

1C

Listening

Press intrusion

I can identify the attitude of a speaker.



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1 Complete the text with the words below.

harassed interest investigative journalists laws
libel paparazzi scandal tabloid

The pop star invited ¹ _____ from several newspapers to discuss the stories about him in the ² _____ press. The star denied taking drugs and sued the papers for ³ _____. He also complained of being repeatedly ⁴ _____ by the ⁵ _____ outside his house since publication of the stories. Furthermore, he said that privacy ⁶ _____ needed to be strengthened for all celebrities. However, the judge ruled that the tabloid's story was ⁷ _____ journalism rather than just a celebrity ⁸ _____, and therefore it was in the public ⁹ _____.

Listening Strategy

When you listen, pay attention to what words each speaker uses to express his/her attitude. Words with a similar meaning may have different connotations.

2 1.03 Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen to five dialogues and choose the word the second speaker uses.

- The second speaker describes the new person she met as **shy / bad-mannered**.
- The second speaker says that the singer's costume was **creative / colourful**.
- The second speaker describes the footballer as being **shrewd / judgemental**.
- The second speaker thinks the politician is **open-minded / single-minded**.
- The second speaker says that newspapers offer us **propaganda / information**.

3 1.03 For each speaker, choose the correct attitude (a–c). Use your answers to exercise 2 to help you. Listen again and check.

- The second speaker was _____ when she met her friend's new partner.
a unimpressed b bored c enthusiastic
- The second speaker _____ the singer's outfit.
a disapproves of b disbelieves c admires
- The second speaker is _____ when talking about the footballer.
a disapproving b unimpressed c uninterested
- The second speaker is _____ in her attitude to the politician.
a critical b approving c disbelieving
- The second speaker is _____ with tabloid news.
a disappointed b surprised c impressed

4 Say these lines from the dialogues. Try to express the attitude in brackets.

- Hey, did you enjoy the party? Who was there? Tell me all about it! (enthusiastic)
- Did you see the outfit that Rihanna was wearing at the Music Awards? Rather bright, wasn't it? (critical)
- I wish that footballer would keep his views to himself. He's always got too much to say about the other players. (annoyed)
- The Education Minister is now saying that teachers deserve a pay rise. That's a complete change of opinion! (surprised)
- I'm so tired of the tabloid news. It's very one-sided. (weary)

5 1.04 Listen and match speakers 1–4 with sentences A–E. There is one extra sentence.

- The speaker is angry about the lack of accuracy in news reporting. ☐
- The speaker is critical of people's lack of interest in improving society. ☐
- The speaker admits to an interest in celebrity gossip. ☐
- The speaker feels that news about celebrities is unrealistic. ☐
- The speaker feels that news reporting is pessimistic. ☐