

Vocabulary

Communication and the media

Topic vocabulary: Communication

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allege (v)	context (n)	illegible (adj)	rant (v, n)
ambiguous (adj)	contradict (v)	inking (n)	rave (v)
assert (v)	convey (v)	insist (v)	relevant (adj)
blunt (adj)	declare (v)	jargon (n)	scribble (v, n)
boast (v, n)	denounce (v)	literal (adj)	slang (n, adj)
clarification (n)	disclose (v)	mumble (v, n)	stumble (v, n)
colloquial (adj)	exaggerate (v)	murmur (v, n)	stutter (v, n)
comprehend (v)	flatter (v)	petition (n)	tip (n)
confide (v)	gist (n)	placard (n)	utter (v)
confirm (v)	hint (v, n)	quibble (v)	vague (adj)

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anchor (v, n)	coverage (n)	manifesto (n)	spine (n)
broadcast (v, n)	critic (n)	novelist (n)	subtitles (n)
caption (n)	footnote (n)	pamphlet (n)	supplement (n)
columnist (n)	ghostwriter (n)	prerecorded (adj)	tabloid (n, adj)
correspondent (n)	handbook (n)	reviewer (n)	trailer (n)

Phrasal verbs

blurt out	say something suddenly and without thinking about the effect it will have, usually because you are nervous or excited	pass on	give someone something, for example a message, that someone else has given you
catch on	understand; become popular or fashionable	put across/over	explain an idea, belief, etc in a way that is easy to understand
come out	become available to buy or see; become easy to notice; become known; be spoken, heard, or understood in a particular way	set down	write something on a piece of paper so that it will not be forgotten and can be looked at later; state officially how something should be done
come out with	say something suddenly, usually something that surprises or shocks people	shout down	make it difficult to hear what someone says by shouting while they are speaking
dry up	stop talking because you have forgotten what you were going to say	speak out	state your opinion firmly and publicly about something, especially in order to protest against or defend something
get across	make people understand something	talk over	discuss a problem or a plan
get (a)round	if news gets (a)round, a lot of people hear it	talk round	succeed in persuading someone to agree something; discuss something in a general way and without dealing with the most important issues
get through (to)	be connected to a place by telephone; make someone understand what you are trying to say		
let on	talk about something that is intended to be a secret		

Phrases, patterns and collocations

answer	answer to sb, give sb an answer, answer charges/criticisms, answer a need, answer sb's prayers, answer the description of, (have a lot to) answer for, in answer to	book	read sb like a book, (do sth) by the book, book about/on, a closed book, an open book, in my book, in sb's good/bad books
argument	have / get into an argument (with sb), win/lose an argument, argument about/over, argument for/against, without (an) argument	discussion	(have a) discussion about/on, (have a) discussion with, discussion of, in discussion with, under discussion, heated discussion, discussion group
ask	ask yourself sth, ask sb a favour, ask a lot / too much (of sb), ask sb over/round, ask sb in, for the asking, asking for trouble/etc, if you ask me	letter	(get/receive) a letter from, send/write sb a letter, letter of, follow/obey sth to the letter, the letter of the law, letter bomb, letterbox

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A Complete using the correct form of the words in the boxes.

boast • contradict • exaggerate • flatter

- 1 I think Dave's the magazine's importance. It actually has a very small readership.
- 2 Caroline said the hotel was fantastic and then Paul immediately her and said it wasn't actually very nice at all.
- 3 I know Suzanne's wealthy but there's no need for her to about it to everyone all the time.
- 4 Adam said I could be a professional model but I think he was just me.

allege • assert • insist • utter

- 5 The politician has continually his innocence.
- 6 As your lawyer, I on your telling me the truth.
- 7 Thompson is to have accepted a bribe from a local businesswoman.
- 8 Don't a single word until you've spoken to your lawyer.

confide • confirm • convey • disclose

- 9 You know you can in me at any time, don't you?
- 10 We would like to that your application has been approved.
- 11 Your password will not be to any third party.
- 12 I can't begin to how sorry I am for the trouble I've caused.

mumble • murmur • stumble • stutter

- 13 I could hear the audience but couldn't make out any distinct comments.
- 14 It's so embarrassing when a newsreader over their words.
- 15 I stood there in shock, unable to think of anything sensible to say.
- 16 Please don't when you're talking to me. Open your mouth when you talk!

quibble • rant • rave • scribble

- 17 Linda was about that new sitcom on ITV. She said it's hilarious.
- 18 Stop on the desk!
- 19 There's no point over the bill. It's only a few euros more than we thought it would be anyway.
- 20 When my boss gets in a bad mood, she just at everybody.

clarification • context • gist • tip

- 21 Here's a for all budding writers out there. Never let the truth get in the way of a good story!
- 22 Please do contact me if you require further on any of these issues.
- 23 I understood the of her argument, but I can't say I understood all the fine points.
- 24 They quoted me completely out of I didn't mean that at all.

B Circle the correct word.

- Are you fed up with complicated (1) **jargon** / **slang** in official documents that's impossible to fully (2) **comprehend** / **contradict**?
 - Do you hear politicians use (3) **vague** / **relevant** and (4) **literal** / **ambiguous** language and realise you haven't got a/an (5) **inkling** / **hint** what they really mean?
 - Do you find doctors' handwriting (6) **colloquial** / **illegible** on prescriptions?
- We (7) **declare** / **denounce** all uses of language that confuse rather than explain.
Let's be (8) **blunt** / **sharp**. A lot of people in public life could do much better.
Sign our (9) **placard** / **petition** today and make your feelings clear.

Topic vocabulary: The media

C Write a word from the box in each gap.

anchor • broadcast • caption • correspondent • coverage • footnote
pamphlet • prerecorded • spine • trailer

- 1 The programme doesn't go out live. It's
- 2 And now let's go over to our political, who's live at Westminster.
- 3 The title of a book is usually printed on the cover and on the
- 4 I'd really love to be the main hosting a national, nightly news show.
- 5 There's usually massive media when a celebrity couple splits up.
- 6 I haven't seen the film yet but I saw the; it looks quite interesting.
- 7 There's no under this photo so I don't know who it's of.
- 8 If you think I need to provide more detail, I'll add a short at the bottom of the page.
- 9 I think they the show live usually, don't they?
- 10 Someone in the street gave me a small about energy conservation at home.

D Write a word from the box in the correct form in each gap.

columnist • critic • ghostwriter • handbook • manifesto • novelist • reviewer
subtitles • supplement • tabloid

Freelance writing

When you're a freelance writer, there are many varied opportunities open to you. You may be working on that great work of fiction and know that within a couple of years you'll be regarded as a hugely successful (1), but until then there are bills to be paid. The Sunday colour (2) are filled with feature articles. They all have to be written, and they're often written by freelancers. Offer your services. Know two languages? Consider doing the (3) for foreign films and TV programmes. They're usually commissioned on a film-by-film basis. Enjoy politics? Offer to help a political party to produce its next (4) – for a small fee, of course. Like technology? Someone has to write the instructions or (5) that comes with every piece of equipment we buy. It could be you! Set yourself up as a gossip (6) film (7) or book (8) for a small local newspaper. Once you've got some pieces behind you, you can move on to a bigger paper, or even a national (9) And when you've made a few contacts and had a few things published, there's a fair amount of work out there for (10) – people who write celebrities' autobiographies for them.

Phrasal verbs

E Write a phrasal verb from the box in the correct form in each gap.

blurt out • dry up • get across • pass on • shout down • speak out • talk over • talk round

- 1 Could you the message to Darren when you see him, please?
- 2 I knew it was supposed to be a secret but I just it before I could stop myself!
- 3 Rudy was really opposed to the idea at the start, but we managed to him in the end.
- 4 I've tried to explain to Sean how I feel several times, but I just can't seem to my point of view
- 5 Dave and I the whole thing last night and we've agreed to have separate holidays this year.
- 6 All of us who oppose this new road need to against it as loudly and clearly as we can.
- 7 The Minister was by protestors angry at the government's proposals.
- 8 My speech is okay but I just hope I don't as soon as I get to the podium.

F Write one word in each gap.

- 1 No one's supposed to know yet, so don't on, whatever you do!
- 2 The magazine out every Friday.
- 3 News around very fast in this town!
- 4 I couldn't believe it when Jake out with the news that he was going to move to Australia.
- 5 You'll need to your views across extremely diplomatically otherwise some people might take offence.
- 6 We've down our beliefs and policies very clearly in our latest manifesto.
- 7 Everyone except Meg on immediately that I was only joking.
- 8 I've been trying to explain the situation to Ben for weeks but I just don't seem to be able to through to him.

G Phrasal verbs with **down**, such as **shout down**, are sometimes connected to the idea of 'defeating someone or being defeated'. Tick the phrasal verbs which are also connected to a similar idea.

- 1 Rose **backed down** when she realised she was wrong. ☐
- 2 With my arthritis, it's actually quite difficult to **bend down**. ☐
- 3 I almost **broke down** in tears when I heard the news. ☐
- 4 If the vote goes the wrong way, it could **bring down** the government. ☐
- 5 The council's planning to **clamp down** on youths drinking in the streets. ☐
- 6 The Minister was forced to **climb down** in the face of so much evidence against his position. ☐
- 7 The government's planning to **crack down** on anti-social behaviour. ☐
- 8 I was in such a hurry, I just **gobbled down** my breakfast and left. ☐
- 9 Both Jo and I **went down** with food poisoning on the first day of the holiday. ☐
- 10 I'll just **jot a few notes down** while we talk. ☐
- 11 Gareth really **let me down** when he told Andrea what I'd told him in confidence. ☐
- 12 Dave didn't want to get married at first, but I've managed to **wear him down**! ☐