

## IELTS Media Vocabulary: Gap Fill Exercise

Media related topics crop up often in both IELTS Speaking and Writing. For example, the examiner might ask you to discuss your favourite news source or to talk about a website you frequently use.

Below you will find questions about work for each part of the Speaking test. We have removed some of the keywords and placed them at the bottom of each section.

Try and place each word in the correct place. When you have finished go to this page and check your answers. You will also find a glossary at the bottom of the answer page.

### IELTS Speaking Test Sample: The Media

#### Part 1-style questions

**Examiner:** Do you read the news every day?

**Candidate:** Of course, it's so \_\_\_\_\_ that it's impossible to avoid. I get a constant \_\_\_\_\_ of news alerts through apps on my phone.

**Candidate:** **Examiner:** What kind of news do you usually follow?

**Candidate:** I lean towards the colourful stories \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_. I always enjoy gossip.

**Examiner:** Do you prefer to read news online or watch it on TV?

**Candidate:** Neither, to be honest. I prefer the old-fashioned *unfiltered* way of buying a physical newspaper. My father always bought *broadsheets*, but I as I said, I prefer tabloids.

*peddled*

*stream*

*ubiquitous*

*tabloids*

## Part 2

*Describe a news source that you read.*

*You should say:*

- what the news source is called*
- what kind of articles it contains*
- how often you read it*

*and explain why you like to read it*

**Candidate:**

When I relax, I like to read \_\_\_\_\_ gossip magazines. However, I like to read something a little more \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally as well. One news source I particularly like is called Moral Maze on the BBC website. It's really a podcast of a live debate. The conversation always centres on a \_\_\_\_\_ behind a \_\_\_\_\_. What I really like about it is that each podcast has a written summary. The summary is concise and \_\_\_\_\_ but packed with really high-level vocabulary. It's \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Once I've read and understood the summary, I download the podcast and just listen. It's always \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; it really makes me think.

*a far cry from*

*highbrow*

*moral issue*

*glossy*

*chequebook journalism*

*current event*

*paparazzi*

*engaging*

*succinct*

*provocative*

### Part 3-style questions

**Examiner:** Do you think it is important to pay attention to the news? [Evaluate]

**Candidate:** Yes – we should all \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. The recent pandemic really highlighted the importance of keeping up with local and international news.

**Examiner:** What are the main ways people get their news? [Compare]

**Candidate:** These days, many people get their news through social media. This is unfortunate as it is heavily filtered and can be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in a way that is very misleading.

**Examiner:** What do you think will be the main way people get their news in the future? [Predict]

**Candidate:** I think news is going to become ever more personalised. \_\_\_\_\_ has arrived - we might even be getting our news from the fridge soon!

*distorted*

*keep up*

*the internet of things*

*biased*

*current affairs*

Now check your answers on this page.