Vocabuilder: News and Media

VOCAB LIST: News and Journalism

journalist – a person who writes and reports the news

My cousin wants to be a journalist because he likes to write and he is interested in current events.

correspondent (n.) – a journalist who works for a media network and (usually) reports on a specific topic (such as foreign news, sports, business, etc.)

Major news networks often have several foreign correspondents working in many different countries.

anchor (n.) – a person who reads the news on TV

Mainstream news networks often hire attractive news anchors to get more people to watch their news programs.

politician – a person who works in politics or serves in the government

Journalists often interview politicians about important government stories.

celebrity – a person who is famous (usually an actor, actress, singer, etc.)

Many people are interested in the love lives of celebrities. Many celebrities attended the awards show last night.

tabloids – newspapers and magazines that focus on celebrity news and exciting stories

Tabloids are very popular because people enjoy reading about celebrities and their relationships.

sensationalism (n.) – exaggerated news that seeks to get people's attention **sensationalize (v.)** – exaggerated news that seeks to get people's attention

Tabloids are often criticized for focusing on sensationalism and stretching the truth. I don't trust tabloids because they tend to sensationalize the news.

coverage (n.) – the attention given to a news story by a media outlet **cover (v.)** – to report about a story or issue

The BBC gives a lot of coverage to international news. Tabloids tend to cover celebrity news and romantic stories.

manipulate – to change the truth and influence people to agree with your opinion

People used to get their news from print and broadcast media, but in recent years more people have turned to online media for their news.

bias (n.) – a strong opinion about an issue; an unwillingness to consider other opinions **biased (adj.)** – having an opinion about an issue and being unwilling to consider other opinions

Politicians often say the mainstream media is biased and unfair.

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VOCAB REVIEW: News and Journalism

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network	politicians		celebrities	
manipulate	sensationalism	affiliate	coverage	

The BBC is one	of the most we	ell-known news	in the		
world. They are based	d in the UK, but	they have	in almost		
every country in the v	world. On their	international news net	work, BBC World,		
they give	to even	to events all over the world. The			
ar	e very profession	onal-looking and they r	ead the news clearly		
and with a very serior	us attitude. Las	t year, their business _			
John Johnson won th	e award for Bes	st International Busines	ss Reporting.		
However, there are a	lso many, less s	serious, media outlets i	n the UK. Every day,		
many people read		_, which contain stories	s about the personal		
lives of	and	Many pe	ople dislike these		
tabloids, because the	y say that the _	write	e stories that are not		
true and	stories t	o try to make them mo	re interesting.		
Because of this, many	people protes	ted outside the offices	of one of the		
country's biggest tabl	oids, saying, "T	his is not news. It is	!"		