

CURRENT AFFAIRS – B1

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn vocabulary to talk about current affairs, news and media
Key Goals	Here is an outline of what you will learn today: 1. Types of print media 2. Types of news 3. Sections in newspapers of magazines 4. People in connection with media and news 5. Types of media

1. Types of print media

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Exercise:

Write down which type of print media you see in the picture.

1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



Answers:

1. Journal
2. Book
3. Billboard

2. Types of news

hard news	serious and important information targeting a wider public in a certain area or country or in the world
soft news	containing some information together with entertainment and usually referring to people's private lives
feature	an article in a newspaper or magazine dealing with a certain subject; it can also appear on television or radio
article	a text about a particular subject in a newspaper, magazine, on the internet
editorial	an article in a newspaper expressing an opinion of the editor concerning an up-to-date topic
column	a text in a newspaper or magazine about a certain topic that appears in every issue and is written by the same person
review	a written opinion about a certain film, book, etc.
breaking news	information about something that has just happened

Exercise:

Fill in sentences with suitable type of news.

1. We have just heard the news about the big explosion that happened an hour ago. It is really _____ .
2. My brother is a writer and he is really upset because a famous writer wrote a terrible _____ about the book he has written.

Answers:

1. breaking news
2. review

3. Sections in newspapers of magazines

Each newspaper or magazine is usually **divided into different sections**, where you can find international news, domestic news, topics about politics, technology, science, health, sports, arts, style or fashion, food and travel.

international news	news that have happened in other countries in the world
domestic news	news that has happened in your country
section about politics	covers all the news concerning the current political situation, such as elections, news about political parties, about important political decisions and changes being made, etc.

section about technology	covers the news about new technological achievements and developments
section about science	covers developments in the field of scientific achievements.
section about health reports	is about the achievement in medical sector, offer health advice to readers / listeners, offer advice about healthy lifestyle, etc.
section about sport	covers all the current news in sports competitions and offers results of different competitions and matches.
section about arts	offers information about happening in the field of art exhibitions, offers information about famous and less famous artists and can also offer reviews about artistic creations.
section about style or fashion	offers various beauty tricks and recommendations, offers reviews about new cosmetic products, gives news about latest fashion styles in different seasons.
section about food	offers diet advice, various recipes, etc.
section about travel	offers reports and descriptions of different travel destinations, travelogues created by travelers, travel tips and similar.

Exercise:

Write the type of the section you should read if you need to find information about the following:

1. a new recipe for an apple pie

2. election results in your country

3. a new hairstyle which is popular this year

4. an idea for my next holidays

Answers:

1. Section about food
2. Section about politics
3. Section about style or fashion
4. Section about travel

4. People in connection with media and news

There are different names for people we can find in connection to print media and television.

People in Print

columnist	a person who writes an article for a newspaper or magazine
editor	a person who checks and corrects texts before the newspaper is printed or published; it can also be the person in charge of a newspaper
journalist	a person who writes news stories or articles
paparazzi	a person who follows around celebrities to take pictures of them and sell them to newspapers and magazine

People on Television

announcer	a person who reads the news on the television or radio
sports reporter	a person who tells news about sports on television
weather reporter	a person who tells people about the weather in the next following days on television

Exercise:

Fill in sentences with suitable type of people.

1. They say that princess Diana was killed by _____ who were trying to take pictures of her.
2. The _____ today said that it will be raining tomorrow.
3. The _____ found some mistakes in articles written for the newspaper.

Answers:

1. paparazzi
2. weather reporter
3. editor

5. Types of Media

tv or television	a device with a screen receiving electrical signals and turning them into moving images
cable or cable television	a system that sends television programs through underground wires
radio	a device with the help of which people can listen to music or news
online	material that can be found on the internet
print	material (like articles, newspaper) that are in the paper form

Exercise:

Fill in sentences with suitable type of media.

1. He turned on the _____ and enjoyed in listening to music.
2. I often read the news _____ on the computer.
3. I usually watch some movies on _____ in the evening.

Answers:

1. radio
2. online
3. TV



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