

The Features of the News Headlines (Lecture No.7)

1. Ellipsis الحذف

As started previously, headlines have a distinct type of register that incorporates several features on the top of which is ellipsis.

_this features is intended to raise the curiosity of the reader in identifying what is missing and finalizing his interest to the very end of the article.

_usually, the words omitted from headlines include function words (grammatical words that don't carry internet meaning and their purpose is to add to the syntax rather than the sense of a sentence) determiners (some, this, that, the, a, more, much, either, neither), pronouns (he, they, it), auxiliary verbs (be, is, am, are), pronunciations marks and titles (Mrs., sir, lord).

An example from the BBS news, to June 2016:

Bangladesh arrests 900 crackdown on Islamic militants.

If this headlines converted into a proper sentence, then the sentence would read: Bangladesh police say they have arrested 900 people as part of a crackdown on militants following a series of deadly attacks.