

Tasks 14th December – 18th December**TOPIC: (British) Newspapers/ Newspaper Articles**

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1) Repetition: Decide whether the following characteristics belong to broadsheets (quality papers) or tabloids (popular papers).

(cf. Green Line Oberstufe, Klett, 2015, p. 100-102)

*“Financial Times” – “The Guardian” – “The Sun” – “Daily Mail” –
reliable information – for an educated readership – for a mass
readership – sensationalist – neutral to formal language – provide
analysis – provide critical insight – simplification of complex issues
– political issues – objective – emotional – focus on celebrity – no
clear separation between speculation and facts – often informal
register*

2) Decide whether the following excerpts might be taken from tabloid or broadsheet newspapers. Why?

(sources: www.theguardian.com/international and www.dailymail.co.uk)

a) “The hell of having Covid in a long-distance marriage: For decades, rock icon Suzi Quatro's husband has lived 500 miles away. The set-up had always worked... then she got coronavirus”

b) “US to hold world climate summit early next year and seek to rejoin Paris accord

Action points for first 100 days of Joe Biden presidency seen as boost to international action currently falling behind”

c) “Electoral college vote may be knockout blow to Trump's ploy to subvert election”

d) “Back to nature! How Meghan Markle 'showed her softer side' by matching her makeup to flowers and swapping dramatic Hollywood glamour for pared- back mascara and 'radiant' skin for video tribute to pandemic heroes”

3) Have a look at the two excerpts taken from a broadsheet and a tabloid newspaper. Compare the use of language and the content presented. Have a look at how sources are quoted as well.

(source: Green Line Oberstufe, Klett, 2015, p. 100)

broadsheet newspaper (Guardian)	tabloid newspaper (Daily Mail)
Headline: <i>Teenage runaways fly to Dominican Republic</i>	Headline: <i>Lovers, 16, flee public school at night and fly to Caribbean</i>
Two teenagers have disappeared from their boarding school in the middle of the night – and flown to the Caribbean together. Edward Bunyan and Indira Gainiyeva, both 16, are thought to have vanished at around 3am from Stonyhurst College in Clitheroe, Lancashire.	Two sixth-form lovers have jetted off to the Caribbean after sneaking out of their public school in the middle of the night. [...] They waited until staff on night duty had gone to bed and fellow pupils were asleep in their dorms before grabbing their bags and sneaking out.
The Daily Telegraph reported that police were searching for the couple in the Caribbean and quoted a school spokesman who said the two families were “desperately concerned”.	Sources said their parents were sick with worry, but were trying to resolve the drama with minimal police involvement.
Stonyhurst College, a Catholic day and boarding school, was founded in 1953, and proudly bills itself as one of Britain’s leading Catholic boarding schools.	Stonyhurst College, originally founded in 1953 in France, is a Catholic school that accepts pupils from other Christian traditions. [...] a lot of the pupils at Stonyhurst come from very wealthy families. [...] In 2009 a girl and a boy, aged 16 and 17, were expelled after they were caught in bed together.

4) Have a look at the following websites. Which differences do you recognize?

<https://www.theguardian.com/international>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk>

5) Have a look at excerpts on your last week’s copy (number 2) and decide which type of article it is. Explain your choice shortly.

options: news report, feature story, column or letter to the editor