

**Circle the words in each line that rhyme.**

rat	rate	bait	braid
ring	bring	bang	hinge
tape	date	shape	ship
rope	top	show	crop
tune	rum	tun	moon

**Study these vocabulary words and phrases that appear in the news story in this lesson.**

**charge:** A charge is the amount of money you have to pay for something. EX: *What will you charge to repair my car?* Charge can also be used as a verb to mean the amount of money someone requires to be paid. EX: *The lawyer charged \$500 for my divorce.* If something is free of charge, it doesn't cost anything. EX: *If you buy one meal at my restaurant, your friend's meal is free of charge.* A charge can be a formal accusation against someone. EX: *Police charged Mr. Smith with murder.* If you are in charge of someone, you have responsibility for them. EX: *I left my mother in charge of the children while I went to school.* Charge can also mean to move quickly and aggressively toward someone. EX: *The angry bull charged the crowd.* And you can charge a battery which means to pass electrical current through it. EX: *You'd better charge your battery before you drive the car very far.*

**massive:** having a very large mass EX: *It took two men to lift the massive box onto the table.*

**emergency rescue operation:** when you organize people to free someone from danger or confinement EX: *The police organized an emergency rescue operation to save the people from the flood.*

**publicity stunt:** a planned event designed to attract the attention of people and the media EX: *The man jumped over 10 cars on a motorcycle as a publicity stunt to become famous.*

**in question:** open to doubt or suspicion EX: *Whether the man knew his son was in danger is still in question.*

**scrambling:** to move hurriedly EX: *The crowd was scrambling to get away from the angry bull.*

**glued to their sets:** watching a TV set with great attention EX: *During the World Series, all baseball fans are glued to their sets.*

**patrol car:** police car

**dashed:** run somewhere quickly EX: *The man dashed to the police station to report he had been robbed.*

**amateur:** not a professional EX: *The amateur detectives tried to solve the crime.*

**shocked:** surprised or frightened EX: *The news of the bombing shocked the townspeople.*

**appalled:** something so bad that it shocks you EX: *I was appalled that the murderer was released from prison after only one year.*

**suspicious arose:** when people become suspicious EX: *Suspicious arose that the man was lying after his wife disagreed with his story.*

**stated:** said EX: *The policeman stated that the criminal had been arrested.*

**hoax:**trick or a joke EX: *The story that the governor had been killed was just a hoax.*

### **Complete the sentence.**

I am appalled by\_\_\_\_\_

I am suspicious \_\_\_\_\_

I am glued to my TV set when \_\_\_\_\_

In my neighborhood there is a massive \_\_\_\_\_

In the U.S. I think they charge too much for \_\_\_\_\_

I was shocked when I heard \_\_\_\_\_

When I see a patrol car in my neighborhood, I feel \_\_\_\_\_

### **News Headline: Police to Charge Balloon Boy Father**

Police in Colorado, are planning to charge a man who started a massive emergency rescue operation for his son. It seems the search may have been nothing more than a publicity stunt. Richard Heene, the man in question, had the emergency services scrambling after a giant helium-filled balloon on Thursday. He told the police his six-year-old son was inside the balloon. The chase for the balloon was live on television. Millions of TV viewers were glued to their sets as helicopters and patrol cars pursued the UFO-shaped balloon. Flights were cancelled at the Denver International Airport. The balloon eventually came down in a field. Police officers dashed to it to rescue the boy, but no one was inside.

Mr. Heene is an amateur scientist and inventor. He is shocked that people think it was all a publicity stunt. He appeared on the Larry King show and said he was appalled people thought it was all a big joke. His version of events is that his son crawled into a small compartment beneath the balloon. The balloon then broke free from where it was tied in the garden and floated away. Suspicions arose when the boy, named Falcon, stated he had hidden for four hours in a small attic above the garage. Police believe Mr. Heene was seeking publicity. Sherriff Jim Alderden told reporters: "We do anticipate...there will be some criminal charges filed in respect to this incident." Heene told reporters it was "absolutely no hoax".

### **Answer True or False**

The father of "balloon boy" is now in prison.

Police feared the balloon would explode.

The balloon was shaped like a monster.

The father told reporters the incident was not a publicity stunt.

Many Americans glued their hands to their television screens.

Flights from Denver were disrupted.

The president called a national emergency.

The father makes a lot of money working as a scientist.

The father went on the Larry King show and made some jokes.

The police believe the father wanted to get a lot of public attention.

The police said the father would face criminal charges.

### **Discussion**

Do you believe this was a publicity stunt?

Do you think this was a funny joke?

Have you ever seen a rescue operation?

Do you think the police should charge the father with a crime?

Have you ever been up in a hot-air balloon? Would you like to go?

Give an example of a publicity stunt you have seen or heard about.