

## **Opinions on Current Affairs and Media**

*Give opinions using the words and on the topics below, discuss them for as long as you like, then do the same with other words below.*

*Ask about any words you don't know or can't think of an opinion on, discussing them each time. Then, without looking below brainstorm suitable vocabulary in the spaces below.*

### **Words connected to newspapers (parts of a newspaper, etc)**

### **Words connected to television**

### **Words connected to radio**

### **Words connected to new media/ online media**

### **Kinds of news/ Kinds of news story (crimes, etc)**

### **People connected to news and media**

### **Positive words connected to news and media**

### **Negative words connected to news and media**

*Look below for ideas (most, but not all, fit somewhere), then brainstorm more.*

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Topics	Opinions
(popup/ banner/ targeted) ad/ commercial	alarmist/ sensationalist/ism
animation/ cartoon	balance(d)/ impartial – bias(ed)
box office/ circulation/ ratings	ban/ block
broadsheets – tabloids	(un)believable/(un)realistic
business/ economics	boring/ dull – entertaining
(U/ PG/ 12/ 15/ 18/ R) certification	ensor(ed/ship)
(shopping) channel/ channel hopping	clichéd
columnists/ editorials/ comment/ opinion	confusing
comedy/ sitcom/ sketch show/ stand-up	decline/ shrink/ doomed – boom/ expand
conflicts/ wars/ armed forces/ defence	disgusting/ revolting
conspiracies/ conspiracy theories	disturbing/ shocking
(organised/ petty/ white collar) crime	depressing
current affairs/ news	(metropolitan) elite
(wildlife) documentary	fake/ made up/ misinformation
(costume/ historical) drama	frightening/ scary/ terrifying
environment/ natural disasters/ weather	get worse – improve
exclusives/ investigations/ scoops	important/ crucial/ vital/ essential/ relevant
freebies	interesting/ fascinating/ riveting
front pages/ headlines	left wing/ progressive/ liberal
(celebrity) gossip/ paparazzi	(mathematically/ statistically) (il)literate
(local/ national) government/ politics/ians	low brow – high brow
health/ lifestyle	melodramatic/ sentimental
images/ photography/ footage/ captions	(un)necessary
domestic news – international news	none of our/ anyone's business
(citizen) journalists/ reporters	objective/ity – subjective/ity
leaks/ whistleblowers/ official secrets	overblown/ overlong/ over... - under...
listener/ reader/ viewer(ship)	(un)popular
(mainstream/ alternative/ social) media	PR
music/ DJ	(un)predictable
(rolling/ bad/ good/ latest) news	pretentious/ over-intellectual

PR/ spin doctors	(un)profitable
press/ (Sunday/ women's) magazines	prosecute/ sue
prime time	prurient/ nosy
public service broadcasting	pseudo-science
(AM/ FM/ talk/ local) radio	ridiculous
(financial/ sexual/ political) scandal	right wing/ conservative
science and technology/ sci-fi	scare mongering
sex and violence	serious
(reality/ chat/ quiz/ cop/ talent/ travel) show	sold out
society/ social issues/ social problems	snooping/ surveillance
sports	thought provoking
streaming/ on demand – download/	trash/ trashy
podcast	(un)trustworthy
(cable/ satellite/ event/ terrestrial) TV/ telly	unimportant/ trivial/ pointless/ worthless
trailers	worth the money/ good value for money