

B Headlines

FOOTBALL FANS **CLASH**
WITH POLICE

clash with sb fight or disagree seriously with sb about sth. **clash** N.

200 **AXED** CAR WORKERS
PROTEST IN CITY CENTRE

axe sb/sth cut numbers of people, jobs, etc. by a large amount (an axe is a large tool used for cutting wood).

protest say or show that you don't agree with sth, especially in public. **protest** N.

Bomb **scare** in city centre

scare a situation in which many people are afraid or worried (e.g. **bomb scare**, **health scare**, **food scare**).

NURSES **DEMONSTRATE**
OVER TAX CHANGES

demonstrate take part in a public protest for or against sth.
SYN **protest**. **demonstration/protest** N.

THREAT to
Hollywood Star

threat a statement that sb may kill, hurt, or punish you if you don't do what they want. **threaten** V.

MAN **CLAIMS**
DOG CAN TALK

claim sth OR **claim that** say that sth is true without having proof.
claim N.

GOVERNMENT
PROMISES HIGHER
PENSIONS

promise (to do) sth say definitely that you will do sth, or that sth will happen. SYN **make a promise**. **promise** N.

pension money paid regularly by the government or a company to sb who has stopped working because of old age (sb who receives a pension is a **pensioner**).

GOVERNMENT **PLEDGES**
AID FOR ETHIOPIA

pledge sth make a formal promise to do or give sth. **pledge** N.
aid money, food, etc. that is sent to a country or to people to help them (**aid** V FMI means 'give help').

spotlight Verbs and nouns with the same form

There are many words in English in which the base form of the verb and the noun are the same, e.g. *clash*, *protest*, *claim*, *promise*, *pledge*, and *aid*.

*There was a **clash** between the protesters and the police.*

*The police and the protesters **clashed**.*

(See the Vocabulary Building tables on page 202.)