

Inside Reading Level 2
Unit 9 Skill Review: Previewing and Predicting

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The Review Skill for Unit 9 asks you to look at the headings and pictures in Reading 1 and predict what it will be about. Answer the questions below to help you preview “A Game of Checkers.”

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News commentators need to verify facts before they present information.



Fact-checkers use several tools, including telephones and the Internet, to do their job.

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- a. The black and red game pieces used in the game of “Checkers”
 - b. The people who check facts and other information for the news and other services
 - c. The people who listen to and receive the news
2. Now read the subtitles below. Think about how they are connected to the title “A Game of Checkers.”

Worth the Effort

Checking Everything

Serious Consequences

What is “worth the effort” and has “serious consequences”?

- a. Playing games
 - b. Listening to the news
 - c. Checking facts
3. Now read the last lines of the article and complete the sentence below.

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Possible answers:

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