helps learners preview the information and gain an initial understand of the text. It also gives them a chance to discuss any prior knowledge they may have of any of the events. Depending on the diversity of the learners in your class, the prior knowledge of events may vary greatly.

#### Reading: Understand the Information

This section helps students organize and understand information in a variety of ways; from making lists to summarizing and from fact checking to extracting the most important pieces of information from a text. These exercises help learners distinguish essential information from nonessential information and therefore provide them with a more comprehensive understanding of the text as well as providing them with indispensable study skills.

#### After Reading: Follow-Up Information

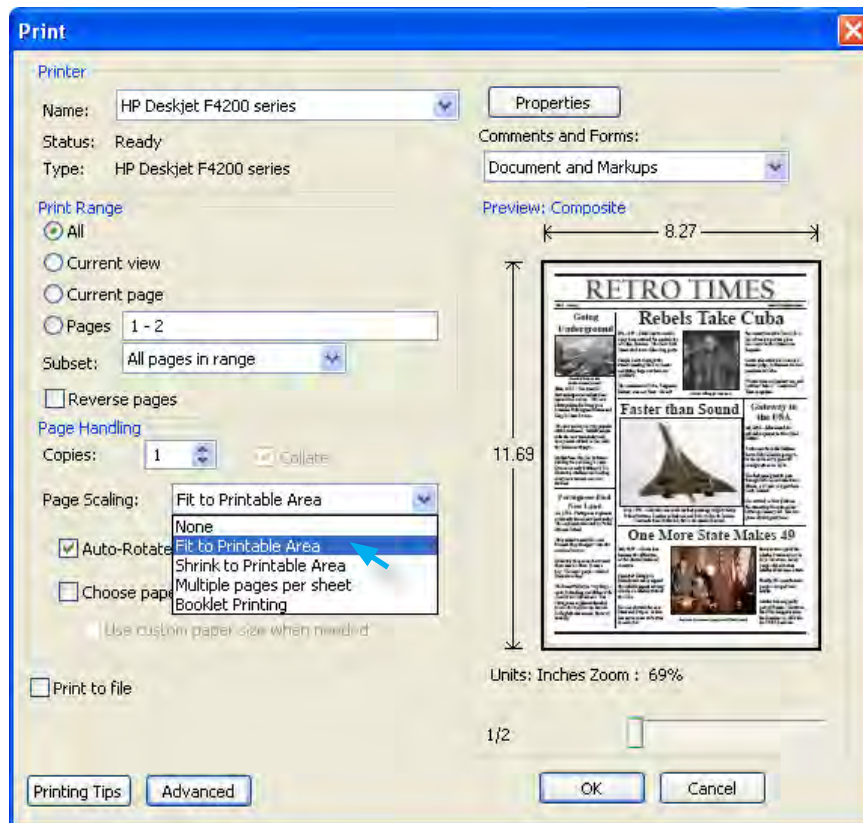
This section has been designed to help students better understand the present day relevance of the events they read each month.

It is not expected that learners know the answers to every, or indeed any, question in the *After Reading* section; especially if the topics are not related to the learners themselves or their background. So, if they do not know an answer, get them to highlight the question and find the answer for homework. Or, if you have a computer in your classroom, get your class to work in pairs to find the answers.

An excellent resource for learners to use for research is *Wikipedia Simple English*; the information is presented, as the title suggests, in easy to understand English which is highly accessible to intermediate learners: <http://simple.wikipedia.org>

### Printing

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