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http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8319757.stm

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Vocab and Prediction

Students work on vocab and predict content. Open class FB with meanings and unconfirmed FB about the content of the story.

Students watch to see if their predictions were correct.

Cultural Information: People and Institutions

FB after watching using stills from the video and getting FB from students on the question of why they were interviewed. Stills for individuals given in brackets.

1. Paul Tolhurst, Royal Mail Operations Director (0:58)

2. Dave Ward, CWU (Communication Workers Union) Deputy General Secretary (1:06)

3. Lord Mandelson, Business Secretary (Labour party)

4. Ken Clarke (MP), Shadow Business Secretary (Conservative / Tory party)

After FB – bring up the names on the slides and mention the institutions at the bottom.

Listening for the Main Ideas /Summarising

Students discuss and try and answer before watching. Watch and discuss to come up with one line. Feedback & check. Clicks bring up suggested answers 1 by 1.

Discussion
Students talk about strike action in their own country.

BBC defends BNP move amid protest

Controversial topic but I used this as it was the day of the Question Time programme. It's also something you could argue that our International students should be aware of.

Prediction and Cultural Background Knowledge

Find out what students know and introduce the topic.

Listening for the Main Ideas

Students listen once to try and pick out the main arguments. Discuss in groups and feed back.
Bring them up after discussion.

Discussion
Students give their opinion.