

A

Newspapers

Most **papers** [newspapers] are **daily**, which means that they **come out** [appear in shops; *syn* **are published**] every day. Some are **national** [for the whole country], others are **regional** [for a part of the country]. Some newspapers are published online; these are called **e-papers**. You can also get **mobile editions** [you read a newspaper on your phone]. Magazines are usually **weekly** or **monthly**.



B

Contents of* newspapers

Reports [pieces of writing about news items, written by **reporters** / **journalists**, e.g. a **report in** *The Times* **on/about** a crime]

Articles [pieces of writing about an important subject, e.g. an **article on/about** drugs]

Headlines [titles written in large letters above reports/articles, e.g.

GOVERNMENT LOSES VOTE]

Reviews [pieces of writing giving an opinion, e.g. **a review of** a new book]

Advertisements or **adverts** [words and pictures about a product, to make people buy it, e.g. **an advert for** shampoo]

*information in

C

Television

If you **broadcast** something, you send it out on TV, radio or the Internet. There are now many broadcasting companies and many programmes. People watch:

- **the news** [information about world events]
- **the weather forecast** [a description of what the weather will be like in the next few days]
- **documentaries** [programmes that give facts about real situations and real people]
- **chat shows** [programmes where famous people are asked questions about themselves]
- **a series** [a number of programmes that have the same characters or deal with the same subject]
- **soap operas** [a regular series of programmes, often two or three times a week, about a group of characters who live in the same area]
- **reality TV shows** [programmes which follow ordinary people or **celebrities** [famous people] through a number of situations or challenges. **Well-known** [famous] examples include: *Pop Idol*, *The X Factor* and *Strictly Come Dancing*].

Language help

We usually use **channel** to talk about television broadcasting, e.g. *The news is on Channel 4*; and **station** to talk about radio broadcasting, e.g. *A: What station are you listening to? B: Radio 1 – it's mostly pop music.*

D

Media reporting*

Many newspapers also have online **forums** where people can leave messages and discuss topics. News is also reported online through **podcasts** [a radio programme that you download from the Internet and play on your computer or phone], e.g. Have you heard the latest business **podcast** on the CNN website?

When we refer to something that someone has said or written, we do it in these ways:

It said in *The Times* that the plane crashed in the sea.

According to the news on TV last night, the plane crashed in the sea.

*reporting in newspapers, on TV or the Internet

Common mistakes

It says in the paper / **According to** the paper ... (NOT ~~It's written~~ in the paper ...)

Exercises

52.1 Tick (✓) the words which describe a type of TV programme.

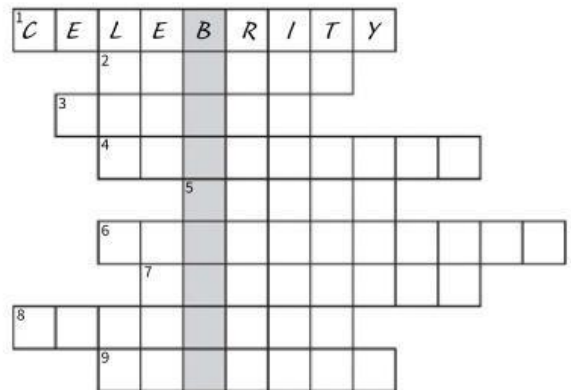
the news ✓ documentary headline soap opera
chat show review article series

52.2 Complete the dialogues.

- 1 A: Have you heard of 'Radio Five Live'?
B: Yes, it's a very popular station.
- 2 A: Is the magazine published every day?
B: No, it monthly.
- 3 A: Is it a national paper?
B: No, it's a paper for the south-west.
- 4 A: Can we watch the news now?
B: Yes, it's on Four.
- 5 A: Are they mostly famous people?
B: Yes, they're all .

52.3 Complete the crossword. What is the vertical word in grey?

- 1 a famous person
- 2 a number of programmes with the same characters
- 3 a piece of writing about a news item
- 4 programmes several times a week about the same people
- 5 happening every day
- 6 a factual programme about real people and situations
- 7 relating to the whole country
- 8 a programme that interviews famous people
- 9 a piece of writing about an important subject



52.4 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Did you read that article in the paper yesterday about space?
- 2 The manager was interviewed for the paper by one of their well-known .
- 3 Do you understand this ? '200 WOMEN GIVEN WRONG DIAGNOSIS'
- 4 Rock FM is the name of a radio .
- 5 It in the paper that the interest rate is likely to go up soon.
- 6 I read a of his latest film. It doesn't sound very good.
- 7 You often see in the paper which promise that you can learn a language in ten hours with this method. It isn't true.
- 8 to the weather last night, it's going to rain today.
- 9 I never watch operas.
- 10 I love *The X Factor*; in fact, I love all TV shows!

52.5 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- 1 How many daily national newspapers are there?
- 2 How many newspapers only come out on Sunday in your country?
- 3 What parts of the newspaper do you read?
- 4 What types of TV programme do you watch?