

## Opinions on current affairs vocabulary with news and media collocations

Give your opinions on topics from below and/ or using words from below, then check your partner's opinion on what you said with expressions like "Do you agree?"

- (un)bias(ed) balance
- breaking news/ rolling news/ the 24-hour news cycle
- (national/ public/ public service/ commercial) broadcasters
- broadsheet newspapers tabloid newspapers
- (coverage of) business and economics
- cancel culture
- censorship
- citizen journalists/ bloggers
- (BTL/ below the line) comments
- conspiracy theories/ conspiracy theorists
- (coverage of) (organised/ violent/ white collar) crime and law
- different parts of the newspaper (columns, editorials, front page, back pages, horoscope, headlines, captions, letters, crossword, etc)
- fake news/ misinformation
- freedom of information/ freedom of speech (leaks, whistleblowers, etc)
- (celebrity) gossip
- hate speech
- health news/ health scares
- (coverage of) international news/ foreign news/ overseas news
- investigative news/ scoops
- keeping up with the (latest/ breaking) news/ staying well-informed
- left-wing news sources right-wing news sources
- (news/ gossip/ scandal) mags/ magazines
- (mainstream/ alternative) media
- (coverage of) natural disasters
- negative things about newspapers/ broadcasters/ journalism/ television news positive things about…
- online influencers
- ownership of media organisations
- paparazzi
- (news/ true crime) podcasts
- (coverage of) (local/ domestic/ international) politics
- (coverage of) (local/ national) politicians (prime minister, MPs, local councillors, etc)
- privacy/ data protection
- (talk/ local/ speech/ AM/ FM/ satellite/ pirate) radio (station)
- (coverage of) (financial/ sexual/ political) scandals
- (coverage of) science and technology
- sensationalism/ alarmism/ scaremongering (health scares, etc)
- social media
- sports pages/ back pages
- switching off
- (cable/ satellite/ 24-hour news/ terrestrial) television
- (un)trustworthy



Ask about any vocabulary above which you couldn't make an opinion on, couldn't understand, etc, working together to make opinions once you understand.

## News and media collocations

Without looking above, join beginnings and endings of current affairs vocabulary

expressions in each section below.

breaking/ rolling affairs broad comments BTL/ below the line culture

cable/ satellite/ terrestrial/ 24-hour news gossip (mags) cancel journalism celebrity news citizen news conspiracy scandal current sheets domestic/ fake/ international/ local/ foreign gossip (mags) journalism news scandal sheets television

financial/ sexual/ political theories/ theorists

free/ hate broadcasters

front line head- media

health news/ papers/ politics/ elections

investigative news/ scares

keeping up page left/ right reporting life speech local style mainstream/ alternative/ local/ national wing

national/ public/ public service/ commercial with the news

natural -blowers
news crime
news/ gossip/ scandal disasters
online influencers
organised/ violent/ white collar informed

scare mags/ magazines

social media sports -mongering

switch off

talk/ local/ speech/ AM/ FM/ satellite/ pirate organisations/ sources

well- pages/ results whistle radio (station)

Check with the first page.