

Vocabulary

The news and reporting

Complete the blog post with the words in the box.

angle exposé impartial investigations misrepresent
smear campaign stereotypes unsubstantiated



Do we need newspapers?

Newspapers are struggling. A decrease in advertising revenue and the rise of online news means many papers are fighting for survival. Some media experts are asking if the newspaper has had its day. In my view, we need newspapers now more than ever.

To begin with, we may be using social media to access our news, but the majority of us are still choosing newspapers as our primary source of information. We know that these newspapers avoid ¹ _____ claims (tabloid papers which ² _____ 'facts' about famous people and promote lazy ³ _____ aside). Yes, they may sometimes take a particular ⁴ _____ that fits their political stance. However, at least we know their stories are generally objective.

Another reason is if newspapers don't conduct ⁵ _____, immoral or criminal behaviour might go undiscovered. Anyone can write a blog, but not everyone will spend months or years writing a successful ⁶ _____ of a corrupt aspect of society.

Finally, if we access news via lesser-known sites, how do we know they're legitimate or ⁷ _____? How do we know they're not just making up lies as part of a political ⁸ _____, for example? Newspapers may not be perfect, but without them who else will take the time to find answers to the questions we have? Who else will hold people in power to account?