

8B SONG News of the World

- a Listen to the song and complete the gaps with a preposition.

News of the World

Punk rock

Power pop

I read ¹ *about* the things that happen ² _____ the world

Don't believe ³ _____ everything you see or hear
The neighbours talk

Day in day ⁴ _____

About **the goings** ⁵ _____

They tell us what they want

They **don't give an inch**

Look ⁶ _____ the pictures taken by the cameras

They cannot lie

The truth is ⁷ _____ what you see

Not what you read

Little men tapping things ⁸ _____

Points ⁹ _____ view

Remember their views

Are not **the gospel truth**

Don't believe it all

Find ¹⁰ _____ for yourself

Check before you spread

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Never doubt

Never ask

Never moan

Never search

Never find

Never know

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Each morning **our key to the world** comes ¹¹ _____ the door

More than often it's just a comic, not much more

Don't take it too serious – not many do

Read ¹² _____ **the lines** and you'll find the truth

Read all ¹³ _____ it (x2)

News of the world (x2)



- b Listen again and read the lyrics. Match the **bold** phrases to their meaning.

1 refuse to change your position or opinion

2 look for meaning in something that hasn't been said or written openly

3 a metaphor for a newspaper

4 idiom meaning the complete truth

5 activities or events which are strange, surprising, or dishonest

6 all the time

GLOSSARY

comic = a magazine, especially for children, that tells stories through pictures

moan = complain about something in a way which other people find annoying

SONG FACTS

This song was a hit for British group The Jam in 1978. The lyrics are advice the band gave to readers about the British tabloid newspaper *News of the World*, encouraging them not to believe everything they read in it. The *News of the World* stopped publishing in 2011 because of controversy over illegal phone hacking.

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 8B

NEWS OF THE WORLD

A)

2 throughout

3 in

4 out

5 on

6 at

7 in

8 out

9 of

10 out

11 through

12 between

13 about

B)

1 don't give an inch (NB this is a shortened version of the expression "given them an inch and they'll a mile")

2 read between the lines

3 our key to the world

4 the gospel truth

5 the goings on

6 day in day out