

1 JOURNALISTS AND PEOPLE IN THE MEDIA

a Match the words and definitions.

agony aunt /'ægəni a:nt/ commentator /'kɒməntətə/ critic /'krɪtɪk/ editor /'edɪtə/ freelance journalist /'fri:lɑ:ns 'dʒɜ:nəlɪst/
newsreader /'nju:zrɪ:də/ paparazzi (pl) /pəpə'rætsi/ presenter /prɪ'zentə/ reporter /rɪ'pɔ:tə/

- 1 critic _____ a person who writes (a **review**) about the good / bad qualities of books, concerts, theatre, films, etc.
- 2 _____ a person who describes a sports event while it's happening on TV or radio
- 3 _____ a person who collects and reports news for newspapers, radio, or TV
- 4 _____ a person in charge of a newspaper or magazine, or part of one, and decides what should be in it
- 5 _____ a person who introduces the different sections of a radio or TV programme
- 6 _____ a person who writes articles for different papers and is not employed by any one paper
- 7 _____ a person who reads the news on TV or radio
- 8 _____ photographers who follow famous people around to get photos of them to sell to newspapers and magazines
- 9 _____ a person who writes in a newspaper or magazine giving advice to people in reply to their letters

b (443)) Listen and check.

2 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE THE MEDIA

a Match the sentences.

- 1 The reporting in the paper was very **sensational** /sen'seɪʃənl/.
 - 2 The news on Channel 12 is really **biased** /'baɪəst/.
 - 3 I think The Observer is the most **objective** /əb'dʒektɪv/ of the Sunday papers.
 - 4 The film review was quite **accurate** /'ækjərət/.
 - 5 I think the report was **censored** /'sensəd/.
- A It said the plot was poor but the acting good, which was true.
B It bases its stories just on facts, not on feelings or beliefs.
C The newspaper wasn't allowed to publish all the details.
D It made the story seem more shocking than it really was.
E You can't believe anything you hear on it. It's obvious what political party they favour!

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3 THE LANGUAGE OF HEADLINES



The language of headlines

Newspaper headlines, especially in *tabloids, often use short snappy words. These words use up less space and are more emotive, which helps to sell newspapers.

*newspapers with smaller pages that print short articles with lots of photos, often about famous people

a Match the **highlighted** 'headline phrases' with their meaning.

- 1 **A Famous actress in restaurant bill row**
- 2 United boss **to quit** after shock cup defeat
- 3 Prince **to wed** 18-year-old TV soap star
- 4 Prime minister **backs** his Chancellor in latest scandal
- 5 Tarantino **tipped** to win Best Director
- 6 Thousands of jobs **axed** by UK firms
- 7 Stock market **hit** by oil fears
- 8 Police **quiz** witness in murder trial
- 9 Astronaut **bids** to be first man on Mars
- 10 Ministers **clash** over new car tax proposal
- 11 Bayern Munich boss **vows** to avenge defeat
- 12 Footballer and wife **split** over affair with cleaner

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| A argument | G is going to marry |
| B have been cut | H promises |
| C question, interrogate | I is predicted |
| D is going to attempt | J disagree |
| E is going to leave | K has been badly affected |
| F separate | L supports |

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