

# DIFFERENT TYPES OF NEWSPAPER

A **newspaper** is a collection of **articles** about **current affairs** (=current events) written by **journalists** or **reporters**. The **editor** reads each article and decides what news stories to publish in which section of the newspaper. Sometimes a particular journalist is associated with his or her own **column**, and writes on a given theme each day or each week. In this case, he or she is known as a **columnist**.



**DISTRIBUTION:** Most nations have at least one newspaper that circulates throughout the whole country: a **national newspaper**, as contrasted with a **local newspaper** which serves a city or a region. In the United Kingdom, there are numerous national newspapers, including *The Independent*, *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Sun*, *The Daily Express* and *The Daily Mirror*. In the United States and Canada, there are **few** truly national newspapers, with the notable exceptions of *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* in the US, and *The Globe and Mail* and *The National Post* in Canada. Large **metropolitan newspapers** with large **distribution networks** such as *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* can fill the role of national newspapers.

A **daily newspaper** is **issued** every day. **Sunday editions** of daily newspapers (such as *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Sunday Mirror* in the United Kingdom) tend to be larger and include more specialized sections and “free gifts”, but they also cost more. Most daily newspapers are published in the morning. **Afternoon or evening papers** such as *The Evening Standard* **target** commuters and office workers. **Weekly** and **monthly newspapers** also exist.



**FORMATS:** There are two main newspaper **formats**: the large-format **broadsheet** and the more compact **tabloid**. Broadsheets tend to be more seriously political, economic and business news-oriented, whereas tabloids exploit celebrity news and sensationalism. They have shorter, less complex articles on a wide range of less serious **topics**.

**CONTENTS:** The day’s main story is prominent on the **front page**. Different types of **features** include: **national or international news**, **political news**, **business news**, **regional news**, **entertainment news**, **health**, **science**, and **technology**. There is also usually a **sports section** on the **back page** and a **weather forecast**. There may also be a **horoscope** (“**the stars**” – not to be confused with celebrities!), **travel news**, and a **fun page** with quizzes, games and comics.