

MEDIA LESSON – page 16

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Part 1

COMPREHENSION

Read and listen. Then answer the questions below.

Comprehension check:

- 1) What is the basic role of the media?
- 2) Can you name at least 3 types of radio programmes?
- 3) What is the synonym to “private stations”?
- 4) What are the two types of newspapers mentioned in the article?
- 5) Can you name at least 3 advantages of the Internet?

Part 2

LANGUAGE IN USE

Read the letter and fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the words in the brackets.

TO THE PRODUCER AT DAILY CHANEL

Dear Sir,

I am writing to make a 01 (COMPLAIN) about the disturbing images you broadcast in prime time yesterday. I fully understand it is your 02 (RESPONSIBLE) to inform 03 (VIEW) about any serious matter including 04 (TERROR) attacks. However, I consider showing the footage of the attacker actually shooting people and images of dead bodies in pools of blood 05 (ACCEPT) and inappropriate, especially at 7 o'clock pm.

I suspect your motivation was to increase your ratings instead of providing 06 (INFORM). I will not watch your news broadcast any more as I am a responsible parent and I will certainly inform all my relatives and friends about my 07 (DECIDE).

Yours faithfully,
Angela Thomson

Part 3

GRAMMAR

Choose the correct verb form to complete the news headlines.

01 Hurricane Jennifer _____ (hit/has hit) the Carribean. It
_____ (struck/has struck) Puerto Rico badly yesterday.

02 Priceless painting that _____ (was stolen/has been stolen) from
New York art gallery two months ago _____ (was found/has been found)
in a private collection.

03 Alan Gooding, a famous film director _____ (died/has died)
peacefully in his home. Mr Gooding _____ (was/has been) popular in
the 1980s.

04 Prime Minister of Italy _____ (resigned/has resigned). He
_____ (announced/has announced) his resignation on TV early in the
morning.

05 Three thousand workers from a German car factory _____
(lost/have lost) their jobs. The company _____ (warned/has warned)
the employees two months prior.

06 Woman's remains that _____ (were found/have been found) in the
Thames last week _____ (were now confirmed/have now been
confirmed) to belong to Andrea Porter, a 37-year-old mother of two who
_____ (went/has gone) missing last week.

Part 4

DISCUSSION

Rank the media according to your own preferences. Explain your choice.

- Radio
- Television
- Press
- The Internet

Comment on the following picture. Who can you see? What is the person's job? Do you think this kind of job would be suitable for you? Why yes or why not?



Part 5

WRITING

Write a similar letter to the one presented in Part 2 (160-180 words).

Complain about something you did not like in your favourite programme.

Support your point by adding some relevant arguments.