

TEENS AND THE MEDIA

1 Match the words below with the definitions.

celebrity gossip editor headlines magazine paparazzi tabloid

- 1 a newspaper which has lots of photos and celebrity news instead of serious news stories. **tabloid**
- 2 news about famous people which may or may not be true
- 3 a large but thin book which has stories and photographs and is published every week or month
- 4 the head of a newspaper or magazine who decides what stories are published
- 5 titles of newspaper reports
- 6 photographers who take photos of famous people to sell to newspapers

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 My aunt is a journalist / paparazzi. She writes stories for one of the main national newspapers.
- 2 I never read the national / local news. It's always just stories about a lost cat or something unimportant like that.
- 3 Would you like me to read your horoscope / celebrity gossip for you? It's always true, you know!
- 4 I don't buy newspapers any more. I just read the news on an online news site / a broadsheet.
- 5 When you've finished writing the article, send it to our reporter / designer who will style it on the page.
- 6 I hate it when I'm watching a film and it's interrupted by commercials / weather forecasts.

Read the text and do the task after the text:

Survey: Teens and the media

In last month's issue of *Teen News* we asked you to email us your answers to the following questions:

- Have you read or heard today's news headlines?
- Where do you usually get your news from?
- Do you read or listen to the news every day?
- What news are you interested in?

Here are the results!

Most of you (sixty-nine percent) prefer watching the news on TV and thirty-five percent regularly log on to news websites. Thirty-one percent of you read or listen to the news every day, but only sixteen percent like watching current affairs programmes.

You're more interested in national news than international news, but nearly eighty-five percent of our readers watch news flashes about important events in the world.

So, is there any room for newspapers in today's world?

Twenty-three percent of you said 'yes', but more than half (fifty-one percent) said you could live without them. Jake and Lily explain their views:

Jake Moreno (16)

I've never bought a newspaper. I usually find out about the news through a social networking site. That's how I heard about the tsunami in Japan. One of my friends added a link to a news flash. News websites are good, too because you can listen to podcasts and watch videos.



Lily Sheldon (15)

I sometimes look at news websites, but I haven't had time this week (too much homework!). I usually read a newspaper on the school bus. I follow the local news and I also read the sports reports.

Complete the sentences with these numbers:

85 51 35 31 16 69

85 % of teenagers watch news flashes about important events.

.... % of teenagers watch the news on TV.

.... % log on to news websites.

.... % read the news every day.

.... % watch current affairs programmes.

.... % could live without newspapers.