The news: gathering and delivering

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

INTERMEDIATE | B1-B2

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each newsroom term with its meaning.

1 news agency	____	a latest important event reported immediately
2 correspondent	____	b person or document supplying information
3 press conference	____	c organisation that distributes reports to media outlets
4 news bulletin	____	d central team receiving and coordinating stories
5 breaking news	____	e fixed time by which work must be completed
6 source	____	f reporter based in a particular place or specialist field
7 deadline	____	g short scheduled news programme
8 news desk	____	h event where officials answer journalists' questions

2 Complete the newsroom collocations.

agency | **bulletin** | **conference** | **correspondent** | **deadline** | **desk** | **news** | **source**

1 subscribe to a news _____

2 contact the foreign _____

3 attend a press _____

4 prepare the evening _____

5 cover breaking _____

6 protect a confidential _____

7 meet a tight _____

8 alert the news _____

3 Choose the most suitable newsroom action.

1 A wire report arrives from a *news agency / deadline*.

2 A journalist based abroad is a *correspondent / bulletin*.

3 Officials take questions at a *press conference / news desk*.

4 A five-minute update is a *news bulletin / source*.

5 An unexpected resignation becomes *breaking news / a deadline*.

6 A person giving information is a *source / news agency*.

7 A report due by 4 p.m. has a *deadline / correspondent*.

8 Editors coordinate incoming stories at the *news desk / press conference*.

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4 Complete the newsroom log with terms from the box.

breaking news | correspondent | deadline | news agency | news bulletin | news desk | press conference | source

At 10:00, a **1** _____ reported that the transport minister might resign. The **2** _____ asked its political **3** _____ to investigate. A trusted **4** _____ confirmed that an announcement was likely. At noon, the ministry called a **5** _____. When the resignation was announced, it became **6** _____. The reporter faced a 12:30 **7** _____, so the first verified account led the next **8** _____.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

Speed with a pause

When a water pipe burst beneath a city road, social posts claimed that the whole centre was closed. The news desk contacted the police, the bus company and a reporter at the scene. Only two streets were affected. The first bulletin explained what was known and clearly marked one detail as unconfirmed. A later update corrected the bus diversion after the company supplied a new route. Fast reporting mattered, but accuracy required continued contact with sources.

1 What did social posts claim? _____

2 Which three sources did the desk contact? _____

3 How many streets were actually affected? _____

4 How did the bulletin treat an uncertain detail? _____

5 Why was the bus information corrected? _____

6 What did accurate reporting require? _____

6 Rewrite using the expression in capitals.

1 A journalist in Rome sent the update. **CORRESPONDENT** _

2 The report must be finished by midday. **DEADLINE** ____

3 The editors are coordinating incoming reports. **DESK** _

4 The latest event interrupted the programme. **BREAKING** _

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** newsroom log for a developing story. Explain the first alert, source checks, deadline and updates.

[ ] Use at least eight target expressions. [ ] Separate confirmed and unconfirmed details. [ ] Show how the story developed.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Newsroom terms

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

2 Newsroom collocations

1 **agency** 2 **correspondent** 3 **conference** 4 **bulletin** 5 **news** 6 **source** 7 **deadline** 8 **desk**

3 Suitable actions

1 **news agency** 2 **correspondent** 3 **press conference** 4 **news bulletin**
5 **breaking news** 6 **source** 7 **deadline** 8 **news desk**

4 Newsroom log

1 **news agency** 2 **news desk** 3 **correspondent** 4 **source** 5 **press conference** 6 **breaking news** 7 **deadline** 8 **news bulletin**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 The whole centre was closed. 2 Police, bus company and reporter. 3 Two.
4 It labelled it unconfirmed. 5 The company supplied a new route. 6 Continued contact with sources.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 The Rome **correspondent** sent the update. 2 The report has a midday **deadline**.
3 The news **desk** is coordinating reports. 4 **Breaking news** interrupted the programme.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check chronology, sourcing and update discipline.