

1C**Listening****Press intrusion***I can identify the attitude of a speaker.***Revision:** Student's Book page 11**1 Complete the text with the words below.**
 harassed interest investigative journalists laws
 libel paparazzi scandal tabloid

The pop star invited ¹ _____ from several newspapers to discuss the stories about him in the ² _____ press. The star denied taking drugs and sued the papers for ³ _____. He also complained of being repeatedly ⁴ _____ by the ⁵ _____ outside his house since publication of the stories. Furthermore, he said that privacy ⁶ _____ needed to be strengthened for all celebrities. However, the judge ruled that the tabloid's story was ⁷ _____ journalism rather than just a celebrity ⁸ _____, and therefore it was in the public ⁹ _____.

Listening Strategy

When you listen, pay attention to what words each speaker uses to express his/her attitude. Words with a similar meaning may have different connotations.

2 Q1.03 Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen to five dialogues and choose the word the second speaker uses.

- 1 The second speaker describes the new person she met as **shy / bad-mannered**.
- 2 The second speaker says that the singer's costume was **creative / colourful**.
- 3 The second speaker describes the footballer as being **shrewd / judgemental**.
- 4 The second speaker thinks the politician is **open-minded / single-minded**.
- 5 The second speaker says that newspapers offer us **propaganda / information**.

3 Q1.03 For each speaker, choose the correct attitude (a–c). Use your answers to exercise 2 to help you. Listen again and check.

- 1 The second speaker was when she met her friend's new partner.
 - a unimpressed b bored c enthusiastic
- 2 The second speaker the singer's outfit.
 - a disapproves of b disbelieves c admires
- 3 The second speaker is when talking about the footballer.
 - a disapproving b unimpressed c uninterested
- 4 The second speaker is in her attitude to the politician.
 - a critical b approving c disbelieving
- 5 The second speaker is with tabloid news.
 - a disappointed b surprised c impressed

4 Say these lines from the dialogues. Try to express the attitude in brackets.

- 1 Hey, did you enjoy the party? Who was there? Tell me all about it! (enthusiastic)
- 2 Did you see the outfit that Rihanna was wearing at the Music Awards? Rather bright, wasn't it? (critical)
- 3 I wish that footballer would keep his views to himself. He's always got too much to say about the other players. (annoyed)
- 4 The Education Minister is now saying that teachers deserve a pay rise. That's a complete change of opinion! (surprised)
- 5 I'm so tired of the tabloid news. It's very one-sided. (weary)

5 Q1.04 Listen and match speakers 1–4 with sentences A–E. There is one extra sentence.

- A The speaker is angry about the lack of accuracy in news reporting.
- B The speaker is critical of people's lack of interest in improving society.
- C The speaker admits to an interest in celebrity gossip.
- D The speaker feels that news about celebrities is unrealistic.
- E The speaker feels that news reporting is pessimistic.