

The Media: a Meeting Point

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PRESS

Activities | ACT 01. The Press. Newspapers. Front page. Sections.



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1) Vocabulary about newspapers.

| # | ENG | CAT | SPA | ITA | DEFINITION |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | | | | | a small-format paper, with short, sensational stories |
| 2 | | | | | a news article or report |
| 3 | | | | | a newspaper |
| 4 | | | | | a subjective point of view |
| 5 | | | | | means of mass communication (paper, TV, radio) |
| 6 | | | | | a person employed to write articles for a newspaper |
| 7 | | | | | the title at the top of an article |
| 8 | | | | | the first page of a paper |
| 9 | | | | | a large-format newspaper with usually serious contents |
| 10 | | | | | official with the power to stop publication of certain articles |
| 11 | | | | | the obtaining of exclusive rights to a story by payment of large sums of money |
| 12 | | | | | person who writes articles for a paper |
| 13 | | | | | person who writes articles, stating opinion, about art, music ... |
| 14 | | | | | a department of a newspaper [eg: the sports desk] |
| 15 | | | | | to check, modify and prepare written material for publication |
| 16 | | | | | the head of a newspaper or newspaper department |
| 17 | | | | | an article written by the editor stating his opinion |
| 18 | | | | | permission for one paper to publish a story that others can't |
| 19 | | | | | special or regular article in a newspaper, displayed prominently |
| 20 | | | | | a text or piece of writing on any non-fiction subject |

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2) Vocabulary about sections in a newspaper.

| # | ENG | CAT | SPA | ITA |
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| 1 | Local / Domestic / National / International news | | | |
| 2 | Business / finance / economy | | | |
| 3 | Politics | | | |
| 4 | Sports | | | |
| 5 | Weather forecast | | | |
| 6 | Classified ads | | | |
| 7 | Interviews | | | |
| 8 | Letters form readers | | | |
| 9 | Opinion / editorial | | | |
| 10 | Entertainment / comics / crossword puzzle / Horoscopes | | | |
| 11 | Arts, culture, literature | | | |
| 12 | Events / movies | | | |
| 13 | Broadcast / cable television guide | | | |
| 14 | Society / people | | | |
| 15 | Tourism / travel trips | | | |
| 16 | Computers / Technology | | | |
| 17 | Automobiles | | | |
| 18 | Style / fashion | | | |
| 19 | Cooking / cuisine | | | |
| 20 | Health / medicine | | | |
| 21 | Home & decoration | | | |
| 22 | Family | | | |
| 23 | Kids & Youth | | | |
| 24 | Real State | | | |
| 25 | Magazines / other supplements | | | |

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3) Filling the gaps.

For each sentence, choose the best word or phrase to complete the gap from the choices below.

- 1) Have you seen the of today's papers? It says there's going to be another war.
- 2) I don't know why they put that story on the page. Surely no-one cares about what toothpaste soap stars prefer.
- 3) The newspaper is completely against the government. Just look at what they've written in the
- 4) The story about the terrorist attack was sent in by our reporter on the in Prague.
- 5) It doesn't cost too much to put an advert in the section.
- 6) Every paper had a advert for the new Citroen this Saturday.
- 7) There was a photo with a strange under it on the second page.
- 8) Every journalist dreams of getting a(n) story that will make other papers jealous.
- 9) The editor is pleased that the is gradually increasing week by week.
- 10) There are only three papers in that country apparently.
- 11) I like the paper's of international events.
- 12) There's an interesting about a man who gave away all his lottery winnings to charity.

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4) Filling the gaps.

For each sentence, choose the best word or phrase to complete the gap from the choices below.

- 1) In the UK many journalists do not respect people's enough. That's why we need stricter laws.
- 2) Some people prefer to tabloids but I like reading both depending on what mood I'm in.
- 3) I'm only interested in serious news. I can never be bothered to read about celebrities in the gossip .
- 4) The Times is supposed to be a serious, respectable newspaper but I found their coverage of the recent political scandal a bit too .
- 5) The junior minister claimed he had been a victim of a by certain newspapers who were trying to discredit his party's policies.
- 6) When there was a flood in Bristol, it was in all the local papers but it wasn't reported by any of the national .
- 7) The MP for Sunderland was awarded fifty thousand pounds damages against the Stun Newspaper in a recent case.
- 8) A junior minister in the government was recently sacked after it was discovered he was confidential information to the press.
- 9) The war in Iraq used to be the number one news item every day. But nowadays it hardly ever the front page.
- 10) After he was falsely accused of accepting bribes, the senior police officer spent weeks being by the press.
- 11) After the terrorist attack, one of the national tabloids printed a colour two-page howing the sequence of events that led up to the bombing.
- 12) My favourite is Barry Johnson who writes satirical pieces about the week's politics in the Guardian.

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5) Locate elements in a front page.

Choose one of these different front pages and locate the elements.



| # | Front page Element | # | Front page Element | # | Front page Element |
|---|--------------------|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Issue Number | 8 | Key or Refer | 15 | Lead Story |
| 2 | Edition | 9 | Jump Line | 16 | Gray Bar or Registration Line |
| 3 | The Fold | 10 | Rule | 17 | Price |
| 4 | Dateline | 11 | Agate Line / Credit Line | 18 | Overline |
| 5 | Photo Credit | 12 | Byline | 19 | Tick Mark |
| 6 | Caption | 13 | Subhead | 20 | Nameplate |
| 7 | Holes | 14 | Press Letter and Number | 21 | Color Dots |

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6) Online Newspapers.

| # | COUNTRY | NEWSPAPER | WWW | DATE | LEAD STORY | SECTION |
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7) Analyze a front page.

Choose one of these different front pages and answer the following questions.



| # | Questions | Answers |
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| 1 | Where is the nameplate located? | |
| 2 | Where is the lead story located in the front page? | |
| 3 | What colours does the front page use? Why? | |
| 4 | How important are the images on the front page? | |
| 5 | Are the stories "above the fold" more important than the stories "below the fold"? | |
| 6 | What are rules in a front page used for? | |
| 7 | How many stories can you read in the front page? | |