

What are Current Events and News?

Worksheet

Current events are recent significant occurrences in society, politics, business, or global affairs. News is the reporting and communication of these events through media platforms.

Questions

1. What are current events?
 - A) Historical past events
 - B) Recent significant happenings reported in news
 - C) Sports results only
 - D) Celebrity gossip exclusively
2. Which is a reliable news source?
 - A) Social media posts
 - B) Established news organizations with editors and fact-checkers
 - C) Rumors from friends
 - D) Unverified blogs
3. What is the main purpose of news?
 - A) Entertainment only
 - B) To inform the public and promote informed citizenship
 - C) To make money for corporations
 - D) To push political agendas
4. What is fake news?
 - A) News I disagree with
 - B) False or misleading information presented as factual news
 - C) Old news
 - D) Breaking news
5. Give an example of a current event.
6. How do people find news today?
7. Why is news literacy important?
8. Define: What are current events?
9. Define: Why is news important to society?
10. Define: What is media bias?

Answer Key

1. B) Recent significant happenings reported in news — Current events are recent significant occurrences in politics, society, business, world affairs, and other areas reported by news media.
2. B) Established news organizations with editors and fact-checkers — Established news organizations have editorial standards, verification processes, and fact-checking that reduce errors and misinformation.
3. B) To inform the public and promote informed citizenship — The primary purpose of news is to inform citizens about important events, enabling them to make informed decisions and participate in society.
4. B) False or misleading information presented as factual news — Fake news is deliberately false information designed to deceive readers, often spread through social media without verification.
5. A natural disaster (earthquake, flood, hurricane) affecting a region. A political election or new government policy. A major scientific discovery or space mission. Any significant recent occurrence reported in news media.
6. Traditional: Television news broadcasts, newspapers, radio. Modern: Online news websites, news apps, social media. Mixed: Podcasts, YouTube news channels, email newsletters. People choose platforms based on preferred sources and convenience.
7. Many news sources have different biases or perspectives. Fake news and misinformation can spread on social media. Understanding credible sources and fact-checking prevents being misled. News literacy helps people form accurate understanding of events.
8. Recent significant occurrences in society, politics, business, entertainment, or world affairs that are reported by news media.
9. News informs citizens about important events, enables informed decision-making, promotes accountability, and builds shared understanding.
10. When news organizations favor certain perspectives, sources, or stories over others based on their political or commercial interests.

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