

**B1.4 The Media and T.V.**

**You can learn:**

- How to talk about the press and the media in general.
- How to discuss the political situation in your country.

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**Discuss the questions in the box, which are all related to the media and news reporting.**

- Do you read a newspaper, watch the T.V. news, or get your news from the internet?
- How has new technology affected news reporting?
- Who controls/owns the media in your country?
- Can you always trust what you read, or watch, in terms of news reporting? Is it objective/impartial?
- What are the major news stories at the moment, both in your country and abroad?
- How do you feel about censorship of the press?
- Are you interested in the private lives of celebrities and politicians? Why/why not?
- What has been the biggest news story in the last year? In the last ten years?
- Can you think of any examples of the media being irresponsible?

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**Imagine you are a news reporter like the ones below. You are doing a news story on life in your partner's country. Roleplay an interview with your partner. Ask the questions in the box, but please also add more of your own.**



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- What is the best thing about living in your country?
- What problems does your country face?
- Do you think it will be possible to solve them?
- Do you have a good government in your country at the moment? Why/why not?
- If you could change one thing in your country, what would you change?
- Which other country is your country's best friend?
- Who are the most popular people in your country today?
- ...?

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**Discuss the questions in the box about watching T.V. with your partner.**

- How much T.V. do you watch these days?
- What is your favourite T.V. programme? Describe it.
- Are you going to watch T.V. tonight? Which programmes?
- What did you watch on T.V. yesterday? Did you enjoy it?
- Can T.V. be educational? Is it too violent?

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**Imagine that cable T.V. is currently unavailable (due to a technical fault in your area) and you are restricted to the five T.V. channels below. Look at the "T.V. Guide" below and, together with your partner, plan your evening's viewing.**

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	Channel 1	Channel 2	Channel 3	Channel 4	Channel 5
6.00 p.m.	The News and Weather 	The Money Hour £ Business	T.V. Doctor  Medical Problems	Tennis Finals  Mixed Doubles	Religious Affairs 
7.00 p.m.	Improve Your Home D.I.Y. 	Cookery Class 	The News and Weather 	The Gardening Show 	Life in Japan 
8.00 p.m.	The Art of Italy 	The News and Weather 	Athletics 	Chat Show 	Twin Cops U.S.A. Crime Series 
9.00 p.m.	The Tigers Rock Concert 	The Sky at Night  Astronomy	The Life of Alligators  Nature	The News and Weather 	Ancient Egypt  History
10.00 p.m.					
11.00 p.m.					

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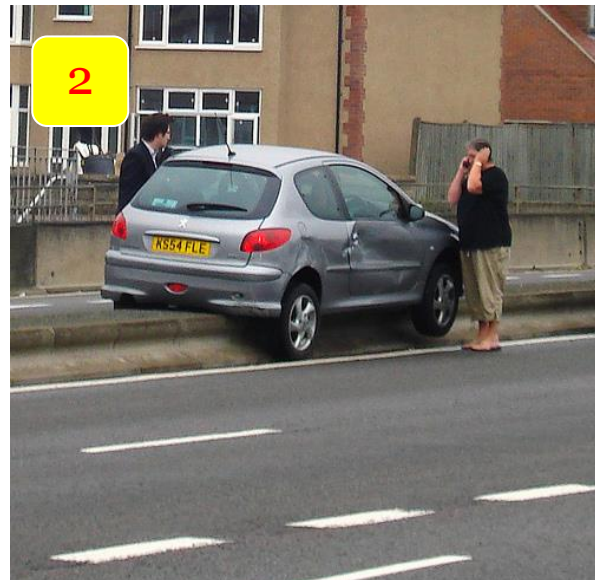


**Look at the pictures below. They are each from a different newspaper story. Imagine that each one is on the front of a different newspaper. What would the headline be in each case? What could the story be about? Now imagine they are from the same newspaper report. How could they be connected?**



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**Now choose one of the newspaper stories and write the story.**

*A woman today caused chaos in the city centre when she drove her car up onto the side of the road. She stood in the middle of the road calling her family not realising that this was making the situation much worse...*

