



ESL Vocabulary Worksheet for Adults

Topic: ESL Conversation Exercises (News & Current Events)

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Introduction

Welcome to our Current Events and News conversation worksheet. This resource aims to improve your English conversation skills while keeping you informed about global happenings. Engage with contemporary issues and learn to express your opinions in English!

Would You Rather?

1. Would you rather read about politics or science news?
2. Would you rather watch a news report on TV or read about it online?
3. Would you rather discuss local news or international news?
4. Would you rather learn about current events from newspapers or podcasts?
5. Would you rather be a news reporter or a news editor?

Name 3 Items in the Category

1. Name three major international news outlets.
2. Name three common topics in today's news.
3. Name three tools journalists use to gather news.
4. Name three types of news stories (e.g., breaking news, feature story).
5. Name three ways people consume news today.

Guess the Item Based on the Description

1. A regular update on a social media platform about personal opinions or activities.
 - a) Blog Post
 - b) Tweet
 - c) Press Release
 - d) Editorial
2. A traditional form of news media, typically delivered daily or weekly.
 - a) Newspaper
 - b) Magazine
 - c) Television Broadcast
 - d) Podcast
3. An in-depth, often investigative report that takes a deep dive into a specific topic.
 - a) News Flash

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- b) Feature Story
 - c) Op-Ed
 - d) Breaking News
4. A regularly updated website or web page, typically run by an individual or small group.
- a) Forum
 - b) Blog
 - c) Online Magazine
 - d) News Website
5. A short announcement or piece of news broadcast on television or radio.
- a) News Bulletin
 - b) Documentary
 - c) Infomercial
 - d) Sitcom



Hypothetical Scenarios

1. If you could interview any world leader, who would it be and why?
2. Imagine you are a journalist reporting on a major global event. What would it be?
3. If you could solve one world issue reported in the news, what would it be?
4. Suppose you were in charge of a news channel, what kind of news would you prioritize?
5. If you could witness any historical event, what would it be and why?

Discussion Questions

1. How do you think social media has changed the way we receive news?
2. What role do you think journalists play in shaping public opinion?
3. Discuss the impact of fake news on society.
4. How do current events influence your daily life?
5. What is your opinion on the way news is reported in your country?

Describe the Picture Activities

| Prompt | Picture |
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| <p>Describe a picture showing a major political event.</p> |  |
| <p>Look at a photo of a natural disaster and discuss the details.</p> |  |

Describe a picture of a peaceful protest and what it might be about.



Observe a picture of a cultural event and describe its significance.



Look at an image of a technological advancement and talk about its implications.



Vocabulary Building

1. Define "bias" in the context of news.
2. What does "credible source" mean?
3. Explain the term "editorial."
4. Discuss the meaning of "press freedom."

5. Define "sensationalism" in news reporting.

Critical Thinking and Analysis

1. Analyze the difference in news coverage of the same event by different news outlets.
2. How would you verify the credibility of a news story?
3. Discuss how language choice in news reporting can influence the audience's perception.
4. Evaluate the importance of independent journalism.
5. Analyze the role of photojournalism in storytelling.



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