

## **Puzzle Story leading to a reading (Upper primary, secondary and adult)**

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**Level:** lower intermediate

**Time:** 20-30 minutes

**Preparation:** Make copies of the text

**In class:**

- Write these semi-key words from a very short newspaper text on the board:

**Mountain top**

**main square**

**Light**

**November-February**

- Tell the students these are words taken from a short newspaper item. They are to find out what the item is about by asking you, the teacher, “yes no” questions. These must not be “wh” questions.... So

*“ Is the square on the mountain top? “* is a fine question which you answer YES or NO , while

*“ What happens between November and February”* is an illegal question!

- If the students run out of ideas let them have a semi-key word clue like REFLECTION to spark more questions
- When they are nearing the solution but before they get there ask them to read this text:

### **Alpine village sees the light**

Viganella, Italy

A village in the Alps is basking in winter sunshine for the first time, thanks to a giant mirror installed on a mountain top to reflect the sun's rays into the main square.

Viganella , with a population of less than 200, lies in a valley so steep that from 11 November to 2 February it hardly receives any sunshine. The 100,000 euro project to erect the 5 metre by 8 metre mirror was the brainchild of the village mayor Pierfranco Midali.

- For homework ask the students to google Viganella + Pierfranco Midali. They will find over 700 texts with oodles of diagrams, pictures and extra information. They bring some of this to the next class and exchange what they found interesting.