Unit 8 Vocabulary

The media

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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deny / refuse	talk show / quiz show / game show	press / media
agree / accept	announcer / commentator	programme / program
headline / heading	tabloid / broadsheet	channel / broadcast
feature / article	journalist / columnist	bulletin / newsflash

Phrasal verbs

bring up start discussing a subject	**look up** try to find information in a book or list, etc
come on start to be broadcast	**make out** pretend that something is true; see, hear or understand sb or sth with difficulty
come out be published	**make up** invent an explanation, excuse, etc; create a story, poem, etc
fill in add information in the spaces on a document	**put forward** suggest
flick through turn and look at the pages of a magazine, etc quickly	**see through** recognise that sth is not true and not be tricked by it
go into deal with sth in detail	**stand out** be easy to see because of being different
hand out give things to people in a group	**turn over** turn a page so that the other side is towards you

Phrases and collocations

control	in control (of sth); take control (of sth); under control; under the control of sb; out of control
description	give a description of sth/sb
difference	make a difference (to sth/sb); tell the difference (between); there's no/some/little/etc difference between
granted	take sth/sb for granted
influence	influence sth/sb; have/be an influence on sth/sb
Internet	on the Internet; over the Internet; surf the Internet
news	in the news; on the news; hear the news; newsflash; newspaper
place	take place; in place of; at a place
question	ask/answer a question; question sth/sb; in question; question mark
view	have/hold/take a view; be sb's view that; in my view; in view of; look at/see the view; view of sth; view from sth/swh
watch	watch sth/sb; watch (out) for sth/sb; keep watch

Word patterns

according to sb	**inform** sb that; inform sb about/of sth
announce sth (to sb); announce that	**likely** to do; likely that
believe sth; believe in sth; believe that; believe to be	**persuade** sb to do; persuade sb that; persuade sb of sth
comment on sth; make a comment (to sb) about sth	**point** (in) doing
confuse sth/sb with sth/sb; confused about/by sth	**send** sb sth; send sth (to sb)
correspond with sth/sb	**surprise** by surprise; surprised at/by sth
describe sth/sb as; describe sth/sb to sb	**tell** sb sth; tell sb that; tell sb about sth/doing; tell sb (not) to do
hear sth/sb; hear about sth/sb; hear from sb	

Word formation

announce announcement, (un)announced	**edit** editor, editorial, edited	**power** powerful(ly), powerless(ly), empower
belief disbelief, believe, (un)believable, (un)believably	**humour** humorous, humourless	**ridicule** ridiculous(ly), ridiculousness
communicate communication, (un)communicative, communicator	**inform** information, (un)informed, (un)informative	**second** secondly, secondary
convince convinced, (un)convincing	**journal** journalist, journalism, journalistic	**write** writer, writing, wrote, (un)written
discuss discussion	**politics** political(ly), politician	

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Topic vocabulary in contrast

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

1 John Sanders, MP, ... any involvement in the scandal when asked about it yesterday.
2 The politician ..... to say more when questioned by reporters this morning.

deny
refuse

3 Johnny Depp rarely ..... invitations to do interviews.
4 Johnny Depp ..... to appear at a press conference to promote his latest film.

agree
accept

5 Did you see the newspaper ..... this morning?
6 If you give every paragraph of your report a ..... , it'll be easier to read.

heading
headline

7 *Living Today* has got a special ..... this month on healthy diets. There are interviews with nutritionists, menus, recipes, and loads of other things too.
8 There's an interesting ..... in the paper about the Constitution of the European Union.

feature
article

9 I generally trust what I hear on the news, but rarely believe anything I read in the ..... .
10 The ..... involve print journalism, TV, radio and even electronic forms of communication such as the Internet.

press
media

11 We interrupt this programme to bring you an urgent ..... .
12 And we'll be back with our regular ..... at seven o'clock.

bulletin
newflash

B Circle the correct word or phrase.

1 It's a great computer **programme / program** once you get the hang of it.
2 I hate **tabloid / broadsheet** newspapers; they're just full of gossip, scandal and lies!
3 As a **journalist / columnist** for a local paper, you don't have to interview people or attend events. You just have to express your opinions about the issues of the day.
4 There's a great **talk / quiz / game** show on BBC1 tonight. Contestants have to race through a supermarket as quickly as they can, filling up their trolleys as they go.
5 On some TV channels, **an announcer / a commentator** tells you what the next programme is going to be.
6 Join us at half past nine for a live **broadcast / channel** of the State Opening of Parliament.

Phrasal verbs

C Write one word in each gap.

1 Please do not ..... over your examination papers until you are instructed to do so.
2 I had to ..... in so many forms. It took me hours!
3 I'd like everyone here to ..... forward as many suggestions as possible.
4 There was a guy in the street ..... out free tickets to that new quiz show.
5 He ..... out that he'd worked in children's TV, but in fact he's never been near a TV studio!
6 Could you ..... up her number in the phone book?
7 She ..... out as one of the finest contemporary British novelists around at the moment.

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D Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

1 Her latest bestseller was published last month. **out**
Her latest bestseller ..... last month.

2 That story's not true, is it? **up**
You ..... , didn't you?

3 The programme starts at half past six. **on**
The programme ..... at half past six.

4 The documentary didn't really explore why the rainforests are being cut down. **into**
The documentary didn't really ..... why the rainforests are being cut down.

5 I had a quick look at the magazine in the dentist's waiting room. **through**
I ..... in the dentist's waiting room.

6 I don't think we need to mention that now. **up**
I don't think we need to ..... now.

7 Your lies don't fool me! **through**
I can ..... your lies!

Phrases and collocations

E Choose the correct answer.

1 It's not always easy to ..... the difference between fact and opinion.
A make C say
B do D tell

2 The debate will ..... place tonight.
A be C take
B have D make

3 In my ..... , freedom of the press must be maintained.
A mind C sight
B view D thought

4 Media mogul Ronald Morduck has ..... control of another tabloid.
A made C given
B found D taken

5 They ..... a description of the robber on *CrimeTime* and it sounded like you!
A made C said
B told D gave

6 J. K. Rowling has ..... an enormous influence on children's literature.
A had C done
B given D set

7 I could spend hours ..... the Internet!
A surfing C sailing
B diving D swimming

8 They said ..... the news that the price of petrol is going up again.
A from C on
B in D at

9 The issue ..... question is more complex than you think.
A from C on
B in D at

10 Watch ..... for words like 'so-called' in articles as they express the writer's bias.
A about C over
B around D out

Word patterns

F Each of the words in bold is incorrect. Rewrite them correctly.

1 He's been described by several critics **for** our greatest living poet. .....
2 I think you've confused tabloids **by** broadsheets. .....
3 Do you believe **about** telepathy? .....
4 There's no point **of** trying to get an interview with him. He never does interviews! .....
5 According **from** this report, scientists have discovered a new planet. .....
6 The facts in this article don't correspond **about** my own experience at all. .....

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G Water has damaged part of this text about an anouncement. Read it and decide what you think each of the original words was. Write the words in the blank spaces.

The announcement

The editor sent an e-mail [ ] every journalist on the news desk announcing [ ] there would be an emergency editorial meeting at one o'clock. I had heard [ ] the problems the paper was facing and I heard [ ] one of my colleagues that the paper might be going to close. Whatever it was, it was likely [ ] be bad news. At the meeting, the editor told us [ ] to tell anyone else yet, but the paper had been taken over by Ronald Morduck. He said he had only been informed [ ] the decision that morning. We were all so surprised [ ] the news that nobody knew what to say. I made a comment [ ] a colleague that it was time to start looking for a new job. The editor heard this, and finally managed to persuade us not [ ] quit until we had seen what changes would be made.

1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....
8 .....
9 .....
10 .....

Word formation

H Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

1 Why do press photographers think they can turn up at a celebrity's house completely ..... (**ANNOUNCE**)?
2 How many means of ..... (**COMMUNICATE**) do you use on a regular basis?
3 Could you write an ..... (**EDIT**) for the next issue of the school magazine?
4 You have to have a sense of ..... (**HUMOUR**) to work on children's TV!
5 There's an ..... (**WRITE**) rule on tabloid newspapers that the truth always takes second place to a good story.
6 When Jill was at ..... (**SECOND**) school she used to dream of being a DJ on local radio.
7 Are you thinking of a career in ..... (**JOURNAL**)?
8 You don't actually get a lot of ..... (**INFORM**) from a news report on radio or TV.

I Complete the text by changing the form of the word in capitals.

Politics on TV

I love watching (**1**) ..... (**DISCUSS**) programmes, and I love politics, so you'd think I'd enjoy watching (**2**) ..... (**POLITICS**) being interviewed on TV. But I don't. All too often, (**3**) ..... (**JOURNAL**) ask them the most (**4**) ..... (**RIDICULE**) questions, and, when they do get an interesting question, I sit there watching in (**5**) ..... (**BELIEVE**) as some of the most (**6**) ..... (**POWER**) people in the country give totally (**7**) ..... (**CONVINCE**) responses. It's as if they don't care whether their reply is (**8**) ..... (**BELIEVE**) or not. Often, they're very poor (**9**) ..... (**COMMUNICATE**), and they're frequently even more (**10**) ..... (**INFORM**) about key issues than I am. I don't expect them to be particularly (**11**) ..... (**HUMOUR**) – they are serious people, after all – but at least they could say something interesting occasionally. It makes me want to stand for election myself!

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