B1 ENGLISH CHAPTER 2 Lesson 4 Vocabulary: Topics (Unit 37-41)



A Radio and television

Read these extracts from TV listings.

4.00 pm	Jessica: talk show¹ with Jessica Brown; today's guest, Rona Fredale	7.00 pm	Documentary : Are we killing our kids? Investigating ⁵ the junk food industry
5.00 pm	Cartoons ² : crazy fun for kids of all ages	8.00 pm	The Happy Couple: sitcom ⁶ about a pair of newly-weds
5.30 pm	Golden Chance: game show ³ with Bob Langley	9.00 pm	Roundup: sports programme with all the day's top action - tonight: rugby final
6.00 pm	News and weather forecast	10.00 pm	The Day in Politics: current affairs ⁷ programme. Presenter s: James Hill
6.30 pm	Didbury Street: the nation's favourite soap ⁴	10.30 pm	Wikdal: detective drama set in Norway. Episode ⁹ 3: A second body is found

¹ usually has a host and famous people who answer questions about themselves ² film where the characters are drawn rather than real ³ show where people compete to win prizes ⁴ short for soap opera - a series of TV/radio programmes about the lives of a particular group of characters, continuing over a long period and broadcast (several times) every week ⁵ trying to find out the facts/truth about something ⁶ funny TV/ radio show where the same characters appear in a different story each week ⁷ news about political events happening now ⁸ person who introduces the show ⁹ one of the parts into which a story is divided

Other expressions connected with TV and radio

The (mass) media refers to TV, radio, newspapers and the Internet, i.e. **means** of communication which reach very large numbers of people.

Subtitles enable people to read what the characters are saying (maybe in translation). If a film is **dubbed**, you hear the speech in your own language.

To **receive** a lot of TV channels, you may need a **satellite dish** on the roof or wall of your house. Many channels depend on **(TV) commercials** to make money. You may be able to **stream** radio and TV

broadcasts from the Internet and you may be able to watch **catch-up TV**, or TV **on demand**, which allow you to watch programmes whenever you like. A lot of radio and TV stations offer free **podcasts** which you can download.

Language help

The noun **means** (a way of doing something) always ends in s, even in the singular. The Internet is **an** important **means** of communication.

Newspapers

В

D

A **popular** or **tabloid** newspaper usually **focuses on**¹ **sensation**² rather than real news, whereas a **quality newspaper** is usually more interested in serious news. A tabloid often has stories about celebrities, sport, **scandals**³ and crime, while a quality paper focuses more on serious **journalism**⁴ with **in-depth**⁵ articles. To read newspapers on the Internet, you may have to **subscribe** / **pay a subscription**⁶.

¹ emphasises / pays attention to ² very exciting or interesting events ³ events which shock people in a moral way ⁴ the work of collecting, writing and publishing or broadcasting news and articles ⁵ done carefully and in great detail, explaining the reasons for events ⁶ pay a sum of money regularly (e.g. once a year)

Verbs connected with the media

The BBC World Service **broadcasts** throughout the world. [transmits TV/radio programmes]
They're **televising** the opening of Parliament tomorrow. (or, less formal: **showing**)
The film was **shot** / **made on location** in Australia. [filmed in a real place, not in a studio]
The series **is set** in London in the 1980s. [place/time where the drama happens]
Within minutes of the event, people were **tweeting** about it. [posting very short messages on the Internet]

Common mistakes

Remember that the noun **news** is uncountable and takes a singular verb. I have **some news** for you. (NOT I have a news.) The **news is** on TV at 7 pm. (NOT The news are on TV.)



37.1	What sort of TV prog	grammes from A oppo	osite are these p	eople talking a	bout?		
:	'It investigated how the banks had wasted billions of euros in bad loans.' documentary	2 'Walt Disney mad lot of them. <i>Micket</i> <i>Mouse</i> was proba his most famous.	bly it, dis	Minister of ation was on scussing the schools policy.'	4 'It's so funny, especially when the old uncle appears. We can't stop laughing.'		
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į	6 'My mum watches it ever day. She knows all the characters as if they we real.'	find out if i going to ra tomorrow	t was the in end	ey always solve murder in the d, but it's very citing.'	8 'He interviewed tha young star who just won an Oscar, oh, what's her name?'		
	9 'The prize is £ week. That's a	500,000 this a lot of money!'		hey showed a re nited versus Vale	peat of the Manchester encia match.'		
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	d? 2 I downloaded a great of the it when c? 4 We've got a new s channels now. 5 I'd like a job in the react of people use their friends. 7 People often down day they are transr	interrupt ainterrupt a d, perh social networking sites	out bees. I listene good film. I usual on our ro aps in TV or radic s as their main m rom the Internet	d to it on my MP3 ly go and make a of. We can r o.	B player in bed last night. Cup of tea while they're of hundreds of Communication with ed to watch them on the	n.	
37.3	Sort these words into two categories: 'tabloid' and 'quality' newspaper. celebrity news complex political debate scandals in-depth reviews of books competitions and prizes sensational crimes long articles huge headlines						
	tabloid		quality	y			
	celebrity news						
37.4	 The documentary school meals. The programme w CNN sends	as filmed news program the cup foliace in hose short messages	the food ind the food ind mes around the vinal next week. (g	ustry and emph in Northern Fin world. give a more forma	al verb)		

37.5 Over to you

Which types of media do you use most? Give your reasons.



Types of government

republic: a state **governed** by representatives and, usually, a president (e.g. USA, France)

monarchy: a state **ruled** by a king or queen (e.g. UK, Sweden)

federation: a union of political units (e.g. provinces) under a central government (e.g. USA)

democracy: government of, by and for the people **dictatorship:** system of government run by a dictator

independence: freedom from outside control; self-governing

В

Presidential and parliamentary government (US and UK)



United States Presidential government: The powers of the President and the legislature (Congress) are separate. These branches of government are elected¹ separately. The President is elected for a four-year term and can appoint² or nominate high officials in government, including cabinet members (who advise) and federal judges. The President leads a major party, usually, but not always, the majority party³ in Congress. Congress consists of two houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate.



United Kingdom Parliamentary government: The government consists of a legislature⁴ (Parliament) and a Cabinet of Ministers⁵ from the majority party in Parliament. If no party has an overall majority, there may be a coalition government formed from more than one party. The Prime Minister is the head of the government and the leader of the majority party in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister selects high officials and heads⁶ the Cabinet. Parliament consists of two chambers, the House of Commons and the House of Lords. MPs are members of parliament elected from each constituency⁷ to the House of Commons.

¹ chosen by vote ² decide who to give positions of authority to ³ political party which won the most votes ⁴ group of people who make new laws ⁵ group of most important ministers ⁶ is the leader of ⁷ geographical voting area

C

Parliamentary elections

During a **general election** each **constituency** has to choose which **politician** it wants as its **representative**. Usually there are several **candidates** to choose from. These candidates are all **standing** (or **running**) for Parliament. They present the **policies**, i.e. their party's plans. On **polling day** every adult goes to the **polling station** and **casts a vote** by marking a cross on their **ballot paper**. The candidate who gets the **majority** of votes wins the **seat**. If the vote is very close, the constituency may be referred to as a **marginal seat**.

Language help

Here are some word families relating to words on this page.

verb	person noun	abstract noun
rule	ruler	rule
govern	governor	government
preside (often followed by <i>over</i>)	president	presidency
represent	representative	representation
elect	elector; electorate (group of people)	election



38.1 Circle the correct word from the choices offered.

- 1 A member of parliament *governs / rules / represents* his or her constituency.
- 2 India gained republic / independence / democracy from the UK in 1948.
- 3 On *electing/voting/polling* day electors cast their votes.
- 4 She's running/sitting/walking for Parliament in the next election.
- 5 His father was *voted/stood/elected* MP for Cambridge City.
- 6 What is your country's economic *politics/policy/politician*?
- 7 The USA is a legislature / federation / congress of 50 states.
- 8 Although modern monarchs are said to *rule/govern/preside* over their countries they have little real power.

38.2 Look at this text about politics in the UK. Fill in the missing words.

	Parliament in the UK consists of two ¹							
38.3	Match the sentence beginnings on the left wi	th the endin	gs on the right.					
	 The President appointed his uncle The Prime Minister presides In last year's election I voted Lee says he would never want to stand Put a cross beside the name you want 		 a over a Cabinet of Ministers. b on the ballot paper. c as a judge. d from in our constituency. e the seat in our constituency. 					

f for the Green Party candidate.

g for political office.

h my vote.

38.4 Find a word from the Language help section to match each definition.

- 1 the person with the highest political position in a republic the President
- 2 someone who speaks or does something officially, on behalf of a group of people
- 3 the leader of a country, e.g. a monarch or dictator
- 4 the period of office of the person with the highest political position in a republic
- 5 system used for controlling a country

6 I haven't decided yet how to cast

8 We had five candidates to choose

7 I'm not keen on the candidate who won

- 6 the group of people who are entitled to vote
- 7 to act officially for a group of people

38.5 Over to you

Write a paragraph about the political system in your country. Make sure your paragraph deals with all the following aspects of the topic appropriate to your country:

kind of government, e.g. a republic or a monarchy chambers or houses elections terms of office government leader



A Crimes and criminals

crime	definition	criminal	verb
murder	killing someone	murderer	murder
shoplifting	stealing something from a shop	shoplifter	shoplift
burglary	stealing something from someone's home	burglar	burgle
smuggling	taking something illegally into another country	smuggler	smuggle
kidnapping	taking a person hostage in exchange for money or other favours, etc.	kidnapper	kidnap
terrorism	violent action for political purposes	terrorist	(terrorise)
fraud	deceiving people in order to take money from them	fraudster	defraud
abduction	taking someone, especially a child, usually in order to harm them	abductor	abduct

All the verbs in the table above are regular. Note that the verb *terrorise* is mainly used in a general way, meaning to make others very frightened, rather than just relating to the crime.

B Investigating crime

Ross **committed** a crime when he robbed a bank. Someone **witnessed** the crime and told the police. The police **arrested** Ross and **charged** him **with** bank **robbery**. They also **accused** his twin brother, Ben, of being his **accomplice**¹. The police investigated the **case**² and collected **evidence**³ at the **crime scene**. They found Ross's **fingerprints** and they also found **DNA evidence**⁴ that linked him to the crime, so they were confident they had **proof**⁵ that the two men were guilty.

¹ someone who helps someone commit a crime ² a crime that is being investigated ³ information used in a court of law to decide whether the accused is guilty or not scientifically and be shown to come from a particular person ⁵ evidence that shows conclusively whether something is a fact or not

Trial and punishment

The case came to court¹, and Ross and Ben were tried². The trial³ did not last very long. Ross and Ben both pleaded not guilty⁴ in court. Their lawyer did her best to defend them, but the prosecuting lawyer produced a very strong case against them. After brief deliberations⁵, the jury passed verdict on them. They decided that Ross was guilty, and he was convicted of⁶ robbery, but Ben was innocent⁷. The judge acquitted Ben of any involvement in the robbery, but sentenced Ross to three years in prison/jail. As well as a prison sentence, Ross also had to pay a large fine. Ross served two years in prison, but was released from prison a year early. He got time off for good behaviour.

¹ the place where a judge makes legal decisions ² were put through a legal process to decide whether they committed the crime or not ³ the legal process in court whereby an accused person is investigated and tried ⁴ said they did not commit the crime ⁵ discussions ⁶ found to be guilty of a crime ⁷ not guilty of a crime

People connected with crime and the legal process

offender: someone who commits an illegal act (an **offence**)

judge: the person who leads a trial and decides on the sentence, i.e. the punishment when someone is found guilty

jury: group of citizens (12 in the UK and, usually, the US) who decide on the verdict, i.e. whether the accused is guilty or not

victim: a person who suffers as the result of a crime

suspect: a person who is suspected of committing an offence

witness: a person who sees a crime being committed



Which crime is each person accused of? Zoe is accused of shoplifting. Harry took a film star's son and said she could only have him back if she paid a large sum of money. Ophelia shot her husband in the heart. Noah tried to take a large amount of cigarettes into his country without paying the due tax. Tom broke into someone's house and stole a TV and a computer.

39.2 Fill in the gaps in the newspaper article below with words from B opposite.

6 Mike used a website to sell people holiday homes that didn't really exist.

CRIME WATCH
A man has been ¹ by police and ² with burglary after a house in the city centre was broken into last night. Experts have searched the ³ and found several items which they have taken away to be used as ⁴ in court. The police believe the burglar may have had an ⁵ so they are calling for anyone who ⁶ the crime to come forward and help them catch the second burglar.

39.3 A preposition is missing in each of these sentences. Add it.

- 1 The judge sentenced the accused ten years in prison.
- 2 Many prisoners end up getting time for good behaviour.
- 3 The police have charged the driver of the red sports car speeding.
- 4 The two girls are suspected taking sweets from the shop without paying.
- 5 Sam was found guilty today but the judge will decide his sentence tomorrow.
- 6 The jury passed a verdict of guilty the accused.

39.4 Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets.

- 1 The judge gave the accused six months in prison as punishment. (sentenced) *The judge sentenced the accused to six months in prison.*
- 2 The police think Bert is guilty but they cannot show this to be true. (proof)
- 3 In court the accused said he did not commit the crime. (pleaded)
- 4 The murder case is still being looked into by the police. (investigation)
- 5 Anyone suffering because of a crime can join this support group. (victim)
- 6 The detective thought the jealous lover killed the woman. (suspected)
- 7 The bank robbers are currently being tried at a court in London. (trial)
- 8 Nathan is hoping to be let out of prison soon. (released)

39.5 Over to you

Find out about how criminals are caught and punished in your country. Answer the questions.

- 1 Who decides if someone is guilty or innocent?
- 2 Who decides on their sentence?
- 3 Can criminals get time off their sentence for good behaviour?
- **4** How are victims of crime helped?



В

A Personal finance

Read these advertisements about personal finance.

Newbank - Your Bank

Need a good **current account**¹ with the best **interest rates**² and a guaranteed **overdraft facility**³? Pop into one of our branches.

TOO MANY CREDIT CARDS?

Consolidate⁴ all your cards and **debts**⁵ into one convenient **payment**⁶. Discuss your **credit limit**⁷ with us today. Call 01677 442319.



Short of cash? Need a loan?

Need to **raise money** for that round-the-world trip? For a loan with **competitive**⁸ interest rates visit our website at <u>www.cashforyou.com</u>

Looking for a **mortgage**⁹? Act now! For mortgages with low **deposits**¹⁰ and flexible **repayments**¹¹ call 01569 87623.

¹ account you use for most everyday business ² percentage which the bank pays you based on how much you have in your account ³ permission to have a negative amount of money in your account ⁴ join together to make one ⁵ money you owe someone ⁶ the act of paying something ⁷ the maximum amount of money you may spend on your card ⁸ as good as or better than other banks ⁹ a loan used usually to buy a house ¹⁰ money you pay before buying something to show you really want to buy it ¹¹ payments to reduce the amount you owe

Bank accounts and services

I have a **steady income**¹ now, which is great, and my **outgoings**² are quite low. I don't have any major **expenses**³.

I've just **opened** a **savings account**⁷, and I **transfer**⁸ money into it regularly.

I pay all my bills by **direct debit**⁴, so I don't have to worry about them. It also means I have a good **credit rating**⁵, so I can borrow money if I need to.

I need to buy a car, but I'm not sure how I'm going to **finance**⁶ it.

My account is usually **in credit**⁹ at the beginning of the month, but by the end of the month it's always **overdrawn**¹⁰. I hate being **in the red**¹¹ and the banks all **charge interest**¹² on overdrafts! I try not to go over my **overdraft limit**, though.

I use **online banking** most of the time. I only go to the bank occasionally, to use the **cash machine**.

¹ money coming in regularly, in a way that does not change much ² money you pay each month, e.g. rent, cost of running a car, etc. ³ money you spend on things ⁴ money taken automatically from your account, e.g. to pay bills, a mortgage, etc.; the bank *debits* (verb) your account for the necessary sums of money ⁵ judgement made by a bank about how likely someone is to pay back money that they borrow ⁶ find the money needed to pay for it ⁷ account where you put money you do not immediately need ⁸ move from one account to another ⁹ has a positive amount of money in it ¹⁰ has a negative amount of money in it ¹¹ infml have a negative amount of money in your account ¹² make you pay a percentage of the amount

Public finance

The government collects money through taxes. **Income tax** is the tax collected on wages and salaries. **Inheritance tax** is collected on money people get from people who have died. **Customs** (or **excise**) **duty** is paid on goods imported from other countries; airports usually have **duty-free** shops. **VAT** (**value added tax**) is a tax paid on most goods and services. Companies pay **corporation tax** on their profits.



40.1	Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.					
	a an account for money you don't need immediately b payment taken automatically from an account c an account for day-to-day use d a loan to buy a house or flat e money that is charged on a loan f an account with a negative sum of money in it					
40.2	Use words from A opposite to complete the sentences.					
	 Nico owes his brother 5,000 euros and he borrowed 10,000 euros to buy a car. Nico has debts					
40.3	What do we call					
	 1 the tax you pay on imported goods? customs / excise duty 2 a shop at an airport where you don't pay tax? 3 a tax which is added to most goods and services? 4 a tax on money paid if someone dies? 5 the tax that companies pay on their profits? 6 the tax that the government takes out of your salary? 					
40.4	Answer the questions. Give reasons for your answers.					
	1 If you were overdrawn, would you be in a good situation or a bad one?					

- A bad situation you would have a negative amount of money in your bank account.
- 2 Why might a person open a savings account as well as a current account?
- 3 Joel's account is in the red. Why is his bank manager unhappy?
- 4 Why might someone transfer money from a savings account to a current
- 5 Why is online banking easier than visiting your branch?
- 6 Why are cash machines so convenient? Are there any risks in using them?
- 7 Zara's account is in credit. Is she probably happy or unhappy?
- 8 Bob doesn't have a steady income and his outgoings are very high. Do you think he feels secure or insecure?
- 9 If your bank debited your account for 500 euros, would you feel you had more or less money as
- 10 If you have a good credit rating, what will you find it easier to do?



41 Describing objects

Some pairs of opposite adjectives

Cotton is a **natural** material and nylon is **artificial**.

Red and yellow are **vivid** colours while grey is a **sombre** colour.

You can see through a **transparent** material but you can't see

through an **opaque** material.



A machine that has no problems at all is **perfect** while one that doesn't work properly is **faulty**. Something that is hard and doesn't move or bend easily is **stiff** while something that bends easily is **flexible**.

A material that can be easily spoilt by, for example, washing, can be called **delicate** while something that is hard to spoil can be called **tough**.

A material like glass that can be easily broken can be called **fragile** while something that does not break easily can be called **strong** or **sturdy**.



I prefer **strong** coffee to **weak** coffee - I can't stand coffee that has too much water or milk in it. I like to be able to really taste my coffee!

The painting is not a **genuine** Picasso - it's a **fake**.

Adjectives and nouns

adjective	noun	example	meaning
decent	decency	I'd like to get a table that's a decent size so we can have ten people to a meal.	good
entire	entirety	Between them they ate the entire cake!	whole
characteristic	character, characteristic	Big windows are characteristic of houses built in the early 1900s.	typical
precise	precision	We need to take precise measurements before we decide which fridge to get.	exact
severe	severity	It's a severe building - all concrete and straight lines.	very serious
solid	solidity	The table is made of solid oak.	hard all through
trivial	trivia, triviality	He doesn't write serious novels, just trivial romances.	insignificant

The only verbs that can be formed from adjectives in the above table are **characterise**, **solidify** and **trivialise**.

C Phrases typical of speech

Did you see that **great big** cat run across the grass? [very big] This photo **isn't half as** interesting as that one. [is much less] Jessie's car is **nowhere near as** powerful as mine. [much less] Tamara makes an **unusually strong** cup of coffee. It's a **reasonably good** piece of sculpture. [fairly good] It's a **pretty thick** book. [fairly thick]



41.1	Answe	er these ques	tions relat	ing to the	adjectives	in A opposite.				
	1 Which is artificial - silk or lycra? <u>lycra</u>									
	2 Which is more delicate when it comes to washing - silk or cotton?									
						onventional or a b				
						king properly?				
		_				or a fake one?				
			_			ood?				
		ch is more fle		_						
41.2	Choos	e the correct	option to	complete	each sente	nce.				
	1 Jan	a's clothes are	e never frivo	lous - they	're always ra	ather <i>B</i>				
		elicate		severe		C precise		D bizarre		
	2 This	painting is	of the	works of F	Rembrandt.					
		haracteristic		solid		C entire		D plain		
	3 I'd li	ke to buy the	sal	ami, please	e, not just a s	small piece of it.				
		recise		trivial	, ,	C entire		D solid		
	•		to put or	n a new shi	t not that o	ne with the hole.				
		ecency	- Table 1	severity	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	C vividness		D characteristic		
	5 Writ	ting a good jol	h applicatio	n is not a	matt	ter.				
	A so			conventio		C trivial		D transparent		
	6 Mak	ing beautiful	jewellery re	quires a hi	gh degree o	f				
		ntirety	-	•				D triviality		
41.3	Choos	Choose words from the box to complete the dialogue.								
	reaso	onably r	owhere	half	great	unusually	pretty			
	NINA:	I love this ro from them a	om, Mark. T are ²	hose ¹	<i>great</i>	big windows are	wonderfu	l, and the views		
	MARK:	Thanks. And	d I'm sure it i	isn't ³		as expensive as yo	u might in	nagine.		
	NINA:	I only pay 1, Wow! That's	s ⁴	near a	s much as I p	pay. And my flat's v	ery noisy t	too. It seems		
	MARK:	No, it's not t	oo bad. And	e - you don I I've certai	nly got ⁶	ear too much nois qui	e from the et neighbo	street. urs. I never hear		
	NUNIA	a sound from		م ما المراجعة		•:				
	NINA:	Lucky you! I	WISHTCOUR	i say the sa	me about n	iirie.				
41.4	Some	words in this	s unit can b	e used to	talk about	abstract ideas as	well as ol	ojects.		
	Use yo	Use your knowledge of these words to answer the questions.								
	1 If someone gives you a genuine smile, do they feel friendly or not particularly friendly towards you? <i>They feel friendly</i>									
	2 Do you think a transparent argument is one that is easy or difficult to follow?									
	3 If a writer describes something vividly, is their writing effective?									
				_		ly to be relaxed or				
				•	-	to be pleased or n				

