



NEWS

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. What is news?
News is...
2. What is your favourite news programme?
My favourite news programme is.....
3. Is news reporting in your country is fair and balanced?
Yes, I think it is.... / No, I don't think....
4. Do you trust everything you read, see or hear on the news?
Yes, I do... / No, I don't.....
5. How important is keeping up to date with the news to you?
It is important....

Extended Questions

1. Do you prefer to watch, listen to or read about news?
I prefer to....
2. Where do you often read/watch news?
I often read/watch news....
3. What would the world be like without news?
I think the world would be....
4. Will newspapers disappear in the future?
Yes, I think it will.... / No, I don't think it will....

VOCABULARY

1. **Headline** / 'hed·lɑɪn/
(noun) words printed in large letters at the top of a newspaper story that serve as its title
Ex.: The headline of today's news is creepy.
2. **Circulation** / ,sɜː·kjə'lei·ʃən/
(noun) The dissemination of copies of periodicals
Ex.: I learned that news from the circulation.
3. **Tabloid** / 'tæb·lɔɪd/
(noun) a type of newspaper that has smaller pages, many pictures, and short reports
Ex.: The tabloids often attract readers with sensational headlines.
4. **Breaking news**
(noun) new information about a news event that is still happening
Ex.: We'll bring you all the latest breaking news as it happens.

5. Newscast /'nuz,kæst/

(noun) a news program

Ex.: I like watching a newscast.

6. Newsworthy /'nuz,wɜːðɪ/

(adjective) interesting or important enough to be included in a news report

Ex.: The reason my column was newsworthy is that thousands of other people have found themselves in the same boat.

7. Reportage /rɪ'pɔːr.tɪdʒ/

(noun) the activity of reporting the news

Ex.: He concentrated on the newscaster's tensely delivered reportage.

Useful Expressions

1. hit the airwaves - When someone hits the airwaves, they go on radio and/or TV to be interviewed or to promote something.

Ex.: The company was embarrassed when the patient hit the airwaves with his side of the story.

2. spread like wildfire - If something such as news, rumours or gossip spreads like wildfire, it becomes widely known very fast.

Ex.: As soon as the nomination was announced, the news spread like wildfire.

3. Make/hit/grab the headlines - to become famous by being reported in the news

Ex.: The team grabbed the headlines today.

4. man/woman of the hour - A person currently being celebrated, honored and admired by others, especially for a recent victory, accomplishment, or other cause for celebration

Ex.: Janet was woman of the hour at the office after securing the biggest customer their business had ever had.