

A newspaper is a device unable to discriminate between
a bicycle accident and the collapse of civilization.
George Bernard Shaw, Irish author and playwright

8B Breaking news

1 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Complete with the gerund or the infinitive of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 The girl refused to dance with my friend. (dance)
- 2 My husband denied _____ the last piece of cake. (eat)
- 3 My parents told me _____ late. (not be)
- 4 The tour guide recommended _____ the Picasso Museum. (visit)
- 5 I agreed _____ in front of my neighbor's garage. (not park)
- 6 The police accused him of _____ them the truth. (not tell)
- 7 My boyfriend asked me _____ him to the train station. (take)
- 8 The teacher threatened _____ them extra homework if they didn't stop talking. (give)
- 9 Jane promised _____ my book the next day. (return)
- 10 The woman admitted _____ the man's watch. (steal)

b Report the direct speech using one of the reporting verbs from the box.

advise apologize insist invite
offer ~~remind~~ suggest warn

- 1 "Don't forget to sign the documents," my boss told me.
My boss reminded me to sign the documents.
- 2 "I really don't think you should leave your job," Jack's friend told him.
Jack's friend _____ his job.

- 3 “Why don’t we go for a walk?” said Katie.
Katie _____ for a walk.
- 4 “I’ll make lunch,” her husband said.
Her husband _____ lunch.
- 5 “Don’t park on this street,” the man said to us.
The man _____ there.
- 6 “I’m sorry I was so rude,” I said.
I _____ so rude.
- 7 “Would you like to have dinner with me?” Andy asked Sarah.
Andy _____ with him.
- 8 “I’m going with you to the doctor’s,” Alice said to me.
Alice _____ to the doctor’s with me.

2 VOCABULARY the media

- a Complete the sentences with jobs in the media.



- 1 The paparazzi were waiting outside the restaurant to photograph the movie star.
- 2 I’m surprised none of the cr_ _ _ _ _ liked the movie; I thought it was great!

- 3 The n_ _ _ _ _ was very embarrassed when he couldn't pronounce the politician's name.
- 4 The sports c_ _ _ _ _ got very excited when the first goal was scored.
- 5 My brother is a r_ _ _ _ _ for *The Sunday Times*.
- 6 The newspaper e_ _ _ _ _ decided not to print the reporter's story because it was too politically sensitive.
- 7 I stopped watching that show because I can't stand the news a_ _ _ _ _.
- 8 Laura works from home as a fr_ _ _ _ _ j_ _ _ _ _.
- 9 Have you ever written an email to an a_ _ _ _ _ c_ _ _ _ _ asking for advice?

b Complete the headlines with a word from the box.

back bids clash hit quit quiz spat split tabbed wed

- 1 TV host axed by ABC in spat over dress code.
- 2 Singer to _____ Brazilian model.
- 3 Senator to _____ after revelations about personal life.
- 4 Police _____ wife after man disappears.
- 5 Hollywood stars _____ presidential candidate.
- 6 US stock market _____ by new company scandal.
- 7 Ex-basketball player _____ to win reality show.
- 8 Supermarket _____ to attract customers by slashing prices.
- 9 Players _____ over referee's decision.
- 10 Celebrity couple _____ after five years.

3 READING

a Read the article and complete it with the missing headings.

- A Visit different places
- B You are paid to read
- C No two days are ever the same
- D You can see your name in print
- E You're always finding out new things
- F You can be an opinion maker
- G You meet all kinds of people
- H Every minute counts

b Find the words or phrases in the text to match definitions 1–9.

- 1 deal with something (*introduction*) _____
- 2 about twelve (*paragraph 1*) _____
- 3 more intelligent (*paragraph 2*) _____
- 4 sometimes (*paragraph 3*) _____
- 5 an increase in your salary (*paragraph 4*) _____
- 6 remain in control of (*paragraph 5*) _____
- 7 a time or date before which something must be finished (*paragraph 6*) _____
- 8 repeated exactly as it was written (*paragraph 7*) _____
- 9 a strong need or desire (*paragraph 8*) _____

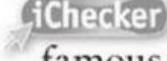
Reading: Journalism: The best job ever

Not everyone can handle a career in journalism - it can be stressful and the hours are long - but it's a fantastic, and popular, career choice. Here are eight reasons why.

- 1 ___ The first thing you do to start your working day is sit down and find out what's been happening in the world since you went to sleep the night before. Reading a dozen or so news outlets and blogs with your morning coffee is a better way to start the day than sitting in traffic in the rush hour!
- 2 ___ When you start writing a new story, you know nothing, or very little, about it. But by the time you hand your finished article to the editor, you're an expert on that story. You're constantly learning and getting smarter when you're a journalist.
- 3 ___ On a single day, you could be at your desk researching some new story. Or you might cover a press event with a photographer, or interview a contact for a developing story. From time to time you might even be asked to review a restaurant or cultural event. You never know what the day is going to bring.
- 4 ___ One of the highlights of the job is interviewing really interesting people you wouldn't usually have the chance to talk to: from "ordinary" people who have done something extraordinary, to sportspeople, artists, and musicians. And you don't have to worry about what you say to everyone you meet, either - if you ask a politician a question they don't like, you could get a pay raise.
- 5 ___ It's a big, fast world, and it's important to be where the news is happening, particularly with events that have a global significance like conflicts or protests. Not all journalists travel a lot, but many do. Situations change quickly these days and it's important to stay on top of the story.
- 6 ___ A newsroom is a fast-paced environment and a journalist works on a tight deadline, so there's always a certain adrenaline rush. If you are the type of person who works best under pressure, it's the best job ever.
- 7 ___ It's a great feeling to have your name on a published article, or to have something you've written quoted in another article. And when someone tells you that they've read your article and they like what you've written, that's even better.

8 ____ If you have an urge to write and you are curious about the world around you, a career in journalism is the obvious choice. The best journalists are the ones who really try to understand every aspect of a story, and then explain that story well. A good, well-written article can influence the way people think.

5 LISTENING

- a**  Listen to an extract from a program about a famous mistake on TV. Answer the questions.

1 During which program did the mistake occur?

2 In which year did the mistake occur? _____

3 Who is Michael Fish? _____

4 What did the woman ask about when she called?

5 What was Michael's answer?

6 How strong were the worst winds?

7 How many people died in the storm?

8 How many trees fell down? _____

9 Where did Michael Fish appear in 2012?

10 Where can you see the original weather broadcast made by Michael Fish? _____