The press and the media

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

INTERMEDIATE | B1-B2

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each press term with its meaning.

1 tabloid	____	a person or document providing information
2 quality newspaper	____	b newspaper emphasising serious, detailed reporting
3 editor	____	c urgent report about an event happening now
4 correspondent	____	d number of copies distributed or readers reached
5 source	____	e reporting devoted to a particular event or subject
6 coverage	____	f person responsible for selecting and preparing material
7 circulation	____	g journalist reporting from a place or specialist field
8 breaking news	____	h newspaper known for short, dramatic stories and large headlines

2 Complete the news collocations.

breaking | **cover** | **headlines** | **in-depth** | **news** | **press** | **source** | **story**

1 a reliable _____

2 _____ an election

3 make the _____

4 an exclusive _____

5 a _____ conference

6 _____ news

7 an _____ report

8 a major _____ story

3 Correct one mistake in each sentence.

1 The story made the news headlines. _____

2 A journalist covered about the trial. _____

3 The paper has a large circulating. _____

4 Our correspondence reported from Rome. _____

5 The editor checked the informations. _____

6 This is a breaking new. _____

7 The source asked to stay nameless. _____

8 The report gives deeply coverage. _____

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4 Complete the newsroom update with words from the box.

breaking | circulation | correspondent | coverage | editor | headline | source | tabloid

A foreign **1** _____ confirmed the **2** _____ news with an independent **3** _____. The **4** _____ delayed publication until the key fact was checked. Television **5** _____ began within minutes. A dramatic **6** _____ appeared on one **7** _____, while a quality paper prepared a longer analysis. Online attention also increased print **8** _____.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

Reporting a flood

A regional newsroom sent a correspondent to a flooded valley. Social-media images showed dramatic scenes, but some were from an earlier storm. Editors asked reporters to verify locations and dates before using them. The live report focused on evacuation routes and official warnings rather than speculation about causes. Later coverage examined damaged infrastructure and interviewed residents, emergency workers and an independent climate scientist.

1 Why was a correspondent sent to the valley? _____

2 What problem affected some online images? _____

3 What did editors require before publication? _____

4 What did the live report prioritise? _____

5 What did later coverage examine? _____

6 Why were several types of source interviewed? _____

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 The newspaper reported on the election. **COVERED** _____

2 The information came from a trustworthy person. **SOURCE** ___

3 The urgent story appeared immediately. **BREAKING** _____

4 The article examines the issue thoroughly. **DEPTH** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** newsroom plan for covering an unexpected local event. Include verification, sources, live reporting, later analysis and corrections.

[ ] Use at least ten target expressions. [ ] Distinguish confirmed facts from speculation. [ ] Use varied sources.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Press terms

1 **h** 2 **b** 3 **f** 4 **g** 5 **a** 6 **e** 7 **d** 8 **c**

2 News collocations

1 **source** 2 **cover** 3 **headlines** 4 **story** 5 **press** 6 **breaking** 7 **in-depth** 8 **news**

3 Corrections

1 made the **headlines** 2 covered the trial 3 large **circulation** 4 **correspondent**
5 checked the **information** 6 breaking **news** 7 remain **anonymous** 8 **in-depth** coverage

4 Newsroom update

1 **correspondent** 2 **breaking** 3 **source** 4 **editor** 5 **coverage** 6 **headline** 7 **tabloid** 8 **circulation**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 To report on flooding. 2 Some were from an earlier storm. 3 Verify locations and dates. 4 Evacuation routes and warnings.
5 Damaged infrastructure. 6 To provide different informed perspectives.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 The paper **covered** the election. 2 It came from a reliable **source**. 3 It was **breaking news**. 4 It is an **in-depth** article.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check verification, source diversity, news priorities and correction procedures.