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. .

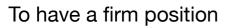
 Applicants for permanent residency are required to submit a detailed account of their work and personal life.

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



• 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