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• **What should the media do and not do?**  
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• **What can you find in a newspaper?**  
I can find / I can read... the headlines / the main story / world news / national news / film reviews / music reviews / concert reviews / the TV guide / editorials / the weather forecast / gossip columns / comics / sports coverage / classifieds / advertisements / puzzles / crosswords.

• **What types of newspapers are there?**  
The different types of newspapers are broadsheets, which are large and often have more serious news... tabloids, which are smaller and have more gossip and scandal... dailies, which come out every day except Sunday... weeklies, which come out once a week.

• **Do you know any newspapers and magazines from the English-speaking countries?**

Some leading / well-known / popular newspapers are in the UK... The Times, The Guardian. In the US people read The New York Times, The Washington Post. Famous / widely known magazines are... Time, Rolling Stone, Vogue, National Geographic, The Economist.

• **Where do you buy newspapers and magazines?**  
I can buy a newspaper / magazine at a newsagent / train station / newsstand. I can have the paper delivered. I can subscribe. We can read it on-line / at a library.

• **What news programmes can you see / find on TV?**

On TV / television, you can see / find... the nightly news, which has a summary of the main events of the day / breakfast news, which is in the morning / current affairs programmes / entertainment news programmes, which are about celebrities / sports news / the weather forecast / talk shows, where a presenter discusses events with a guest / 24-hour news channels, like CT24, CNN, BBC World or Fox News.

• **What news can you find / hear on the radio?**  
On the radio you can find / hear... news updates / breaking news / traffic reports / weather reports / talk shows, when listeners phone in to speak about an event.

• **What can you find / see on the internet?**  
On the internet you can find / see... online newspapers / magazines / radio stations / television channels, which have the same features as the original sources... websites for specialised topics... blogs, where people write their own stories / views / opinions... social media websites, such as Twitter or Facebook, created for sharing personal information / photos / videos.

• **What are the advantages and disadvantages of the internet over traditional media?**

The internet allows you to get news / information for free... at any time of the day... from many sources... The information is more up-to-date... The news on the internet might not be as reliable / trustworthy as traditional media... It's difficult to read from the screen... I miss the feel of paper... I prefer / It is more comfortable... to sit on the couch and watch TV than look at a computer screen.

• **Which type of the media do you prefer?**

I prefer / I like... newspapers and magazines because the quality of the reporting is better... you can read the paper in bed... television programmes because... I can watch while I'm doing something else / it's more entertaining... radio because... I can listen to it in the background / they play music... the internet because it's free / I can read it at any time / it has a much wider range of newspapers online.

• **Do you think that newspapers have a future or will they be replaced with online news?**

Newspapers have a future / will not disappear / will be around for a long time because... people like reading from paper / they are a part of our lives and journalism is still found in newspapers... Newspapers will disappear soon / have no future / are obsolete because... they cost too much to print / the style of the internet better suits our modern lifestyle / sound and video is available on the internet / the internet allows you to receive news from all over the world.

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