

The News Media (Speaking)

- Description:** Cross-group reporting
- Use with or after:** *English Network 3 (New Edition)*, Unit 6, Step 3.
- Skill:** Speaking
- Focus:** Students discuss their news media preferences in groups, then form new groups and report on their conversations.
- Time:** 15 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the second and third pages of this file, on stiff paper if possible.
 - Cut along the dotted lines. This will give you sixteen cue cards with four different discussion topics on aspects of the news media.
- Procedure:**
- Distribute some or all of the cue cards according to the number of students present (see table below for details).
 - Students form groups according to the letters on their cards (A, B, C, D), ignoring the numbers for the time being. They discuss the topic given on their cards. Stress that everyone should take notes, since they will all have to report in the next group.
 - After about five minutes, ask the students to form new groups according to the numbers on their cards (1, 2, 3, 4). Each student reports in the new group on the previous conversation. This ensures that even the less talkative students will have to participate actively.

Distribution:

Students:	Use cards:
over 16	Print out one of the pages twice and use some of the cue cards twice.
16	Use all 16 cards.
15	Leave out D4. (Group 4 has only three reports.)
14	Leave out C3 and D4. (Groups 3 and 4 have only three reports each.)
13	Leave out B2, C3 and D4.
12	Use only the A, B and C cards. OR: Use only the 1, 2 and 3 cards.
11	Use the A, B and C cards, but leave out C4.
10	Use the A, B and C cards, but leave out B3 and C4.
9	Use A1–A3, B1–B3 and C1–C3.
8	Use A1–A4 and B1–B4. OR: Use A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, D1 and D2.
7	Use A1–A4 and B1–B3. In the reporting phase, A4 joins A3 and B3 to form a group of three.
6	Use A1–A3 and B1–B3. OR: Use A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2.
fewer	If you have fewer than six students present, you might just as well have a full-group discussion on some of these topics.



A1

Do you read a daily newspaper? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American newspapers?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



A2

Do you read a daily newspaper? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American newspapers?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



A3

Do you read a daily newspaper? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American newspapers?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.

A4

Do you read a daily newspaper? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American newspapers?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



B1

Do you read a weekly news magazine? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American news magazines?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.

B2

Do you read a weekly news magazine? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American news magazines?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



B3

Do you read a weekly news magazine? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American news magazines?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.

B4

Do you read a weekly news magazine? If so, which one? Do you know any British or American news magazines?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.





C1

Do you ever watch the news on television? If so, which TV station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American television news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



C2

Do you ever watch the news on television? If so, which TV station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American television news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



C3

Do you ever watch the news on television? If so, which TV station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American television news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.

C4

Do you ever watch the news on television? If so, which TV station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American television news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



D1

Do you ever listen to the news on the radio? If so, which radio station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American radio news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.

D2

Do you ever listen to the news on the radio? If so, which radio station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American radio news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.



D3

Do you ever listen to the news on the radio? If so, which radio station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American radio news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.

D4

Do you ever listen to the news on the radio? If so, which radio station do you prefer? Do you know any British or American radio news broadcasts?

Take notes and be prepared to report on this conversation in your next group.

