

SPEAKING MATERIAL

ENGLISH FILE UPPER-INTERMEDIATE- UNIT 8

VOCABULARY

A- Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: After being questioned by police for several hours, the woman confessed to the crime.

1. Both women were **a**_____ because of a lack of reliable evidence.
2. The **j**_____ gave the woman a shorter sentence because she had pleaded guilty.
3. The politician was **b**_____ by a colleague who knew some of his guilty secrets.
4. The police couldn't charge the men because there were no **w**_____ to say what they'd seen.
5. Cigarettes are often **s**_____ into the UK because the tax is so high on them there.
6. Both men were found **g**_____ and sentenced to five years in prison.
7. A man has been charged with **s**_____ after following Miss Jones everywhere for months.
8. The **p**_____ for murder is usually a life sentence.
9. The man had **c**_____ several previous crimes for which he was also charged.
10. The **v**_____ of the jury was that Mr Martin was guilty of all charges

B- Complete the sentences with the correct word.

newsreader	biased	sensational	commentator	freelance
gossip	vows	agony aunt	censored	paparazzi reviews

Example: Celebrities must get so fed up of paparazzi trying to photograph them all the time.

1. This show has been given very favourable _____ by critics. Shall we get tickets for it?
2. The _____ on the football final screamed with joy when his former team mate scored the winning goal.
3. Government _____ to reduce air pollution before next election.
4. John doesn't work for one single newspaper. He's a _____ photographer.
5. Lena is an _____. She writes answers to people's letters in the local paper and gives them advice.
6. This journalist always uses such strong language in his news stories - it's too _____ for me.
7. I read that magazine for all the celebrity _____ - it's fun but I know it's not all true!
8. The internet isn't _____ so it's easier to spread fake news on it.
9. I loved it when that very serious _____ couldn't stop laughing as he read one story!
10. That news report isn't at all objective - it's very _____ actually.

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

Talk about the pictures.





MINI-PRESENTATION

Work in groups of three. Choose one of the topics given below. Then prepare a mini presentation by answering the questions given. You can take notes as you prepare your answer. The preparation is supposed to take one minute. Finally, talk for maximum 2 minutes about the given subject.

TOPIC 1

Describe a good law in your country. You should say:

- *what the law is*
- *how you have learned about it*
- *what people think about it*
- *why you think it is a good law*

TOPIC 2

Describe a new law you would implement where you live to make it a better place. You should say:

- *what law it will be*
- *whether it is easy to introduce such a law*
- *whether it will be popular*
- *what the benefits of such a new law would be*

TOPIC 3

Describe interesting news about which people were very excited. You should say:

- *what the story was*
- *who involved in the story*
- *where you read or heard about this story*
- *why this story was interesting to you*

GROUP DISCUSSION

Work in groups of three or four students. Answer the questions given by taking turns.

1. Is there any situation wherein people may disobey some laws? Why is so?
2. What qualities should a good police officer possess?
3. Why do you think people mostly break laws for?
4. How important are newspapers? How do you see their future in the age of internet?
5. Do you believe everything you read in the newspapers? Why/ Why not?
6. How has social media changed the way we get and share the news?
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using the internet for news?