6 A matter of fact

6.1 VOCABULARY

The media • truth and falsehood
• adjective-noun collocations
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SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Choose the collocation that is not correct in each sentence.

On the way to college, I listen to *podcasts / music streaming services / social media posts / the radio.*

1 Most evenings, I watch *online video clips / news blogs / reality TV / drama series.*
2 The best places to get news from are *reality TV / news apps / local newspapers / social media posts.*
3 Maria loves being up-to-date with what's going on in the world, so she often reads *celebrity twitter feeds / newspaper editorials / news blogs / drama series.*
4 Sam's always online and *posts / retweets / shares / feeds / 'likes'* lots of things. I don't know how he has time to work!

2 Complete each gap with one word from Exercise 1.

Which celebrity Twitter feeds do you follow?
My favourite is Ryan Reynolds. I often *retweet* what he posts, he's so funny.

1 My favourite TV drama _____ was *Game Of Thrones*. I used to write social _____ posts about it all the time.
2 My sister can't stand _____ TV. She thinks it's a waste of time watching people being themselves on a TV show.
3 Have you got any news _____ on your phone or do you read news _____ online?
4 I like knowing what's happening in my area, so I read the _____ newspaper every week. They have some interesting newspaper _____ about issues affecting our town.
5 We sometimes watch music video _____ online, but usually use a music _____ service to download songs.
6 Do you ever _____ interesting things with your friends on social media?
7 Katia made a _____ recently about good books for teenagers. Over a hundred people have listened to it already.

WORD STORE 6A | Truth and falsehood

3 Complete the dialogue. The numbers in brackets show the number of letters in the missing words. The first two letters are given.

Host: Welcome to the programme. Each week on 'Why I decided to be a …' we talk to young people who have recently started their career and ask them to explain their choice. This week, Amy Jones is with us. She studied journalism and now works as a reporter. Amy, what attracted you to this career?

Amy: I wanted to be a journalist because I think it's important to give people authentic stories that don't **di***stort* (7) the truth so they can form their own opinions. I'm afraid many news agencies these days **[1]mi**_____ (9) the public deliberately and they most likely have an **[2]ag**_____ (6) when they do it. Sometimes, they even spread **[3]fa**_____ (4) news or **[4]ta**_____ (6) with photos to support what they write. **[5]Ma**_____ (12) the media is more common than you would imagine. I think journalists have a responsibility to tell the truth, although I also think readers have a responsibility not to believe everything.

Host: Some interesting points there, Amy. So, what can newsreaders do about these issues?

Amy: Well, when you read any news story, you shouldn't take it at **[6]fa**_____ (4) value. You should check the **[7]ac**_____ (8), **[8]ev**_____ (8) the sources and, of course, double-check the **[9]fa**_____ (5) yourself. Often when we read a news story, something bothers us about it, but we don't trust our **[10]in**_____ (9). We should! If a story doesn't quite add up, chances are it isn't entirely true.

WORD STORE 6B | Adjective-noun collocations

4 Complete the pairs of sentences with the words in the box.

~~basis~~ commitment feeling gain information source story

I watch the news on TV on a daily *basis*.
Do you tend to read newspapers on a regular *basis*?

1 The papers are awash with _____ about the elections.
I feel like I'm constantly being bombarded with _____, but too little of it is about important issues such as climate change.
2 This paper has a clear _____ to telling the truth, we don't report fake news.
Is it possible to make a long-term _____ to truthful reporting?
3 Don't believe anything you read on that website, it doesn't use any reliable _____ of information or check facts carefully.
I was surprised there were incorrect facts in the editorial as that website is usually a reputable _____ of information.
4 The company made up the story for commercial _____, but they didn't make any money on it.
It's wrong to spread fake news for political _____. It should be illegal in my opinion.
5 I've got a gut _____ that this story isn't true.
Matt had a distinct _____ that the interview was going to be a disaster, and he was right!
6 Journalists are always looking for a newsworthy _____ that they can report on.
When I glanced at the headlines, there was an eye-catching _____ about the prime minister.

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WORD STORE 6C | Adverbs

5 Choose the correct option.

I almost got in an accident while I was cycling to work yesterday when a car turned *knowingly* / *alarmingly* close to me.

1 It is important to examine the facts in a situation *critically* / *deliberately* before deciding whether something is true or false.
2 Sara is a kind and thoughtful person. She would never *remarkably* / *knowingly* hurt or upset you.
3 In spite of the fact that the town's population has grown, it's a *critically* / *remarkably* peaceful place to live.
4 I've been following the news of the election *alarmingly* / *closely*, because I want to know the results as soon as they are announced.
5 Max *deliberately* / *remarkably* broke his phone, hoping that he would get a new one from the company.

6 Complete the sentences with the adverbial forms of the words in the box.

alarming close critical ~~deliberate~~
knowing remarkable

I was shocked because the politician *deliberately* lied about the facts. He chose to do it and everyone found out.

1 Always look at the facts _____ and don't just believe everything you hear.
2 Too many people can't recognise fake news and are becoming _____ misinformed. It's very worrying.
3 As a journalist, Sam has tight deadlines, but he's always _____ relaxed about them. How can he be so calm?!
4 The ability to think _____ is a necessary skill nowadays. You should first read the information, and then decide your own opinion.
5 I evaluate my sources carefully and I've never _____ written anything false. I would never do that on purpose.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

7 Choose the correct answers A–C.

News Not News

Can you spot fake news?

Have you ever checked the *B* of a story you've read? What made you suspect there was something wrong with it? The Internet is [1]__ with information about everything, but how good are you at spotting fake news? A study of nearly 5,000 people in America had some surprising results. It turns out that people who think the media is trying to [2]__ everyone were often the worst at spotting fake news. People with a negative attitude to the word 'news' often thought they needed the least help [3]__ sources to check if a story was true or not. In contrast, people who had a more positive view of the news were able to trust their [4]__ when it came to working out which were fake stories – 82 percent of them spotted the fake ones compared to 69 percent of those who felt more negative about the news. The other factor that helped people spot fake headlines was a higher level of education. The higher the level of education, the less likely people were to take a story at face value, and the more likely they were to think [5]__ about it.

	A	B	C
	A value	(B) accuracy	C true
1	A awash	B full	C reliable
2	A distort	B spread	C mislead
3	A evaluating	B manipulating	C tampering
4	A feelings	B thoughts	C instincts
5	A remarkably	B critically	C alarmingly

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8 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

I read the newspaper on a regular ~~base~~ so I know what's happening around the globe. *basis*

1 When you look at the images. It obvious someone has tampered on the photos. _____
2 Pay closely attention to what you read – so many stories distort the truth one way or another. _____
3 They ran the story to make money. It was all about commercial gaining, not the truth. _____
4 I couldn't help noticing the catch-eye story about a celebrity on the front page. _____
5 I think that website has a political agenda, it's always publishing alarmingly stories about the government. _____

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