

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