News and media: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

Do you read or watch the news?

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Where do you get your news?

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When do you check the news?

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Do you prefer TV, radio or your phone?

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What kind of news do you like: sport, culture, politics?

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Do you read news in English?

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Do you listen to podcasts?

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What happened in your city this week?

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

Tell me about a news story that caught your attention recently.

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How do you know whether a story is true?

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Do you ever avoid the news? Why?

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What was the biggest news event you remember from your childhood?

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Do you talk about the news with family or friends?

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Has a news story ever made you change a habit?

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What kind of story gets too much attention?

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Do you trust local news more than national news?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

Is it possible for a journalist to be completely neutral?

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Why does bad news travel faster than good news?

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Who should decide what counts as false information?

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Is it healthy to follow the news all day?

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Should people pay for good journalism?

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Do we still share a common set of facts?

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How should the media report on a crime before the trial?

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What story do you think will matter most in ten years that few people follow now?

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Useful language

- I read that... / They said that...
- It was reported that...
- It's biased. / It's reliable.
- According to...
- a headline · a source · a reporter · coverage
- Apparently... / It seems that...