

# Current Events

## Warm-Up

Where do you get information about what's happening in the world?

## Vocabulary Challenge

r c e u t r n — recent or lately

t p a o d s c — a new kind of media, similar to music in some ways but with people talking

p n a e e w p s r — a kind of print media that's usually released daily

r c o e d n e s — controlled, usually by the government

z m i a e g n a — a kind of print media, usually released monthly

## Idioms and Phrases

*doom and gloom, current events, dying industries, hot off the press, behind the times*

Covid-19 was a difficult time but it wasn't all \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

Did you hear the latest gossip about Tiger Woods? It's \_\_\_\_\_.

Some people think that books, magazines, and newspapers are \_\_\_\_\_.

My mom's style is so embarrassing! She's seriously \_\_\_\_\_.

I find it difficult to keep up with \_\_\_\_\_. There are just so many things happening in the world these days.

## Let's Talk!

1. Do you like to follow what's happening in the news?
2. How many hours a week do you spend following current events?
3. Is keeping up with current events important or not?
4. Are there any podcasts that you like to listen to?
5. Do you think that the media reports too much "doom and gloom" and not enough of the good things?
6. Do you think that there's a difference between news and current events?
7. Is there any current event that you're particularly interested in right now?
8. Do you think that newspapers are a dying industry?
9. Should anyone be allowed to publish whatever they want on the Internet?
10. If you go away for a few days and don't follow the news, is that a big deal to you?
11. Do news and current events affect your mood?
12. Did Covid-19 affect your life in any way?
13. Do you think the news is censored where you live?
14. Do you ever buy or read magazines?

## Writing Prompts

- A. Covid-19 changed the world. Do you agree or disagree with this?
- B. Newspapers aren't necessary these days. Do you agree or disagree?