
 **Task 2.** *Work in pairs.* Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the mass media, and write them down in the columns below.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Radio		
Newspapers		
The Internet		

 **Task 3.** Write a paragraph about the advantages and disadvantages of one of the mass media discussed in Task 2.

## E. LANGUAGE FOCUS

- **Pronunciation:** /eɪ/ - /aɪ/ - /ɔɪ/
- **Grammar:**
  1. The present perfect
  2. *Because of* and *in spite of*

### Pronunciation

- Listen and repeat.

/eɪ/	/aɪ/	/ɔɪ/
play	time	voice
today	wildlife	noise
radio	height	toy
newspaper	buy	enjoy
they	type	destroy

- Practise these sentences.

1. I'm afraid you've made a mistake.
2. They changed the timetable at the end of April.
3. I have ninety-nine pages to type by Friday.
4. Would you like to go for a ride with me on Friday?
5. This is the noisiest Rolls Royce I've ever heard.
6. While you're changing the oil, I'll go and visit my boy.

## Grammar and vocabulary

**Exercise 1.** Complete the letter, using the present perfect of the verbs in the box.

do	be	watch	live
meet	have	take	

Dear Tom,

Here I am in New York! I(1) \_\_\_\_\_ here for two weeks now and it's very exciting.


My friend, Nancy (I met her in London in 1992). (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in New York for seven years, so she knows all about it. I(3) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of people and I(4) \_\_\_\_\_ all the things that tourists usually do. I(5) \_\_\_\_\_ a hot lunch in China town. I(6) \_\_\_\_\_ a trip to the Statue of Liberty.

I even (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a ball game on TV!

Back on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

See you later,

Bob



**Exercise 2.** Complete the following sentences using *for*, *since* or *ago*.

1. Lan and Minh have lived in Ho Chi Minh City \_\_\_\_\_ 1999.
2. Hoa and Quan quarreled with each other some time \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The house is very dirty. We haven't cleaned it \_\_\_\_\_ ages.
4. We haven't had a good meal \_\_\_\_\_ three weeks.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas, the weather has been quite good.
6. They have known each other \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.

7. They first met a long time \_\_\_\_\_.
8. They arrived home ten minutes \_\_\_\_\_.
9. It's two years \_\_\_\_\_ I last saw Quoc Anh.
10. How long is it \_\_\_\_\_ you last saw Linda?

**Exercise 3.** Complete the following sentences, using the information in the box.

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| a. We could not see what was going on. | e. There were enough seats for everyone. |
| b. He had to cancel the appointment.   | f. We all wore shorts.                   |
| c. We kept the fire burning all day.   | g. They enjoyed living there.            |
| d. He managed to come to school.       | h. Everyone is living on beans.          |
|  | i. The council demolished it.            |
|  | j. We have managed to get some beef.     |

1. Because of the cold weather \_\_\_\_\_.  
In spite of the cold weather \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Because of his illness \_\_\_\_\_.  
In spite of his illness \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Because of the large crowds \_\_\_\_\_.  
In spite of the large crowds \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Because of the meat shortage \_\_\_\_\_.  
In spite of the meat shortage \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Because of the bad condition of the house \_\_\_\_\_.  
In spite of the bad condition of the house \_\_\_\_\_.