

IELTS READING TEST SET 5 TASK 2 GT – A career in journalism



IELTS READING A career in journalism Reading Practice Test has 10 Questions belongs to the Journalism / Media Studies subject..

How do I get into journalism?

Trainees come into the industry by a variety of routes. Some are recruited directly by a newspaper in their local area and carry out their basic training under the terms of a training contract. This is known as direct entry.

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Questions 15 – 22

Complete the notes. Type **one word only** for each answer.

Becoming a journalist

Direct entry training

Training contract with a 15 (local) newspaper

Pre-entry training courses

usually for 16 (graduates)

held at approved 17 (colleges)

Work experience

Write to newspaper editors

Ask to become a temporary 18 (observer)

Avoid applying to do it in 19 (july)

Do not be discouraged if you are rejected

However, the majority of trainees are recruited after attending vocational education and training courses. These are normally for graduates. Such courses are generally run by colleges accredited by the National Council for the Training of Journalists. This route is known as pre-entry.

Some colleges will grant places to people on pre-entry courses only if they have already had a work experience placement at a newspaper. Therefore it would be sensible for you to write to a number of local newspaper editors to ask if they will allow you to join their team of reporters as an observer for a few days. Explain why you think you would make a good reporter and try to pick a time other than July, when pressure on work experience places is at its greatest. You should try to be the applicant who stands out as the most committed to newspaper journalism, and the most able. But do not be put off if you receive rejection letters, as there is strong competition for places. Editors appreciate and respect determination and persistence.

Freelance journalism

To submit an article to a newspaper:

Check what the usual length and 20 (topics) are

Send an article summary

Provide personal 21 (information)

Send any articles previously written

Desirable qualities

an interest in people and issues

a clear writing 22 (style) and accurate language

an understanding of the role of newspapers

flexibility and hard work

Many people ask about becoming freelance journalists. To begin with, you must know the paper you're hoping to write for; the article should be approximately the same number of words normally employed by the editorial column in that paper, and on one of the topics that are most likely to be used. Approach the editor in writing. Send a written synopsis of your article, enclosing some information about yourself and, if possible, some other articles you have had printed, whether in your local paper or in your student magazine.

Questions 23 – 27

No more than three words

Help with staff training/development

Help with training can only be given if the 23 (operational requirements) of the company the allow it.

Employees are usually allowed time off with pay for no more than 24 (five / 5) private study days each year.

The 25 (finance committee) assesses formal applications for financial assistance.

Employees who leave the company less than a year after finishing their course have to repay 26 (fifty percent / 50%) of any money they received.

Employees have to report withdrawals, absences or exam results to the 27 (personnel)

What qualities do newspaper editors look for?

To convince an editor that you are worth appointing you will need to be able to demonstrate:

- an interest in people
- an interest in current affairs
- an ability to write in a style which is easy to understand
- good spelling, grammar and punctuation
- an appreciation of the part newspapers play in the community and society
- a willingness to accept irregular hours, and work under pressure to meet deadlines.

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