

## MODULE 9

### UNIT 2: WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Tabloids and broadsheets. Answer the following quiz with your partner.

1. Which are bigger in size?
2. Which have more text?
3. Which have a bigger circulation?
4. Which have a wider coverage of news stories?
5. Which have reader entertainment as their main goal?
6. Which give little space to world events?
7. Which have sensational headlines?
8. Which give you the opportunity to win a car or a holiday?
9. Is The Sun a tabloid or a broadsheet?
10. Is The Guardian a tabloid or a broadsheet?

British and Spanish press. True or false?

1. British people love reading newspapers in the underground.
2. There are more national newspapers than in Spain.
3. British readers prefer regional newspapers.
4. One of the most important British newspapers is devoted to sport.
5. If you want to find out about the latest celebrity gossip, there are many glossy magazines to choose from.

Your reading habits.

1. What newspapers do you read?
2. What about magazines?
3. Do you read newspapers online?
4. Do you read any foreign newspapers?

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

1. Newspapers should report the news as honestly and accurately as possible.
2. Newspapers have no right to invade people's privacy.
3. Newspapers should be politically neutral.
4. A person's politics are influenced by the newspapers they read.

#### WRITING

Answer the following email:

From: [andrew@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew@hotmail.com)  
To: [that's\\_english\\_friend@hotmail.com](mailto:that's_english_friend@hotmail.com)  
Subject: Help with school project

Dear friend:

I have to write an essay about the Spanish press for my school magazine. I have to mention the following topics: popular press and quality press; political and economic magazines; women's magazines; satirical magazines; magazines about the royal family. Please, could you send me some information?

Thank you very much for your help.

All the best

Andrew

#### Structure

Introduction: Tell Andrew that you are delighted to help him.

Main body:

Paragraph one: the press

Paragraph two:

Magazines

Conclusion: Tell Andrew you hope he finds the information useful and offer your help for any other

questions he may have.

Useful expressions:

Linking words to list points: First of all, Secondly, Thirdly, Finally.

Linking words to add more points on the same topic: Furthermore, Apart from this, In addition to this.

Linking words to show contrast: On the other hand, However, Nevertheless.

Linking words to give example: For example, For instance, such as, like.

Comparatives and superlatives.