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- Film and music celebrities are accused of using the media to advance their careers until they become famous, and afterwards complain about media intrusion. What is your opinion?
- How has technology affected the way we communicate?
- What criteria do you think that newspapers and television use to decide on what news to present: what is really important or what sells newspapers? Explain your answer



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- Do the media concentrate too much on "bad news" and not enough on "good news" stories?
- In what ways have new technologies affected the way that news is produced and brought to us? How do you normally receive news?
- How has technology effected the way we travel?