

News in the 21st century

There are many ways in which we find out what is going on in the world. Do you know what is the news like today?



We like to use **online** sources to get our news. Older generations still read newspapers and listen to the radio, but most young people use the internet. Although some get news from different websites, more and more people use social media. The most popular places to look for news today are Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. They are easy to use, and the news travels fast. Also, they are a great way to get in touch with others and see what they think about important issues.



However, we **don't trust** the news. A lot of people don't believe what they read or hear. At least half of readers and listeners say that the media changes news in different ways. Some think a lot of the news is too political, or simply badly presented.



Searching is not a new thing, but it is very important for us today. Why? In the past, it was the reporters who found out news, and then brought them to people. Today, people can look for news on the internet. Many take this opportunity to discover the things that interest them. They do not wait for the news to come to them – they look for the news themselves.



Most news that we want to hear are either **enjoyable or practical**. The most important things for people today are music, TV and films, and their hobbies. They will read and listen about them a lot. Another type of news people like is the one which helps them in everyday life, such as traffic, the weather and information on jobs.

Answer the questions.

- 1 How do your grandparents get their news? How about your parents?
- 2 What are your favourite ways to find out what is going on in the world?
- 3 Which topics interest you?
- 4 According to the article, how do people get their news today? Do they trust the news? Why is searching for news so important? What do they want to find out about?
- 5 Find and bring to class three pieces of news you like.