

The Newspaper

Introduction: A newspaper is the paper that carries news to us. It supplies us with news from both home and abroad. It is the sum and substance of the daily world. A newspaper is a printed publication, usually issued daily or weekly, containing news, advertisements, and articles on various subjects. It is called the storehouse of knowledge.

Kinds: There are many kinds of newspapers such as daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, bi-monthly, etc. The dailies contain news and views about the daily affairs of the whole world. There are also other types of newspapers known as periodicals and magazines, which contain educative articles.

History: The history of newspapers goes back a long way. Newspapers were first published in China. The *Indian Gazette* was the first published paper in the Indian subcontinent. It was published in 1779. *Samachar Darpan* was the first Bangla newspaper. The Christian missionaries of Serampore published it.

Importance: A newspaper is the mirror of the day. It brings us the news of the world and acts as a storehouse of knowledge. Students can learn a lot of interesting things by reading a newspaper. People read it for news, traders for the market updates of their goods, and sportsmen for games and sports. In a word, reports on market conditions, sports, and the political and economic situation of the world come to us through newspapers every day.

Demerits: A newspaper is not entirely free from evils. It has some demerits too. Sometimes it publishes false and partisan news. Thus it creates public sentiments and enmity among the political parties. Sometimes reporters take bribes and hide the real truth.

Conclusion: In spite of some demerits, the newspaper is a part and parcel of our life. It is very useful to us. Without food, we can pass some days but without a newspaper, we cannot imagine even a single day.