

1 JOURNALISTS AND PEOPLE IN THE MEDIA

a Match the words and definitions.

advice columnist /əd'vaɪs 'kɒləmnɪst/ critic /'krɪtɪk/ editor /'edɪtər/ freelance journalist /'friːlæns 'dʒəʀnəlɪst/ news anchor /nuːz 'æŋkər/
newscaster /'nuːskæstər/ paparazzi (pl) /pəpə'rɑːtʃi/ reporter /rɪ'pɔːtər/ sports commentator /sɜːpts 'kɒmentetər/

- 1 critic a person who writes (a **review**) about the good / bad qualities of books, concerts, theater, movies, etc.
- 2 _____ a person who describes a sports event while it's happening on TV or radio
- 3 _____ a person who collects and reports news for newspapers, radio, or TV
- 4 _____ a person in charge of a newspaper or magazine, or part of one, and decides what should be in it
- 5 _____ a person who hosts or is the main person who introduces the news on a TV or radio news program
- 6 _____ a person who writes articles for different papers and is not employed by any one paper
- 7 _____ a person who reads the news on TV or radio
- 8 _____ photographers who follow famous people around to get photos of them to sell to newspapers and magazines
- 9 _____ a person who writes in a newspaper or magazine giving advice to people in reply to their letters

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2 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE THE MEDIA

a Match the sentences.

- 1 ☐ The reporting in the paper was very **sensational** /sen'seɪʃənəl/.
 - 2 ☐ The news on channel 12 is really **biased** /'baɪəst/.
 - 3 ☐ I think *The New York Times* is the most **objective** /əb'dʒektɪv/ of the Sunday papers.
 - 4 ☐ The movie review was very **accurate** /'ækjərət/.
 - 5 ☐ I think the report was **censored** /'sensəd/.
- A It said the plot was poor but the acting good, which was 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 seem more shocking than it really was.
E You can't believe anything you hear on it. It's obvious what political party they support.

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3 THE LANGUAGE OF HEADLINES



The language of headlines

Newspaper headlines, especially in tabloids*, often use short snappy words. These words use up less space and are more emotive, which helps to sell newspapers.

*newspapers with smaller pages that print short articles with lots of photos, often about famous people

a Match the **highlighted** "headline phrases" with their meaning.

- 1 **A Famous actress in restaurant bill spat**
- 2 **Team manager to quit** after shocking defeat
- 3 **Prince to wed 18-year-old TV soap star**
- 4 **President backs senator in latest scandal**
- 5 **Tarantino tabbed** to direct new thriller
- 6 **Thousands of jobs axed** by US companies
- 7 **Stock market hit by oil fears**
- 8 **Police quiz** witness in murder trial
- 9 **Astronaut bids to be first man on Mars**
- 10 **Politicians clash** over new car tax proposal
- 11 **Tennis star vows to avenge defeat**
- 12 **Actor and wife split** over affair with cleaner

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| A argument | G is going to marry |
| B have been cut | H promises |
| C question, interrogate | I is announced; hired |
| D is going to attempt | J disagree |
| E is going to leave | K has been badly affected |
| F separate | L supports |

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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.

