

E. SPEAKING

Exercise 1. Match the words to make collocations you can use to talk about the news and media.

affairs	broadcasting	channel	headline	news	newspaper
release	story				

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|----------------|--|-------------|--|
| 1 current | | 5 breaking | |
| 2 radio | | 6 newspaper | |
| 3 tabloid | | 7 news | |
| 4 24-hour news | | 8 press | |

Exercise 2. Put the letters in the correct order to complete the words about the news and media.

- I always watch the news. I'm interested in current

f s f

r a a i
- Television and radio are kinds of

r c t d o

i a g a b n s
- Did you see the headlines today? The main news

r s y

o t was about the elections.
- The increase in 24-hour news

c h n l a

e n s has led to a greater understanding of world issues.

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e g B k i a r n

news! We've just heard that all flights are cancelled due to bad weather.

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I'm not sure what the official story is, but there will be a s s p

r e release soon.

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d l o a i T b

newspapers are very popular in my country.

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Have you seen the newspaper l e h n d

a i e ?

The Olympic team has had the most successful Olympics ever.

Exercise 3. Read the examiner's IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions and look at the words and phrases in bold. Match the paraphrases with the words or phrases from the questions. Use the phrases in the box

Examiner:

Tell me, what kind of **news stories** interest **young people** in your country?

Are young people interested very much in **news stories about politics**?

What **differences** are there between news reporting on television and in newspapers?

Are there any disadvantages of getting **news from the internet**?

(how does) ... differ from ... (?)

political issues

online news sources

reports about recent events

The youth ... take an interest in ...

1 news stories

4 differences

2 interest young people

5 news from the internet

3 news stories about politics

Exercise 4. Complete the examiner's IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions. Use the words in the box. Then watch the video and check your answers. (▶ Video 3.1)

news	newspapers	politicians	reporting	sources	sportspeople
stories					

Examiner:

- 1 We've been talking about the [] and I'd like to discuss with you now one or two more general questions related to this.
- 2 Let's consider, first of all, [] of news. Tell me, what kind of news [] interest young people in your country?
- 3 What about news stories about [] or [] ?
- 4 What differences are there between news [] on television and in newspapers?
- 5 Do many people buy [] in your country?

Exercise 5. Choose the correct words to complete the IELTS Speaking Part 3 test. Then watch the video and check your answers. (▶ Video 3.2)

Examiner: Let's move on now to talk about the media and *celebrities/ the famous* such as actors and musicians. Why do the media often talk/ report about bad things that celebrities do?

Student: I think, ... it's probably because ... it's easy to spread around, and it's interesting to read about ...

Examiner: Should they report about the good things that celebrities do?

Student: Of course, they should show *the public/ people* the positive side also, because not every person or celebrity is bad. They should show the good *side/ view* of celebrities, like the donations to charities they make ...

Examiner: Do you think it's all right that the media talk about the *secret/ private* lives of celebrities?

Student: I personally feel it's not right because we all have the *right/ need* to have privacy. It's a basic human right to have privacy in life and it shouldn't be shown in the media. ... But it's breaking news and people are more interested in it.

Examiner: But then do some celebrities *invite/ start* news about their private lives?

Student: Maybe they do because they want to get famous. It's the *clear/ obvious* way of getting famous because if ... you're trending and you're in the news, it's a good way of being in people's *heads/ minds*.

Examiner: But what about most celebrities – do they really *need/ require* the media?

Student: Celebrities do need the media because it's the media that gets them the status/ popularity , the fans...who/will go and watch their movies, so celebrities, they do need the media, in my opinion.

Examiner: And film stars?

Student: Film stars, they also need it ... to promote/ advertise their movies because ... the media represents you know ... and tells society what is happening around the world.

Examiner: Thank you very much. That is the end of the speaking test.

Exercise 6. In IELTS Speaking Part 3 it's important to express your opinions. Read the examiner's questions and the student's answers, looking in particular at the words in *italics*. Then watch the video and decide if the student's opinions are positive, negative or if he's not sure. (Video 3.3)

1 Examiner: Let's consider, first of all, sources of news. Tell me, what kind of news stories interest young people in your country?

Student: *Erm ... it's hard because every person has a different taste. ...*

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

2 Examiner: What about news stories about politicians or sportspeople?

Student: *Yeah, they like to read about it, too ...*

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

3 Examiner: Do you think more people read about sport than about politics?

Student: In my country? I would say *fifty-fifty* ...

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

4 Examiner: What differences are there between news reporting on television and in newspapers?

Student: Television is *more exciting than* newspapers, *actually* ...

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

5 Examiner: Do many people buy newspapers in your country?

Student: *No, not any more.* They use their phones *actually* ...

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

6 Examiner: Do you think they should also broadcast the good things that celebrities do?

Student: *Yes, yes, of course.* I mean every person has a good side and a bad side ...

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

7 **Examiner:** Do you think it's all right that the media talk about the private lives of celebrities?

Student: *I don't think so.* That's why it's called private life, ... but this is the price of fame ...

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

8 **Examiner:** Can you stay low key if you're a celebrity?

Student: Yes, ... *you can* stay low key in public places ...

☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ not sure

Exercise 7. Complete the table with the phrases that express opinions

I'm not an expert, but ...	Absolutely!	I wouldn't say that.	That's right.
It's hard to say ...	There's no doubt about it.	It's fifty-fifty.	That's partly true.
Actually, I don't like ...	No way!	I don't believe that is the case.	
I couldn't agree more.			

agree	disagree	neutral / unsure

Exercise 8. Watch the video. Then look at the errors in bold that the student makes. Choose the correct words that the student should have used. Use the words in the box. Replace any words that were unnecessary with '-'. (Video 3.4)

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Student:

1 ... Many young people are interested **about** football ...

... they **are** more inclined towards ... entertainment because that's **the** common topic for young people.

2 ... young people like to hang out and they **are trying** to stay away from political issues ...

3 ... so I think more **of less**, ... TV is better.

4 ... **The** technology is growing ...

... so more **of** technology is coming in.

5 ... if the sources are not reliable such as news **in** Facebook ...

Exercise 9. Answer the following IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions.

1. *What kind of news stories interest young people in your country?*
2. *What differences are there between news reported on TV and the newspapers?*
3. *Do you think newspapers will die out in the future?*
4. *Why does the media often report about bad things that celebrities do?*
5. *Do you think it's alright that the media talks about the private life of celebrities?*
6. *Do celebrities need the media?*