

## **12 . Current affairs**

### **1 . Current affairs**

Political or social event taking place around the globe .

- This newspaper is the source where you can read about current affairs .

### **2 . Abject apology**

Humble apology ( formal )

- The athletes issued an abject apology for their poor behavior at a party after the last football game .

### **3 . Disorderly conduct**

Poor behavior

- Thomas' tendency to regularly exhibit disorderly conduct jeopardize his career opportunities as other teams won't support unstable behavior .

### **4 . To refuse point blank**

Totally refuse

- The minister refused point blank to provide an explanation for his aggressively racist post on Twitter .

### **5 . Damaging disclosure**

Sensitive private information that has been revealed .

- A video tape of Ray Garbby's sex adventures that was discovered two years

ago alongside with the following further damaging disclosures ruined his political career and nearly put him in a prison cell .

## **6 . Leave to stay**

(formal ) a permission

- About a thousand of migrants from Peru were given leave to stay .

## **7 . To seek permission**

(formal ) ask permission

- Only 10% of the people from third world countries who seek permission to stay and work in the United States are usually issued a visa .

## **8 . To submit a detail account (of)**

To give a thorough information about. .

- Applicants for permanent residency are required to submit a detailed account of their work and personal life .

## **9 . Public pronouncements**

official public statement

- Experts agree that the PM has misled electorate in his public statements on security .

## **10 . To take a firm stance**

To have a firm position

- the Student Union took a firm stance against raising tuition fees announced by the government on Wednesday .

## **11 . To flatly reject**

completely deny

- I flatly rejected any assumptions made by immature journalists .

## **12 . To take issue with**

To disagree with

- We all take issue with the points made in his closing speech .

## **13 . To gauge public reaction**

To observe how people react to certain events or statements

- I believe that the party's spokesperson made that controversial comment to simply gauge public reaction.

## **14 . To excite speculations**

To fuel speculations

- That incident excited speculations that the celebrity couple was about to divorce .

## **15 . To air grievances (to)**

To pass or tell as a complaint or disagreement

- The workers aired their grievances to the reporters .

## **16 . A dissenting voice**

a person who disagrees

- When it came to the vote , there was only one dissenting voice.

## **17 . A vociferous opponent**

Someone who opposes something publicly and loudly .

- Bill Duke was a vociferous opponent of having a casino in his city .

## **18 . A throwaway comment**

Unintentional remark that shouldn't be taken seriously

- She made that throwaway comment and actually got away unscathed . Yet I doubt next time the audience will swallow remarks like that