Unit 8 The British Media



How do British people spend their free time?

- Watch television
- Read newspapers
- Listen to the radio

The most popular leisure activity

In the evening, most Britons settle down to watch some television: 96% of the population watch TV at least once a week.



The second most popular pastime

On an average day, 90% of Britons over the age of 15 read a national or local paper.



The third most popular pastime

listening to the radio, an activity in which 73% of the population engages in on a weekly basis.



Brainstorming

What functions do you think the media have?

- Provide people with information about political and social issues
- Provide weather reports
- Carry advertising
- Used for educational purposes
- Provide a forum for people to express their views
- Seek advice
- Give people entertainment
- Serve for the political and economic system
- Work as a monitor

The British media plays an important role in:

- In British political system: inform the population about problems the country may be facing and what the government is doing to solve such problems.
- In engendering a national culture:
 people from different field all share the same
 experience, they could discuss what they
 had read or seen—British are all part of
 the British culture.

Newspaper

- 1. Background
- 2. Varieties
- 3. Relationships
- 4. Restrictions
- 5. Challenges

1. Background: UK's Newspaper Industry

one of the world's oldest established newspaper industries

1. The long history of newspaper industry: beginning to flourish in the late 18th century

The beginning of newspaper industry

- -- the industrialization
- -- the extension of the democratic franchise
- -- the rise of literacy level

- 3. one of the highest levels of newspaper sales per head of population;
- 4. 1400 different newspapers, 10 daily national newspapers

The Observer

- It first appeared in 1785.
- > It is published every Sunday.
- > It is the world's oldest Sunday newspaper.

The Times

- It began publishing in 1785.
- It is the United Kingdom's oldest daily newspaper.

2. Varieties

- 10 major national morning daily paper and 10 major Sunday papers published nationally, and about 2,000 smaller weekly papers.
- In London, there is only one evening paper, the Evening Standard《标准晚报》. It covers national and International news as well as local affairs. It circulates mainly within eighty miles of London.

 hundreds of regional and local newspapers and some 7,000 periodicals:

Provincial Mornings (Yorkshire Post)

Local Evenings (Nottingham Evening Post)

Local weeklies (Hereford Times)

Freesheets (Trader Group, Midlands)

Political Press (Socialist Worker, Newsline)

Community Press (Leed's Other Paper)

Two major categories

- Quality papers (broadsheets) 大报
- The tabloids (gutter press) 小报



"These broadsheets get broader and broader don't they!"

Compare...





P	Quality Newspaper	Popular Newspaper	
Size₽	double the tabloid	16 by 23 inches₽	
Content	Long informative articles, wide range of topics	Human interest stories, sensational stories less news, little discussion, little international news, sport.	
Style₽	Objective presentation, less sensational or emotive language, wide vocabulary and complex syntax. Less visual support	emotive language, large	
Purpose@	To inform about national and international affairs	To entertain, provide gossip about Hollywood stars, TV personalities, politicians	

Quality Papers





the Guardian《卫报》

—a national daily newspaper; radical in politics and interested in society and social problems; quite soft on crime and quite feminist; shows great concern for green politics





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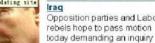




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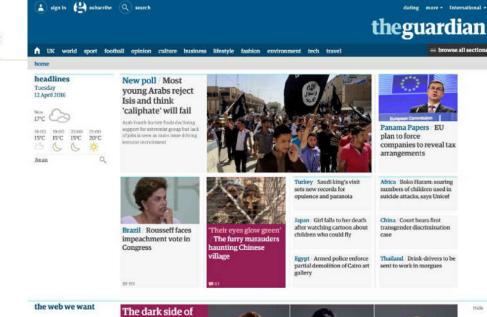
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Protests over madrassa strike

Thousands of Pashtun tribesmen protest over air raid on religious school in which 80 suspected militants killed Don't blame religion, says Charles No options, just rocks and hard places

It's the economy, stupid

The world faces financial collapse if it does not make a rapid switch to a lowcarbon global economy, says Government's chief economist What may happen | Stern warning

'Costa del Crime' fugitives swoop

Fugitives wanted for murder, kidnap and drug dealing are among Costa del Sol exiles being rounded up by police



The \$1.3 million phone \$600 million worth of sales as Russia's millionaires bring their wallets but leave

Blair faces Iraq vote



Tony Blair faces parliamentary rebellion today on calls for an inquiry into his conduct of Iraq war Scrutiny needed

MORE TOP STORIES

- Black arts of politics move into cyberspace
- | 'Lucid' Pinochet charged with murder
- Nato troops killed in Afghan bomb attack





BBC: viewers relaxed about swearing on TV and radio

«the Observer»

《观察家报》 first appeared in 1791; the world's oldest national newspaper; published every Sunday;

= browse all sections





The Observer

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Panama Papers **David Cameron**

↑ UK world sport football opinion culture business lifestyle fashion environment tech travel

faces questions over £200,000 gift from mother

Prime minister admits: T could have handled it better

Analysis Is a Brexit vote now more likely?

10 ways for the UK to get its hous in order





Panama How a US president and JP Morgan turned country into a tax haven



Fory party Donor was trusted middleman for oil firm involved in bribes inquiry



ibya / Influx of migrants arrive seeking new routes to

Lesbos hopes pope's visit will shine light on island's refugee role



NHS All-out junior doctors' strike unethical and reckless, says NHS chief

Sir Bruce Keogh Withdrawing emergency cover crosses a line - it will damage trust in doctors

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Poland | Street protests over abortion law are latest skirmish in battle for



Global development The world looks away as blood flows

Social housing End of longterm tenancies will 'damage family life'

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Gangs No jobs, no hope, gunfights at your door - the tough streets that claimed Myron Yarde's life

Poland's soul

Social care / Care home crisis won't be solved by just paying more, says Justin King



the Daily Telegraph<<每日电 讯报>>

— quality press; support tough sentences for criminals;

be unsympathetic to single mothers;

favor free enterprise over social programs.

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Quick change Kate: Duchess of Cambridge wears £50 frock to meet street children at New Delhi railway station - then steps out in £795 chic mint lace for lunch with Indian prime minister



At the start of the day, the Duchess looked radiant in a casual printed maxi dress (left) as she joined her husband at a centre for vulnerable street children in New Delhi. Unusually on a public engagement, Kate was wearing flat cream pumps undemeath the long burgundy ethnic style outlif with self-tied around the middle as the Royal couple played games with the youngsters. Kate was then whisked over to have lunch with the Indian Prime Minister, but not before changing into an exquisite 2800 lace dress paired with a formal chignon (right). The meeting with Narendra Modi has led to heightened speculation the issue of Indian firm Tata's decision to pullout of the British steel industry will be discussed.

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The Herald





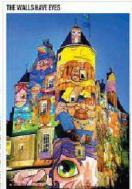
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Olivia hit and run: police to quiz man in hospital

Bank loses details of 62,000 customers in post

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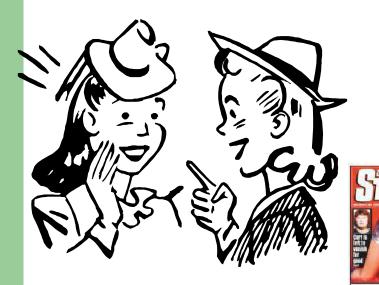


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China tussies over cultural revolution

Some tabloids







MThe Sun 太阳报

- read for their stories and other features rather than their news items.
- A great deal of space is devoted to crime, scandal and gossip, particularly when it concerns beautiful women whose photographs can be used to add sexual attraction to the paper.





the News of the World<<世界新闻>>one of the tabloids (the gutter press), Britain's biggest seller; began in 1843; It gives great coverage on crime, sport and sex stories; By the 1930s it was Britain's most popular Sunday paper, selling 3.4 million copies each week; now sells about 4.7 million papers each week





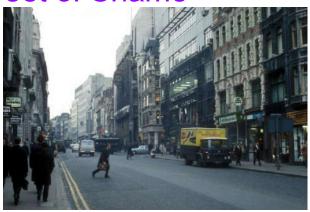




Fleet Street

a street in London, England home of the British press until the 1980s metonym for the British national press

"The Street of Shame"





Who Reads What?

- "Class is to the UK, what race is to the US."
- Media choices can tell a story.

Who Reads What?

- Over half of people over the age of 15 read a national morning paper and six out of ten read a Sunday paper.
- Tabloid readers are usually from the middle or lower class, only slightly more male readers than female, clerical, skilled or unskilled workers, unemployed, old people and pensioners.
- Quality paper readers are usually from the middleclass, professional and managerial jobs, more male readers than female, and more live in the South of England.

Who Reads What?

- The majority of the press shows a bias towards conservative values in general.
- The Daily Telegraph, the Sun, Daily Mail and Daily Express usually support the Conservative Party
- The Mirror and News on Sunday usually support the Labour Party
- The Guardian, Independent and Today occupy a middle ground.

3. Relationships

- Relationship between newspapers and politics
- Relationship between newspapers and business
- Relationship between newspapers and social people

Relationship between newspapers and politics

- Watch dog function:
- > inform the electorate about politics
- keep an eye on the government (a free press is considered important to the functioning of parliamentary democracy.)
- Many analysts criticize the power of the press has usurped(篡夺) the power of parliament.



Relationship between newspapers and business

- Newspapers in UK are first and foremost businesses to earn money, not public services.
- companies use the press to sell products and services.
- Individual people also use the press to look for a job, buy house, and find babysitters.

The Advertising Code

- Ensure that advertisements are legal, decent, honest and truthful.
- Have a sense of responsibility for consumer and society.
- Respect the principles of fair competition.
 PS: If enough people complain to the Advertising Standards Board, the company will be told to withdraw the ad.



The relationship between the newspapers and social people

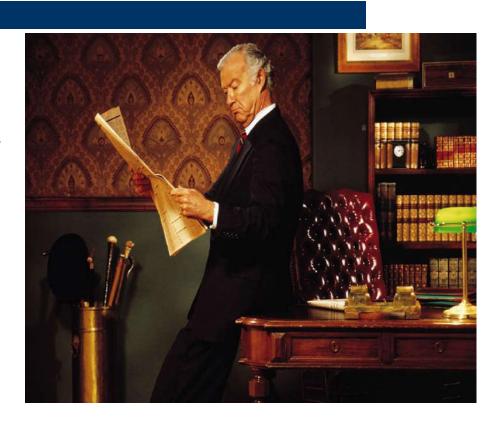
- Class and educational differences are reflected in the newspaper people read.
- Britain has one of the highest levels of newspaper sales per head of population.
- There are over 1400 different newspapers which cater for a wide range of political views, interests and levels of education, most people will choose to read a newspaper accords with their own feelings.

Is British press totally "free"?

- While officially speaking the British press is "free" from government control and censorship and can print what it likes, there are limit to what will appear in the dairy paper.
- The example of the former chairman of the KGB, the Soviet Secret Service

The Restriction

- The laws
- The Official
 Secrets Act



The laws

- Many British laws limit the freedom of the press
- > Contempt of courts law
- > Laws of libel and defamation



The Official Secrets Act

- The media is also affected by the **Official Secrets Act** which stipulates(规定)that all government information is kept secret unless the government says it can be released.
- > The example of Sarah Tisdall in 1984

Changes

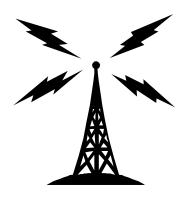
- Newspapers are now facing challenges
- The development of television and the Internet provides us with more choices
- Decline in advertising revenueOnline editions of newspapers
- However, many people still maintain their habit of reading a newspaper

The Broadcast Media

Television and Radio

- Television viewing: 3.5 hours/day (including videotapes)
- 97+% of Britain's households: ownership of a color television
- 73%: ownership of a videocassette recorder (VCR)
- A radio/home
- 70%: listening to radio on a daily basis

Public Service Private Service



Public Service

BBC (the British Broadcasting Corporation 英国广播公 司) (BBC 1 & BBC 2)

- -- founded in 1922
 - -- TV/radio channels
 - -- public service



BBC has 6 National Stations:

BBC

ONE

BBC 1

BBC 2

BBC 3

BBC 4

BBC News 24

BBC Parliament

- 39 Local Radio Stations
- * BBC World TV Channel
- BBC World Service Radio











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- -- no commercials/advertisements on BBC 1 &BBC 2
- --The fee of a color TV license is set to rise to £139.5/year & a black & white license will cost £47 from April 1, 2008.

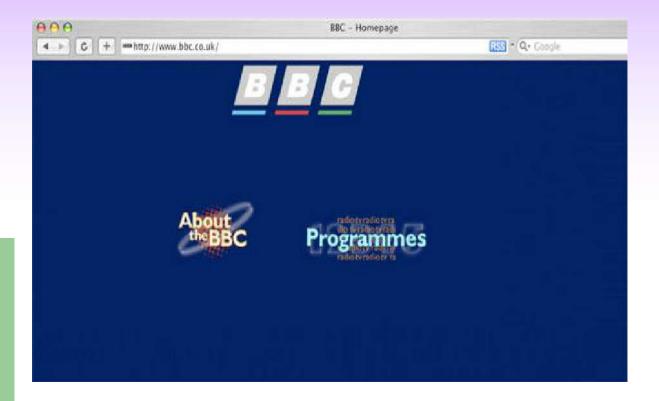




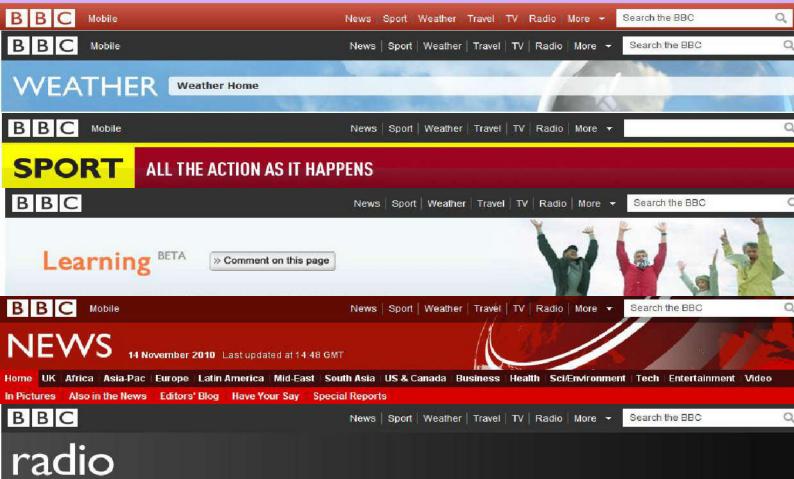
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the BBC website informs, educates and entertains -- wherever you are, whatever your age.

The BBC website began its official life back in December 1997 with this very simple design.



They have taken loads of work to do and finally achieve today's <u>success</u>. It contains news, sport, TV, radio and a whole lot more.



bbc learning English http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservic e/learningenglish/

In this part of the site you can improve and practise your English with activities that involve listening and watching.

As a program providing real English, it is really an excellent resource for ESL learners.

2. Private Service

- > ITV = Channel 3 (Independent Television Network Limited 独立广播公司) 15 franchisees (Its Goperates a breakfast network service.) approximative and 66% light entertainment
- Mannel 4 (Channel Four Television Corporation 第四频道电视公司) is a hybrid public service & minority interest service, also raising revenadvertising sales.
- ➤ Channel 5 (Five 第五频道电视公司) be broadcasting in April 1997, carrying advertis
- ▶ BSkyB (British Sky Broadcasting Group 英国天空 广播公司)

Popular Programs

- Reality TV (真人秀) Pop Idol《流行偶像》, Big Brother《老大哥》
- Game Shows Weakest Link《汰弱留强·智者为王》
- Soap Opera





three judges



What Soap Operas do British people watch?

- Coronation Street 加冕街 colloquially known as Corrie, Corror or The Street
- a British prime-time soap opera set in the fictional town of Weatherfield first broadcast on 9 December 1960 In 2012 it will become the world's longest running television soap opera currently on the air and most watched British soap opera.





Shot of the *Coronation Street* exterior set



"We	don't	make	life. we	reflect	it"
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----- Creator/producer Julia Smith

East Enders 东区人

- · a long-running, popular British television soap opera
- first broadcast on BBC One on 19 February 1985
- storylines examine the domestic and professional lives of the people who live and work in the fictional in the East End of London. The series primarily centres around the residents of <u>Albert Square</u>.
- ranks as one of the most watched shows in the UK

British Favourite TV Shows



- Are You Being Served? (1972)
- Bless Me Father (2001)
- Fawlty Towers 《弗尔蒂旅馆》(1975)
- Yes, Prime Minister (1986) BBC
- <u>Blackadder</u>《黑爵士》Starred by Mr. Bean
- The Naked Chef《世界超级美食家——食神吉米》
- Sherlock Holmes
- West Wing《白宫风云》

Friends《老友记》(Made in the US but very hot in the UK on Channel 4)

Sex in the City《欲望都市》(Shown on BBC)

Summary

- Newspapers in UK (history, types, features)
- Broadcast in UK (services, programs)

Questions for after-class discussion

- what are some of the characteristics of British newspaper culture? In what way is it different from the US?
- "The media are central to British leisure culture." How to understand it?
- What are some of the similarities and differences in term of the function between the British media and the Chinese media?

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