

## The Facts

Here is an explanation of the meanings of some words as they are used in the passage:

- 1- Magazine (n.) = mag inf.
- 2- Unimportant (adj.) = inconsequential = trivial
- 3- Statistics (n.) = numbers
- 4- Journalist (n.) = reporter = correspondent = pressman Br.
- 5- Instruct (v.) = order = command
- 6- Well-known (adj.) = famous = renowned = celebrated
- 7- Article (n.) = essay
- 8- Publish (v.) = print
- 9- Wall (n.) = fence
- 10- Telegram (n.) = Cable
- 11- Exact (adj.) = accurate = precise
- 12- Obtain (v.) = attain
- 13- Meanwhile (adj.) = in the meantime
- 14- Get (v.) = become
- 15- Impatient (adj.) = annoyed or irritated because of waiting.
- 16- Urgent (adj.) = pressing
- 17- Reply (n.) = response = answer
- 18- Yet (adv.) = still
- 19- Inform (v.) = notify = tell
- 20- Fire (v.) = dismiss = sack = give the sack
- 21- Failed to reply = did not reply
- 22- Originally (adv.) = initially
- 23- At last (adv.) = at long last = finally = eventually = in the end
- 24- Poor (adj.) = deserving sympathy
- 25- Arrest (v.) = apprehend
- 26- Prison = jail = penitentiary Am.

27- Allow (v.) = permit

28- Send (v.) = dispatch

After we have read the passage and explained the meanings of some of the words in it, it is time to answer the comprehension questions. These are done below:

- 1- The journalist immediately set out to get the facts after receiving instructions from his editor.
- 2- He did not send them at once.
- 3- The editor was getting impatient.
- 4- He sent three telegrams.
- 5- He threatened to sack the journalist.
- 6- The last telegram was not answered.
- 7- The article was printed in its original form.
- 8- The journalist sent a telegram a week later.
- 9- He had been imprisoned because he got near the president's palace.

Now our task is to link the sentences above so as to create a précis. Here is an attempt below:

Although the journalist immediately set out to get the facts after receiving instructions from his editor, he did not send them at once. Meanwhile, the editor was getting impatient, so he sent three telegrams threatening to sack the journalist. When the last telegram was not answered either, the article was printed in its original form. A week later, the journalist eventually sent a telegram notifying the editor that he had been imprisoned because he got near the president's palace.