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News Flash!

Narrative

Deductive

Warm up Questions:

- What is a news flash?
- In this news flash, who is: (a) the news reader? (Bruce)
(b) the news reporter? (Katie Conner)
- What news channel do they work for? (Channel 7 News)
- Which fairy tale do you think this could be part of? Recount the story to your teacher. (The Three Little Pigs)

Main Questions:

1. Is this news report inside or outside?
2. Of the three pigs, is the Mr Pig being interviewed the first, second or third pig? (first – 'house of straw')
3. Is his house still standing? (no)
4. Has Mr Pig cut himself? (yes - he is bleeding)
5. Is the cut big or small? (big - he's bleeding badly)
6. Why do you think Mr Pig has a headache? (something fell on his head when his house was blown down)
7. Do you think this is why he can't remember anything? (yes)
8. Mr Pig believes a tornado hit his house. Do you think Katie Conner agrees with him? ('Yes' - 'it looks as if a tornado has swept right through this area')
9. Is the ambulance man at the scene polite? (Yes. 'I'm afraid', 'Sorry madam', 'sir')
10. When is this action taking place?
(a) a long time in the past? (b) a short time in the past?
(c) now – as it happens? (now, it's a live broadcast)

Essential Vocabulary:

- When Mr Pig is talking he often uses informal speech. Can you find his informal words in the text and highlight them? (don't; you're; we'll; it's; I'm; I've; he's)
- Now match them with how we would write them formally: (do not; you are; we will; it is; I am; I have; he is)
- Draw a picture of the tornado Katie Conner describes.
- Does Mr Pig have a small headache or a big headache? (big)
- Write down the word that tells you this. (banging)
- How does Katie Conner describe the tornado in paragraph 2, like a mop, like a spade or like a brush? Draw your answer.
- Highlight two words in this paragraph that tell you this. (swept, brushed)

Evaluative Questions:

- What do you think really happened to Mr Pig's house? (the wolf blew it down)
- Why do you think 'old Wolfie boy' wanted to see Mr Pig? (he wanted to eat him)
- Where do you think 'Wolfie' is now? (at the next pig's house)
- Your teacher will now give you a part to act out. Pretend you are one of the characters. As a group think how you would say the words in your parts.
- Do you like this way of re-telling an old story? Why? How does this help you learn?

CHANNEL 7 News Flash!

- News Reader:** We can go straight to our reporter Katie Conner now, live on Haystack Hill. Katie, what's happening over there?
- Reporter:** Thanks Bruce. Well, as you can see, it looks as if a tornado has swept right through this area and brushed everything to one side. Just look at this mess! But here with me now is Mr Pig of Yellow Grass Grove. Mr Pig, can you tell us what happened?
- Mr Pig:** I'm lucky to be alive! The last thing I remember is old Wolfie boy asking if he could come in and the next thing I knew, my house had blown down and there was straw everywhere.
- Reporter:** And why did Mr Wolf want to come into your home?
- Mr Pig:** Like I said, I don't remember much. It's all a blur and I've got a banging headache. Who knows, a cup of tea, a slice of cake?
- Reporter:** And where will you go now that you're homeless?
- Mr Pig:** I guess my brother's place. It's not too far away and it's made of sticks, so it will be safer if those winds come back.
- Ambulance Man:** I'm afraid the only place you're going to is the hospital, Sir. Sorry Madam, but we need to take a look at this pig's head. He's bleeding very badly.
- Reporter:** Well, that's all for now. This is Katie Conner reporting live on Haystack Hill for Channel 7 news. Now back to the studio.
- News Reader:** Thanks Katie; and we'll have more on that story as and when it happens.



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- Reporter:** And why did Mr Wolf want to come into your home?
- Mr Pig:** I don't remember. Who knows...a cup of tea...a slice of cake? I've got a banging headache.
- Reporter:** And where will you go now that you have no home to live in?
- Mr Pig:** My brother's place isn't far away and it's made of sticks. It will be safer and stronger if that wind comes back.
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- Mr Pig:** It's a miracle that I'm alive! The last thing I remember is that old Wolfie boy was asking if he could come in and the next thing I know my house has blown down and there's straw everywhere.
- Reporter:** And why do you think Mr Wolf wanted to enter your home?
- Mr Pig:** Like I said, I don't remember much. It's all a bit of a blur really and I've got a banging headache. Who knows ... a cup of herbal tea...a slice of home-made cake?
- Reporter:** And now that you've been made homeless, where will you go?
- Mr Pig:** I guess my brother's place. It's not too far and it's made of sticks so I reckon it'll be safer if those winds come back.
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