

The media

Language focus

- Media vocabulary
- Talking about the cinema
- Debating language

1 Screen time

a) Answer these two questions.

- Do you keep up with current affairs?
- Have you ever got hooked on a series?

b) Talk about the last time ...

- you saw a star-studded movie.
- you saw a dazzling display from an actor.
- you read a glowing review.
- you talked about a film for a long time after you'd seen it.



2 The press

Describe the most important newspapers in your country.

- Do they have a special focus?
- Do they have a political bias?

Useful language

- They're good at uncovering scandals.
- This paper is biased to the left.
- That paper is basically a mouthpiece for the far right.
- The paper I read focuses on economics and politics.

3 The parts of a newspaper

Which parts of a newspaper interest you most?

- The obituaries page
- The editorial
- The classified ads
- The Sunday supplements on travel, food, finance, etc.
- The 'letters to the editor' page
- The letters in the advice column
- Your horoscope



4 The media in general

How do the following aspects of the media affect our lives?

- Government controlled media
- Press bias
- Internet news
- Social media

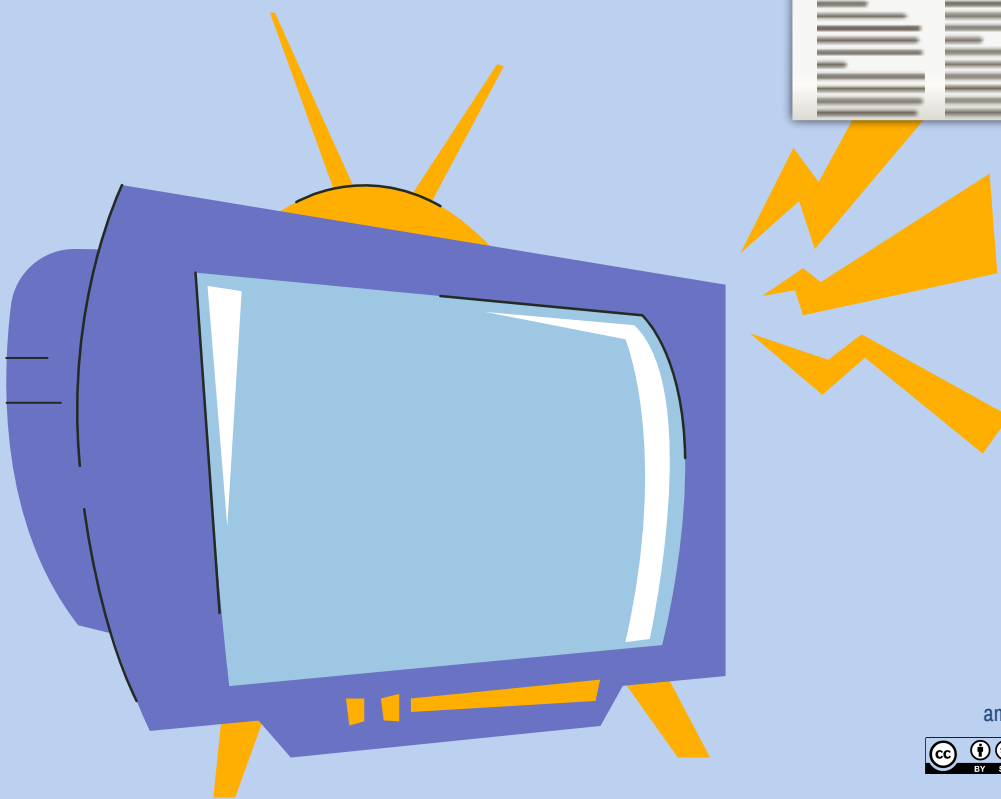


Useful language

- I think ...
- I don't believe ...
- As far as I'm concerned ...
- I must admit that ...
- I agree with you up to a point, but ...
- You could be right.
- It's hard to say.
- That's a matter of opinion.

5 Discussion

- Do you think we suffer from information overload?
- What are the dangers of “fake news”?
- Does a press bias exist in your country?



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