

INTRODUCTION TO NEWSPAPERS

TYPES OF NEWSPAPER

Newspapers can be broken down into a number of types. The table below contains all the right information but it has got muddled up. Can you sort it out?

Type	Definition	Examples
National	Contain some national and international news, but focus on news relating to a specific area of the country.	<i>The Sussex Times</i> <i>South West Mercury</i>
Regional	Contain some national and international news, but focus on fairly local news topics in detail. Usually based around towns, cities or groups of villages.	<i>Bath Chronicle</i> <i>Bristol Evening Post</i>
Local	A newspaper which covers news across the whole country, together with international news.	<i>The Daily Express</i> <i>The Guardian</i> <i>The Sun</i>
Tabloid	The largest type of newspaper! Cover all national and international news, often in a serious or formal way.	<i>The Times</i> <i>The Telegraph</i> <i>The Guardian</i> <i>The Independent</i>
Broadsheet	Cover all national and international news. Often contain a certain amount of more 'gossipy' or scandalous news items, or more personal stories.	<i>The News of the World</i> <i>The Daily Mirror</i> <i>The Sun</i>

Write out the grid correctly into your book.

RESEARCHING NEWSPAPERS

There are many types of newspaper in Britain. They include broadsheet, tabloid, national, local and regional. The type of newspaper will affect the audience and therefore the contents, language and style. Look closely at four different newspaper front pages, and report your findings in a table like the one below (yours will need to be much bigger than this!):

	Newspaper 1	Newspaper 2	Newspaper 3	Newspaper 4
Name of newspaper				
Type of newspaper				
Main story headline				
Main picture (How big is it? What is it of?)				
Other news items				
Language (What sort is it? Give examples)				

Questions

1. Write a paragraph that summarises the main differences between the different newspaper front pages.
2. Explain why you think the front pages are different.