2020 GRADUATION CEREMONIES
The Extension Activity includes eight pages of information and six question and answer activities. Also included are links for video viewing. The Extension Activity is intended to enhance News-2-You and Unique Learning System (ULS) content.

Newspaper Overview

**Topic: 2020 Graduation Ceremonies**

- Many seniors are graduating in 2020. They may graduate from high schools or colleges.

- Graduation ceremonies will be different in 2020.

- People cannot gather because of the coronavirus. They cannot gather for graduation ceremonies.

- But seniors have worked hard. Schools still want to celebrate seniors.

ULS Overview

**May Target: Life Science**

- Many seniors are graduating in 2020. Graduation ceremonies will be different in 2020.

- People cannot gather because of the coronavirus. They cannot gather for graduation ceremonies.

- Scientists are still studying the coronavirus.

- They are studying how to keep people safe before they gather again.
Graduation ceremonies will be different in 2020.

Seniors will not have traditional graduation ceremonies.

Let's learn about traditional graduation ceremonies!
Graduation ceremonies are usually in May or June.

- Seniors have worked very hard. They have gone to school for many years and learned many things.
- Schools celebrate seniors at the end of the school year.
- They usually have graduation ceremonies for seniors.
- Graduation ceremonies include dressing up, getting diplomas and listening to speeches.

A Graduate Getting His Diploma

Would you like to go to a graduation ceremony? Why?
Seniors wear special caps and gowns at graduation ceremonies.

- Seniors dress in nice clothes and wear graduation gowns or robes over their clothes.

- They wear graduation caps on their heads. Many seniors decorate the tops of their caps.

- Seniors attach tassels onto buttons in the centers of their caps.

- A tassel is a bunch of colored threads hanging from a clasp.

A Senior with a Decorated Cap

How would you decorate the top of your cap? Why?
Seniors enter the graduation area.

- Many graduation ceremonies are in gymnasiums or arenas. Other ceremonies are outside in stadiums.

- Seniors line up and get ready to walk in. Music plays as seniors enter.

- Many graduation ceremonies play a song called Pomp and Circumstance.

- The song has been played at graduation ceremonies for more than 100 years!

What is your favorite song? Why?
Who are graduation ceremonies for?

- babies
- aliens
- seniors
What do seniors attach to their graduation caps?

tassels  |  gowns  |  dresses
What is Pomp and Circumstance?

song

TV show

movie
Seniors get their diplomas.

- Seniors walk across a stage when their names are called. They get their diplomas!
- Diplomas are certificates saying seniors graduated.
- They shake hands with their school leaders. They might take pictures with them too.
- Seniors move their tassels from one side of their caps to the other side. This means they have graduated!

Who would you like to take a picture with? Why?
Seniors listen to graduation speeches.

- Most schools invite someone to give a special speech called a commencement speech.
- The speaker may be a city leader, community member or someone famous.
- Seniors listen to a speech from the school valedictorian too.
- The valedictorian is the senior with the highest grades in class.

A Valedictorian Giving a Speech

Would you like to give a speech? Why?
Seniors celebrate and make plans for the future!

- Seniors may throw their caps into the air at the end of graduation ceremonies.
- Many seniors have graduation parties to celebrate.
- They celebrate with friends and family. They make plans for the future.
- Graduation ceremonies will look different in 2020. Seniors are still excited for the future!
What do seniors walk across at a graduation ceremony?

- stage
- street
- bridge
What do seniors listen to at graduation ceremonies?

lullabies

alarms

speeches
What may seniors throw into the air at the end of graduation ceremonies?

- rings
- caps
- food
Visit the following links for expanded video content.

Click on the video link to learn more about what seniors are missing this year:

Click on the video link to see an example of a graduation speech:

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