

Comparing the various means of accessing the news

	Print Newspapers		Online Newspapers	
	Physical newspapers	Newspapers on Microfilm	Internet newspapers	Newspaper Databases
Free of charge		✓		✓
Accessible from home	✓	✓	✓	✓
Archives kept for longer than 7 days		✓		✓
Search can be done using dates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Search can be done using keywords (e.g. Title, author, subject)			✓	✓
Newspapers can be reproduced in whole (i.e. including advertisements and notices)	✓	✓		
Records can be saved as soft copy			✓	✓
Records can be emailed			✓	✓
Records can be printed	✓	✓	✓	✓

Which is better?



Print Newspapers

- Provides timely current information economically and more advertising
- Reading online newspapers requires computer skills and technology which readers may not have
- Reading online newspapers may result in information overload while you can choose which newspapers to buy



Online Newspapers

- Easy to search using keywords (e.g. Title, subject, author)
- Information (e.g. breaking news) is available much faster even when you are on the move