

TOPIC 13: MEDIA AND NEWS

Speaking Part 1

Frequently-Asked Questions

- ✓ Where do you usually get the news from?
- ✓ Do you read magazines? Which ones?
- ✓ Do you often read a newspaper?
- ✓ In which kinds of circumstances do you usually listen to the radio?
- ✓ What kinds of social networking websites do you like to use?
- ✓ Is it easy to find real friends on a social networking website?

Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
commonly	/ˈkɒm.ən.li/	often or usually (thông thường)
accessible	/əkˈses.ə.bəl/	able to be reached or easily got (dễ truy cập, tiếp cận)
fresh	/freʃ/	new or different (mới, cập nhật)
trend	/trend/	a general development or change in a situation or in the way that people are behaving (xu hướng, xu thế)
fast-paced	/ˌfɑːst ˈpeɪst/	moving, changing or happening very quickly (diễn ra nhanh chóng)

social networking	/ˌsəʊʃl 'netwɜ:kɪŋ/	communication with people who share your interests using a website or other service on the internet (mạng xã hội)
addicted to	/ə'dɪk.tɪd/	unable to stop doing something as a habit (nghiện thứ gì)
platform	/'plæt.fɔ:m/	a method of communication or entertainment, for example television, radio, or the internet (nền tảng)
openly	/'əʊ.pən.li/	without hiding any of your thoughts or feelings (cởi mở, tự do)
ubiquitous	/ju:'bɪk.wɪ.təs/	seeming to be everywhere (đâu đâu cũng thấy)
like-minded	/ˌlaɪk'maɪn.dɪd/	sharing the same opinions, ideas, or interests (cùng chung quan điểm, sở thích)
monotonous	/mə'nɒt.ən.əs/	not changing and therefore boring (nhàm chán)
eye-catching	/'aɪ,kætʃ.ɪŋ/	very attractive or noticeable (bắt mắt)
be, get, keep, etc. in touch	/tʌtʃ/	to communicate or continue to communicate with someone by using a phone or writing to them (giữ liên lạc)
application	/ˌæp.lɪ'keɪ.ʃən/	a computer program that is designed for a particular purpose (ứng dụng)

Useful sentence structure

- ✓ I keep in touch with my family members using (+ an application).

Ex: I keep in touch with my family members using an application called Skype.

- ✓ I'm quite addicted to (a social networking site).

Ex: I'm quite addicted to Facebook.

- ✓ I prefer reading (newspapers/ magazines) since + a clause of reason.

Ex: I prefer reading newspapers since they are very informative.

- ✓ I mainly use (a social networking site), which is considered ubiquitous nowadays.

Ex: I mainly use Facebook, which is considered ubiquitous nowadays.

PRACTICE

Q1: Where do you usually get the news from?

Suggestions

- ✓ TV + Facebook
- ✓ accessible + give freshest updates

Q1: Where do you usually get the news from? (Sample)

I commonly get news from TV and Facebook because these two forms of media are very much accessible for me and gives me the freshest updates about fashion trends, politics and the society in general.

Q2: What kinds of social networking websites do you like to use?

Suggestions

- ✓ live in a fast-paced society → common to use social networking sites
- ✓ addicted to Facebook, Instagram and YouTube → ubiquitous
- ✓ Twitter: openly express thoughts

Q2: What kinds of social networking websites do you like to use? (Sample)

We're living in the fast-paced world, so I think youngsters, including me, use social networking websites very often. I am addicted to Facebook, Instagram and YouTube which are kind of

ubiquitous nowadays. Besides that I also use Twitter, a platform where I can openly express my thoughts.

Q3: Do you often read a newspaper?

Suggestions

- ✓ newspapers: monotonous
- ✓ prefer magazines → eye-catching covers
- ✓ fascinated by diverse topics

Q3: Do you often read a newspaper? (Sample)

To be honest, reading newspapers is quite monotonous. I prefer magazines instead because the cover itself is already eye-catching. I'm also fascinated by diverse subjects presented in magazines.

Q4: Is it easy to find real friends on a social networking website?

Suggestions

- ✓ easy to find like-minded people → not necessarily friends
- ✓ need to have physical interaction → build trust

Q4: Is it easy to find real friends on a social networking website? (Sample)

I guess no. It may be easy to find like-minded people on social networking sites, but these people are not necessarily our friends. I think you need to have physical interaction with a person over a period of time in order to build trust with each other.

Q5: What kind of chatting application or website do you like to use?

Suggestions

- ✓ keep in touch by Messenger → application developed by Facebook
- ✓ convenient → most people use

Q5: What kind of chatting application or website do you like to use? (Sample)

I do keep in touch with my family members and friend using a messaging software called Messenger. It is actually an application developed by Facebook, which is quite convenient, because most people are on Facebook these days.

Speaking Part 2

Cue card

Describe a magazine or newspaper you often read

You should say

what the newspaper is

what it is about

how often you read it

and explain why you like to read it.

Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
subscription	/səb'skrip.ʃən/	an amount of money that you pay regularly to receive a product or service (sự đăng ký)
take out	/teɪk aʊt/	pay for (trả tiền)
at the top of the list		of greatest importance (hàng đầu)
familiar with something	/fə'mil.i.ər/	to know something or someone well (quen thuộc)
influential	/ˌɪnflu'enʃl/	having a lot of influence on somebody/ something (có tầm ảnh hưởng)
powerhouse	/ˈpaʊəhaʊs/	a group or an organization that is strong and effective in its activities (ông lớn)

impressive	/ɪm'presɪv/	making you admire them, because they are very large, good, skilful, etc. (đầy ấn tượng)
reliable	/rɪ'laɪəbl/	that can be trusted to do something well; that you can rely on (đáng tin cậy)
accurate	/'ækjərət/	correct and true in every detail (chính xác)
extensive	/ɪk'stensɪv/	including or dealing with a wide range of information (sâu rộng)
periodical	/'prɪəri'ɒdɪkl/	a magazine that is published every week, month, etc., especially one that is about an academic subject (tạp chí hàng tuần)
coverage	/'kʌvərɪdʒ/	the reporting of news and sport in the media (sự phủ sóng)
shed light on sth		to help to explain a situation (làm sáng tỏ)
invaluable	/ɪn'væljuəbl/	extremely useful (vô cùng hữu ích)

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Sample

Well, being a university graduate with major in English language, reading newspapers is something I have to do on a daily basis, just to keep myself updated of global events. So out of the news websites that I often read, I would personally put The Guardian on top of the list.

Obviously, you would've probably been too familiar with how powerful and influential it is. The Guardian is considered one of the powerhouses of the publishing industry.

So I decided to take out a subscription for The Guardian though it's totally free of charge. You will get limited access to some contents of the website if you don't subscribe for it. But anyway, I find it to be a very reliable source of news. Well, The Guardian has presented some of the most accurate and extensive articles about the UK and other parts of the world. And on top of that, what I think sets The Guardian apart from other periodicals is the fact that it always tries to shed light on abstract topics. I have gained tremendous understanding of those topics thanks to this news website.

Speaking Part 3

Frequently-asked questions

- ✓ How do most people get their news in your country?
- ✓ How do you think people will get their news in the future?
- ✓ Do you believe everything you read in the newspapers?
- ✓ How has TV changed our life?
- ✓ How has social media changed the way we get and share the news?

Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
wealthy	/'welθi/	having a lot of money, possessions, etc. (giàu có)
portal	/'pɔ:tl/	a website that is used as a point of entry to the internet (cổng thông tin)
dominant	/'dɒmɪnənt/	more important, powerful or easy to notice than other things (thống trị)

instant	/ˈɪnstənt/	happening immediately (ngay lập tức)
correspondent	/ˌkɒrəˈspɒndənt/	a person who reports news (phóng viên, người đưa tin)
censor	/ˈsensə(r)/	to remove the parts of a book, film, etc. that are considered to be offensive or a political threat (kiểm duyệt)
irresponsibly	/ˌɪrɪˈspɒnsəbli/	without thinking enough about the effects of what you do (bất cẩn, vô trách nhiệm)
unreliable	/ˌʌnrɪˈlaɪəbl/	that cannot be trusted or depended on (không đáng tin cậy)
bias	/ˈbaɪəs/	an interest in one thing more than others (sự thiên vị)
validity	/vəˈlɪdəti/	the state of being legally or officially acceptable (mức độ đáng tin cậy)
beneficial	/ˌben.ɪˈfɪʃ.əl/	helpful, useful, or good (có lợi cho)
fabricate	/ˈfæbrɪkeɪt/	to invent false information in order to trick people (giả mạo)

PRACTICE

Q1: How do most people get their news in your country? (Sample)

It depends on where they live and how wealthy they are. In rural areas where economic growth is limited and telecommunication infrastructure is still developing, I think traditional newspapers and television are the two most common ways of getting news. In more economically developed areas, people use the Internet and mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets to update news instantly.

Q2. How do you think people will get their news in the future? (Sample)

Personally speaking, traditional newspapers and television will be less popular methods of getting news in the future because of the time lag between when news happen and when readers get them. By contrast, I believe social networking sites will be a dominant way of updating news because they can offer instant news. Another trend that I am thinking of is that readers will play the role of correspondents. In other words, they will report stories by themselves and post those online.

Q3. Do you believe everything you read in the newspapers? (Sample)

Certainly not. Before being published, news and stories in the newspapers must be censored by newspaper providers. However, sometimes this process is done quickly and irresponsibly, which results in unreliable information. There are cases where journalist's bias on a certain issue affects the validity of stories.

HOMEWORK

Which program on TV or radio do you often listen to
You should say
what is it
how often you listen to it
why you listen to it
and say what you think could be improved about its output