

News and Media in English

Level: B1

Learn 30 words to talk about the news, TV and the internet. Read each word and its example, then do the exercises. These words help you say what you read, watch and hear, and tell other people what a journalist or a report said.

News and stories

headline	the title of a news story	I only read the headline , so I didn't know the whole story.
article	a text in a newspaper or on a website	She wrote an article about life in a small village.
newspaper		My grandfather has read the newspaper every morning for forty years.
magazine	a thin book with pictures, published every week or month	I bought a magazine because it had an interview with my favourite singer.
journalist	a person who writes news stories	The journalist asked the mayor three difficult questions.
reporter	a journalist who tells the news on TV, on the radio or in a paper	A reporter was standing outside the hospital when the news came.
report	a text or programme that gives facts about something that happened	The report says that more people are working from home.
story	a news item about something that happened	The story was on the front page of every paper yesterday.
breaking news	news about something that is happening now	We were having dinner when the breaking news started on TV.
source	a person or place that gives information	The journalist said that her source was a person who works at the airport.
rumour	a story that many people tell but may not be true	There is a rumour that the shop is going to close.

TV, radio and the internet

broadcast	a programme that is sent out on TV or radio, often live	The match was a live broadcast , so millions of people watched it.
channel	a TV service with its own programmes	If I had more time, I would watch that channel every day.
programme	a show on TV or radio	He told me that his favourite programme starts at nine.
documentary	a film that tells true facts about a real subject	I've just watched a documentary about the oceans.
presenter	a person who talks to the audience on a TV or radio programme	The presenter was so funny that everybody laughed.

interview	a talk where someone asks a person questions	The actor said in an interview that he was learning Italian.
advert	a short video or text that tries to sell something	I saw an advert for a new phone on the bus.
audience	the people who watch or listen	The audience laughed when the singer came on stage.
viewer	a person who watches TV	Every viewer can vote for their favourite singer.
website	□□	She said that the news website had changed its design.

Talking about the media

the media	TV, radio, newspapers and the internet	The media talked about the story for days.
social media	websites and apps where people share things	Many people get their news from social media .
fake news	false information that looks like real news	He told me not to share fake news online.
review	a text that gives an opinion about a film, a book or a show	I read a good review , so I bought the book.
opinion	what you think about something	In my opinion , the news is too negative.
publish	to print a text or put it online for people to read	The newspaper will publish the photos tomorrow.
announce	to tell people something officially	The company is going to announce its new phone next week.
reliable	good to trust; you can believe it	This website isn't very reliable ; it often gets the facts wrong.
subscribe	to pay to get a magazine or a channel regularly	If I had more money, I would subscribe to a sports channel.

Exercise 1: Match the Words and Meanings

Match each word with its meaning.

1. headline → _____
2. journalist → _____
3. source → _____
4. rumour → _____
5. broadcast → _____
6. audience → _____
7. review → _____
8. reliable → _____

a person or place that gives information a person who writes news stories a programme that is sent out on TV or radio, often live a story that many people tell but may not be true a text that gives an opinion about a film, a book or a show good to trust; you can believe it the people who watch or listen the title of a news story

Exercise 2: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct word or phrase for each sentence.

9. In a newspaper, the big title of a story is the ____.
a) headline b) audience c) advert
10. She works for a TV channel and tells the news from the place where it happens. She is a ____.
a) viewer b) review c) reporter
11. He said that he had heard a ____ about the school closing, but he didn't know if it was true.
a) documentary b) rumour c) magazine
12. Be careful: a lot of people share ____ on social media.
a) fake news b) a presenter c) an audience
13. I read a ____ of the film before I went to see it.
a) source b) broadcast c) review
14. The reporter ____ us that the match had started.
a) said b) told c) talked
15. If I ____ a journalist, I would write about the environment.
a) am b) were c) will be

Exercise 3: Fill in the Blank

Type the missing word.

16. The ____ laughed at every joke the presenter made. (the people who watch)
17. I saw an ____ for trainers on TV. It made me want to buy them. (a short video that sells something)
18. I haven't read the whole article. I only read the _____. (the big words at the top of a story)
19. He told me that his ____ was a woman who works at the town hall. (gives information)
20. Last night I watched a ____ about the oceans. It had true facts and no actors. (a film with true facts)
21. The journalist said that he would ____ the story on Friday. (put it in the paper)
22. If I had more free time, I would ____ to a sports channel. (pay to get it)

Answer key

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10. c) reporter
11. b) rumour
12. a) fake news
13. c) review
14. b) told
15. b) were

Exercise 3: Fill in the Blank

16. audience
17. advert / advertisement / ad / commercial
18. headline / headlines
19. source
20. documentary
21. publish / print
22. subscribe