

Journalistic Vocabulary List with Examples

1. **Headline**
 - Definition: The title or caption of a news article.
 - Example: “Local Hero Saves Family from House Fire”
2. **Byline**
 - Definition: A line in a news article that gives the name of the writer.
 - Example: “By Jane Smith, Staff Reporter”
3. **Lead (or Lede)**
 - Definition: The opening paragraph of a news article that summarizes the most important information.
 - Example: “A massive earthquake struck the city of Los Angeles yesterday, causing widespread damage and leaving thousands without power.”
4. **Source**
 - Definition: A person, document, or other record that provides information for a news story.
 - Example: “According to a source close to the investigation, the suspect was seen leaving the scene shortly after the incident.”
5. **Deadline**
 - Definition: The time by which a story must be submitted for publication.
 - Example: “The reporter rushed to finish her article before the 9 PM deadline.”
6. **Scoop**
 - Definition: An exclusive news story obtained before other journalists.
 - Example: “The young journalist got a scoop on the mayor’s resignation, beating all other news outlets.”
7. **Press Release**
 - Definition: An official statement issued to news media to provide information on a particular matter.
 - Example: “The company issued a press release announcing the launch of its new product line.”
8. **Op-Ed**
 - Definition: An opinion piece typically published opposite the editorial page of a newspaper.
 - Example: “The senator wrote an op-ed arguing for stricter gun control laws.”
9. **Breaking News**
 - Definition: Newly received information about an event that is currently occurring or developing.
 - Example: “Breaking news: A major storm is approaching the coast, and evacuations have begun.”
10. **Fact-check**
 - Definition: To verify the accuracy of reported information.
 - Example: “Before publishing the article, the editor asked the jour-

nalist to fact-check all the statistics.”

11. **Exclusive**

- Definition: A news story or interview published or broadcast by only one source.
- Example: “The magazine secured an exclusive interview with the reclusive billionaire.”

12. **Quote**

- Definition: A verbatim repetition of someone’s words, often used in news articles.
- Example: “‘We will not rest until justice is served,’ the prosecutor quoted in her statement to the press.”

13. **Editorial**

- Definition: An article in a newspaper or magazine expressing the opinion of its editors or publishers.
- Example: “The newspaper’s editorial criticized the government’s handling of the economic crisis.”

14. **Angle**

- Definition: The particular perspective or point of view from which a story is told.
- Example: “The reporter decided to approach the story from a human interest angle, focusing on how the new law affects local families.”

15. **Feature**

- Definition: A longer, more in-depth article that goes beyond immediate news to tell a story.
- Example: “The Sunday edition included a feature on the city’s thriving art scene.”