**Listening to the News 1\_Fun Facts and Links**

**American Life**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that the Statue of Liberty was brought to the United States in pieces?
2. Did you know that you can make a chair fly by attaching balloons to it?
3. Did you know that students can help save towns when they are in danger?

**Books/Links:**

1. Rivers: Diary of a Blind Alaska Sled Dog (Dillingham, 2001)
2. The Story of the Statue of Liberty (Maestro, 1989)
3. Statue of Liberty Website (http://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm)
4. Students Make Plan to Save Town (<http://www.theshorthorn.com/index.php/news/citystate/27192-students-make-plan-to-save-a-town>)
5. Single-sex Schools (<http://www.singlesexschools.org/evidence.html>)

**General Interest**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that people use bamboo as flooring in their homes?
2. Did you know that cruise ships travel all over the world?
3. Did you know that it is possible to buy a ticket to fly into outer space?

**Books/Links:**

1. The Book of Miniature Horses (Smith and Curtis, 2007)
2. Cruise Ships (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cruise_ship>)
3. Virgin Galactic Space Tours (<http://www.virgingalactic.com/>)
4. Eye Wonder: Space (Stott, 2001)
5. E-waste (http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/electronics/whatisewaste/)

**Science**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that seed banks hold sees for all kinds of plants?
2. Did you know that an artificial tail can be put on a dolphin to help it swim?
3. Did you know that skin can be grafted on a person’s body with a special gun?

**Books/Links:**

1. Live Your Life Well: Get Enough Sleep ([www.nmha.org/go/live-your-life-well/sleep](http://www.nmha.org/go/live-your-life-well/sleep))
2. Skin Gun (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXO_ApjKPaI>)
3. Amazing Jellies: Jewels of the Sea (Tayntor Gowell, 2004)
4. Vancouver Seed Bank (<http://www.vancouverseedbank.ca/>)
5. Rescued Farm Animals Get Artificial Limb (http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2008/12/rescued\_farm\_animals\_get\_artif.html)

**World Interest**

**Fun Facts:**

1. Did you know that over 10 million tourists visit Venice, Italy each year?
2. Did you know that above-ground trains can transport people all over a country at very high speeds?
3. Did you know that city monkeys are pests in cities?

**Books/Links:**

1. Chile Mine Rescue (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-11489439>)
2. Dark Days in Monkey City (<http://animal.discovery.com/tv/dark-days-monkey-city/>)
3. Venice: Pure City (Ackroyd, 2011)
4. How Mosquitos Work (<http://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/life/zoology/insects-arachnids/mosquito.htm>)
5. Big Book of Trains (DK Publishing, 1998)