

Module 12 - In the press

Look at the sentences below. Write T next to the ones which are true and F next to the ones which are false. The first has been done for you.

- (a) You usually find a caption under a photograph in a newspaper. (T)
- (b) If someone was having problems with 6 across, they would be reading the letters page.
- (c) The best place to find out what is going on in famous people's lives is the gossip column.
- (d) Newspapers are divided into two groups - commercial and financial.
- (e) On the whole, newspapers come in two sizes - broadsheet and tabloid.
- (f) Classified advertisements are usually placed by private sellers.
- (g) An agony aunt usually writes the horoscopes for newspapers.
- (h) If you were reading an obituary, you would be reading a review about a theatre play.
- (i) The editorial is a section in the newspaper which gives the newspaper's opinion.
- (j) An editor would be happy if the circulation of his paper was gradually decreasing.

Now look at the headlines below and try to guess what each story is about and where you might find them. Choose from the box.

sports pages	television guide	business pages	gossip column
domestic/home news	foreign news	arts pages	

1. Ratings soar with telly soap murder
2. U.S. paper sued for libel
3. United out after 4-0 defeat
4. Tories lose another seat
5. Rembrandt exhibition sees record queues
6. Whitbread Ltd. all set for multi-million merger
7. L.A. clean up after another shake of 7.2 on Richter scale
8. Another case of TB in local primary
9. Bygate to wed no.6
10. Terrific title defence with 2nd round K.O.

Now choose one of the above and write the rest of the article.



Module 12 Teacher's notes (To be used with p.130 of the Student's book or p.77 of the Workbook)

Look at the sentences below. Write T next to the ones which are true and F next to the ones which are false.

- (a) T
- (b) F (they would be doing a crossword)
- (c) T
- (d) F (quality and popular)
- (e) T
- (f) T
- (g) F (she usually writes replies to letters in the problem page)
- (h) F (you would be reading about the life of someone well-known who had recently died)
- (i) T
- (j) F (they would like to see an increase in circulation (the number of papers sold))

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- 2. **U.S. paper sued for libel** foreign news (about an American paper who were taken to court and sued for printing something untrue)
- 3. **United out after 4-0 defeat** sports pages (about the 4-0 defeat of a football team which resulted in them going out of a competition)
- 4. **Tories lose another seat** domestic/home news (about the Conservative party losing a local election)
- 5. **Rembrandt exhibition sees record queues** arts pages (about queues of record length to see paintings by Rembrandt)
- 6. **Whitebread Ltd. all set for multi-million merger** business news (about two companies joining together)
- 7. **L.A. clean up after another shake of 7.2 on Richter scale** foreign news (about an earthquake in Los Angeles)
- 8. **Another case of TB in local primary** domestic/home news (about a case of tuberculosis at a local primary school)
- 9. **Bygate to wed no.6** gossip column (about a famous celebrity getting married for the 6th time)
- 10. **Terrific title defence with 2nd round K.O.** sports pages (about a boxer successfully defending his title with a knock-out in the second round)

Now choose one of the above and write the rest of the article.
The last task can be done in class or given for homework.

