

### **Small talk on the news**

*Use questions and topics like those below to chat with your partner(s) about the news for about five minutes. Try to keep the conversation as light as possible, so don't get into really heavy topics and don't get stuck on one topic for too long.*

*Ask about any questions or topics which you are not sure how to use/ chat about.*

*Change groups and have a similar chat without looking at the worksheets below.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Are you following/ interested in...?</li> <li>● Are you worried about...?</li> <li>● Did you hear (the good/bad news) about...?</li> <li>● Did you know... (before...)?</li> <li>● Did you read about/ see/ hear...?</li> <li>● Do you believe...?</li> <li>● Do you ever... in other languages?</li> <li>● Do you ever kill time...?</li> <li>● Do you follow...?</li> <li>● Do you get (much/ the) news from...?</li> <li>● Do you have... delivered?</li> <li>● Do you ignore/ skip/ avoid...?</li> <li>● Do you (try to) keep up with...?</li> <li>● Do you know (much about/ a lot about)...?</li> <li>● Do you read/ watch...?</li> <li>● Do you (often) share...? (How?)</li> <li>● Do you spend much time...?</li> <li>● Do you subscribe to...?</li> <li>● Do you trust...?</li> <li>● Do you understand...?</li> <li>● Don't you find... boring/ depressing/...?</li> <li>● Had you ever heard of... before...?</li> <li>● Has your... ever been in the news?</li> <li>● Have they found out...?</li> <li>● Have you been following...?</li> <li>● Have you heard if/ whether/ wh...?</li> <li>● Have you seen... (yet/ today)?</li> <li>● How do you find out about...?</li> <li>● How interested are you in...?</li> <li>● How much attention do you pay to...?</li> <li>● How often do you read/ watch/ listen to...?</li> <li>● Is it important for you to stay up to date about...?</li> <li>● Is there any (more) news about...?</li> <li>● Were you shocked/ surprised by/ that...?</li> <li>● What are your predictions for...?</li> <li>● What do you do when...?</li> <li>● What do you think about...?</li> <li>● What's the best (unbiased) source for...?</li> <li>● Which... do you read/ watch?</li> <li>● Where do you get your... news from?</li> <li>● Why do you think...?</li> <li>● Your company/ country/ hometown/ industry/... was in the news... Did you...?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sunday papers</li> <li>● back pages</li> <li>● bloggers</li> <li>● broadsheets – tabloids</li> <li>● business/ economics</li> <li>● celebrities/ celebrity gossip</li> <li>● column/ columnists</li> <li>● (BTL/ below the line) comments</li> <li>● commercial...– public (service)...</li> <li>● conspiracies/ conspiracy theories</li> <li>● crime</li> <li>● domestic news</li> <li>● editorials</li> <li>● fake news</li> <li>● front page</li> <li>● headline</li> <li>● health</li> <li>● interviews</li> <li>● international news/ politics/ affairs</li> <li>● leaks/ whistleblowers</li> <li>● left wing/ liberal...</li> <li>● lifestyle</li> <li>● local newspaper</li> <li>● local politics/ elections</li> <li>● (news) magazines</li> <li>● mainstream media</li> <li>● markets/ the stock market</li> <li>● national politics/ elections</li> <li>● natural disasters</li> <li>● ... News/ Times/ Express/ Post/ Daily</li> <li>● newsagent</li> <li>● online (influencers)</li> <li>● paparazzi</li> <li>● right wing/ conservative...</li> <li>● (financial/ sexual/ political) scandal</li> <li>● social media (e.g. Twitter)</li> <li>● society/ social issues/ problems</li> <li>● sports (pages)</li> <li>● talk radio</li> <li>● technology</li> <li>● terrorism</li> <li>● the environment</li> <li>● the weather</li> </ul>
---	---