

## **Opinions on current affairs and media**

*Give opinions using the words and on the topics below, discuss them for as long as you like, then do the same with other words below.*

*Ask about any words you don't know or can't think of an opinion on, discussing them each time. Then, without looking below brainstorm suitable vocabulary in the spaces below.*

## **Words connected to newspapers (parts of a newspaper, etc)**

## **Words connected to television**

## **Words connected to radio**

## **Words connected to new media/ online media**

## **Kinds of news/ Kinds of news story (crimes, etc)**

## **People connected to news and media**

## **Positive words connected to news and media**

## **Negative words connected to news and media**

Look below for ideas (most, but not all, fit somewhere), then brainstorm more.

Topics	Opinions
(popup/ banner/ targeted) ad/ commercial animation/ cartoon box office/ circulation/ ratings broadsheets – tabloids business/ economics (U/ PG/ 12/ 15/ 18/ R) certification (shopping) channel/ channel hopping columnists/ editorials/ comment/ opinion comedy/ sitcom/ sketch show/ stand-up conflicts/ wars/ armed forces/ defence conspiracies/ conspiracy theories (organised/ petty/ white collar) crime current affairs/ news (wildlife) documentary (costume/ historical) drama environment/ natural disasters/ weather exclusives/ investigations/ scoops freebies front pages/ headlines (celebrity) gossip/ paparazzi (local/ national) government/ politics/ians health/ lifestyle images/ photography/ footage/ captions domestic news – international news (citizen) journalists/ reporters leaks/ whistleblowers/ official secrets listener/ reader/ viewer(ship) (mainstream/ alternative/ social) media music/ DJ (rolling/ bad/ good/ latest) news PR/ spin doctors press/ (Sunday/ women's) magazines prime time public service broadcasting (AM/ FM/ talk/ local) radio (financial/ sexual/ political) scandal science and technology/ sci-fi sex and violence	alarmist/ sensationalist/ism balance(d)/ impartial – bias(ed) ban/ block (un)believable/(un)realistic boring/ dull – entertaining censor(ed/ship) clichéd confusing decline/ shrink/ doomed – boom/ expand disgusting/ revolting disturbing/ shocking depressing (metropolitan) elite fake/ made up/ misinformation frightening/ scary/ terrifying get worse – improve important/ crucial/ vital/ essential/ relevant interesting/ fascinating/ riveting left wing/ progressive/ liberal (mathematically/ statistically) (il)literate low brow – high brow melodramatic/ sentimental (un)necessary none of our/ anyone's business objective/ity – subjective/ity overblown/ overlong/ over... - under... (un)popular PR (un)predictable pretentious/ over-intellectual (un)profitable prosecute/ sue prurient/ nosy pseudo-science ridiculous right wing/ conservative scare mongering serious

(reality/ chat/ quiz/ cop/ talent/ travel) show society/ social issues/ social problems sports streaming/ on demand – download/ podcast (cable/ satellite/ event/ terrestrial) TV/ telly trailers	sold out snooping/ surveillance thought provoking trash/ trashy (un)trustworthy unimportant/ trivial/ pointless/ worthless worth the money/ good value for money
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