

**Opinions on current affairs and media**

*Give opinions using the words and/ or on the topics on the last page, discuss your opinions for as long as you like with your partner, then listen to and react to your partner's opinions on different words/ a different topic. Continue doing the same until your teacher stops you.*

*Ask about any words you don't know or can't think of an opinion on, discussing opinions on those things together as a class each time.*

**Brainstorming stage**

*First of all without looking below, brainstorm suitable vocabulary into these spaces:*

**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, brainstorm more, then compare your ideas as a class.*

Topics	Opinions
<p>(popup/ banner/ targeted) ad/ commercial  animation/ cartoon  box office/ circulation/ ratings  broadsheets – tabloids  business/ economics  (U/ PG/ 12/ 15/ 18/ R) certification  (shopping) channel/ channel hopping  columnists/ editorials/ comment/ opinion  comedy/ sitcom/ sketch show/ stand-up  conflicts/ wars/ armed forces/ defence  conspiracies/ conspiracy theories  (organised/ petty/ white collar) crime  current affairs/ news  (wildlife) documentary  (costume/ historical) drama  environment/ natural disasters/ weather  exclusives/ investigations/ scoops  freebies  front pages/ headlines  (celebrity) gossip/ paparazzi  (local/ national) government/ politics/ians  health/ lifestyle  images/ photography/ footage/ captions  domestic news – international news  (citizen) journalists/ reporters  leaks/ whistleblowers/ official secrets  listener/ reader/ viewer(ship)  (mainstream/ alternative/ social) media  music/ DJ  (rolling/ bad/ good/ latest) news  PR/ spin doctors  press/ (Sunday/ women’s) magazines  prime time  public service broadcasting  (AM/ FM/ talk/ local) radio  (financial/ sexual/ political) scandal  science and technology/ sci-fi  sex and violence  (reality/ chat/ quiz/ cop/ talent/ travel) show  society/ social issues/ social problems  sports  streaming/ on demand – download/  podcast  (cable/ satellite/ event/ terrestrial) TV/ telly  trailers</p>	<p>alarmist/ sensationalist/ism  balance(d)/ impartial – bias(ed)  ban/ block  (un)believable/(un)realistic  boring/ dull – entertaining  censor(ed/ship)  clichéd  confusing  decline/ shrink/ doomed – boom/ expand  disgusting/ revolting  disturbing/ shocking  depressing  (metropolitan) elite  fake/ made up/ misinformation  frightening/ scary/ terrifying  get worse – improve  important/ crucial/ vital/ essential/ relevant  interesting/ fascinating/ riveting  left wing/ progressive/ liberal  (mathematically/ statistically) (il)literate  low brow – high brow  melodramatic/ sentimental  (un)necessary  none of our/ anyone’s business  objective/ity – subjective/ity  overblown/ overlong/ over... - under...  (un)popular  PR  (un)predictable  pretentious/ over-intellectual  (un)profitable  prosecute/ sue  prurient/ nosy  pseudo-science  ridiculous  right wing/ conservative  scare mongering  serious  sold out  snooping/ surveillance  thought provoking  trash/ trashy  (un)trustworthy  unimportant/ trivial/ pointless/ worthless  worth the money/ good value for money</p>