

A. Written Comprehension

Read the article "Newspapers In Britain" and answer the following questions:

1. Name the 2 categories of newspapers, give their respective synonyms, and 4 examples of each.

The quality newspapers also known as "broadsheets"	The populars are also known as "tabloids" or "gutter press"
The Times The Daily Telegraph The Guardian The Independent	The Sun The Daily Mirror The Daily Mail The Daily Express

2. Complete this table:

Name	Foundation date	Circulation	Political viewpoint
The Times	1785	100.000 copies	Politically independent (rather Conservative)
The Daily Telegraph "The Torygraph"	1855	200.000 copies	Very conservative (right of centre)
The Guardian	N/A 1821	Slightly higher than 100.000 copies	(Politically independent) Liberal, left of centre
The Independent	1986	100.000 copies	N/A
The Sun	1964	Around four million copies	N/A
The Daily Mirror	1903	About 3 million copies	Labour Party
The Daily Mail	1900	About a million and a half copies	N/A
The Daily Express	1896	About a million and a half copies	N/A

N/A = Not Available

3. Which newspaper is read by the people who run the country? The Times

4. Which newspapers are read by people interested in gossip and scandal? The tabloids

5. Give the three main reasons why most British people are satisfied with the press?

- The quality of newspapers in GB today is much better than 20 years ago.
- Most people perceive the press in Great Britain as objective.
- They say that the British press is also investigative.

B. Vocabulary

1. The translations of these words are in the text. Find them and write them in the table

1	cependant (conj)	however	Paragraph 3 + 7
2	cause louable (adj+n)	worthy causes	4
3	vend plus que (v)	outsells	6
4	supérieur (adj)	upper	2
5	à l'étranger (adj)	overseas	1
6	familier (registre de langue) (adj)	colloquial	1
7	avoir lieu (v+n)	take place	2
8	tirage (n)	circulation	2 + 3 + 4 + 6
9	soutenir/être partisan (v)	support	2 + 3 + 4 + 6
10	fonction publique (adj+n)	civil service	2

2. A large number of people are employed in producing and selling newspapers. Match the job titles to their definitions.

1	reporter	a	sells newspapers in the street	1	j
2	editor	b	is responsible for the content of the paper	2	b
3	freelance journalist	c	comments on theatre, new books, films, TV shows...	3	e
4	gossip columnist	d	writes about social life of celebrities	4	d
5	newsagent	e	is commissioned for certain articles	5	g
6	news vendor	f	does humorous drawings	6	a
7	cartoonist	g	sells newspapers in a shop	7	f
8	critic/reviewer	h	edits articles sent in by reporters	8	c
9	sub-editor	i	fits the text to the page with photographs, adverts	9	h
10	layout artist	j	is sent to report on events	10	i

3. List 15 different sections/columns you can find in ALL newspapers (these are not all mentioned in the text)

Home and overseas / international news	Sports and cultural events
Ads /adverts	classifieds
weather forecast /report	games / crosswords
comics / cartoons	financial / business / economy
editorial	travel news
Arts / book / film reviews	readers' letters / mail
Gossip columns	horoscope
TV guide	political column
obituaries	agony column
photos	articles / reports