

Opinions on Current Affairs- Vocabulary

Give your opinions on topics from below and/ or using words from below, then check your partner's opinion on what you said with expressions like "Do you agree?"

- (un)bias(ed) – balance
- breaking news/ rolling news/ the 24-hour news cycle
- (national/ public/ public service/ commercial) broadcasters
- broadsheet newspapers – tabloid newspapers
- (coverage of) business and economics
- cancel culture
- censorship
- citizen journalists/ bloggers
- (BTL/ below the line) comments
- conspiracy theories/ conspiracy theorists
- (coverage of) (organised/ violent/ white collar) crime and law
- different parts of the newspaper (columns, editorials, front page, back pages, horoscope, headlines, captions, letters, crossword, etc)
- fake news/ misinformation
- freedom of information/ freedom of speech (leaks, whistleblowers, etc)
- (celebrity) gossip
- hate speech
- health news/ health scares
- (coverage of) international news/ foreign news/ overseas news
- investigative news/ scoops
- keeping up with the (latest/ breaking) news/ staying well-informed
- left-wing news sources – right-wing news sources
- (news/ gossip/ scandal) mags/ magazines
- (mainstream/ alternative) media
- (coverage of) natural disasters
- negative things about newspapers/ broadcasters/ journalism/ television news – positive things about...
- online influencers

- ownership of media organisations
- paparazzi
- (news/ true crime) podcasts
- (coverage of) (local/ domestic/ international) politics
- (coverage of) (local/ national) politicians (prime minister, MPs, local councillors, etc)
- privacy/ data protection
- (talk/ local/ speech/ AM/ FM/ satellite/ pirate) radio (station)
- (coverage of) (financial/ sexual/ political) scandals
- (coverage of) science and technology
- sensationalism/ alarmism/ scaremongering (health scares, etc)
- social media
- sports pages/ back pages
- switching off
- (cable/ satellite/ 24-hour news/ terrestrial) television
- (un)trustworthy

Ask about any vocabulary above which you couldn't make an opinion on, couldn't understand, etc, working together to make opinions once you understand.

News and media collocations

Without looking above, join beginnings and endings of current affairs vocabulary expressions in each section below.

breaking/ rolling	affairs
broad	comments
BTL/ below the line	culture
cable/ satellite/ terrestrial/ 24-hour news	gossip (mags)
cancel	journalism
celebrity	news
citizen	news
conspiracy	scandal
current	sheets
domestic/ fake/ international/ local/ foreign	television
financial/ sexual/ political	theories/ theorists
free/ hate	broadcasters
front	line
head-	media
health	news/ papers/ politics/ elections
investigative	news/ scares
keeping up	page
left/ right	reporting
life	speech
local	style
mainstream/ alternative/ local/ national	wing
national/ public/ public service/ commercial	with the news
natural	-blowers
news	crime
news/ gossip/ scandal	disasters
online	influencers
organised/ violent/ white collar	informed
scare	mags/ magazines
social	media
sports	-mongering
switch	off
talk/ local/ speech/ AM/ FM/ satellite/ pirate	organisations/ sources
well-	pages/ results
whistle	radio (station)

Check with the first page.