

The media

1 Journalists and people in the media

Match the words and definitions.

commentator critic editor freelance journalist newsreader paparazzi /ˌpæpəˈrætsi/ presenter press photographer reporter

- 1 _____ photographers who follow famous people around to get good photos of them to sell to a newspaper
- 2 _____ a person who writes about the good / bad qualities of books, concerts, plays, films, etc.
- 3 _____ a person who describes a sports event while it's happening on TV or radio
- 4 _____ a person who collects and reports news for newspapers, radio, or TV
- 5 _____ a person in charge of a newspaper or magazine, or part of one, who decides what should be in it
- 6 _____ a person who introduces the different sections of a radio or TV programme
- 7 _____ a person who writes articles for different papers and is not employed by a single newspaper
- 8 _____ a person who reads the news on TV or radio
- 9 _____ a person who takes photos for a newspaper

2 Sections of a newspaper or news website

Match the words and pictures.

- advertisement
- cartoon
- crossword
- front page
- horoscope
- review /rɪˈvjuː/
- small ads
- weather forecast



3 Adjectives to describe the media

Match the sentences. Then look at the way the bold adjectives are used in context, and guess their meaning.

- 1 The reporting in the paper was very **sensational**.
- 2 The news on that TV channel is really **biased** /ˈbaɪəst/.
- 3 I think *The Observer* is the most **objective** of the Sunday papers.
- 4 The film review was quite **accurate** /ˈækjərət/.
- 5 I think the report was **censored**.

- A It said the plot was poor but the acting good, which was quite true.
- B It bases its stories just on facts, not on feelings or beliefs.
- C The newspaper wasn't allowed to publish all the details.
- D It made the story more shocking than it really was.
- E You can't believe anything you hear on it. It's obvious what political party they favour!

4 The language of headlines

Match the **highlighted** 'headline phrases' with its meaning.

- 1 Famous actress in restaurant bill **row**
- 2 United boss **to quit** after shock cup defeat
- 3 Thousands of jobs **axed** by UK firms
- 4 Stock market **hit** by oil fears
- 5 Prince **to wed** 18-year-old TV soap star
- 6 Police **quiz** witness in murder trial
- 7 Prime minister **backs** Chancellor in latest scandal
- 8 Tarantino **tipped** for Oscar win

- A argument
- B have been cut
- C question, interrogate
- D is going to leave
- E is going to marry
- F is predicted (to be successful)
- G has been badly affected
- H supports

Can you remember the words on this page?
Test yourself or a partner.

