

# Examiner's Report

## **IELTS** Task 2 Writing

#### Topic: NEWS

#### Target Score: 7.5

**Overall Score: 7** 

Task Achievement	Cohesion & Coherence	Vocabulary	Grammar	Overall Score (Task 2)
7	7	7	7	6.5

Some people think that media news has become much more

**Comment [G1]:** You need to more fully extend your examples but the structure, opinion and understanding of IELTS are fine. Better examples = band 8 here

**Comment [G2]:** It is clear throughout though there are mistakes with articles, referencing and the sentences do not sound as natural as they could. This is the one that you will most likely be able to raise to 8 with more natural ellipsis and a few fewer errors with referencing.

**Comment [G3]:** Very strong throughout, nearly 8 but too many mistakes and not enough quality collocations for band 8. See me essay and corrections below.

**Comment [G4]:** Lots of great complex sentences and good variety. A bit of inflexibility and too many mistakes for band 8.

**Comment [G5]:** This isn't an English collocation – maybe you mean news media?

## influential in people's lives today and it is a negative development. Do you agree or disagree?

There is a <u>common belief saying</u> that <u>media the</u> news has had an increasingly profound influence on people's lives these days, and <u>it this</u> is <u>typically</u> seen as a negative trend. In my opinion, I completely disagree with this viewpoint because <u>media the</u> news <u>remarkably</u> contributes <u>remarkably</u> to the decision making process<u>es</u> of individuals and organizations, <u>even though some may oppose this.</u>

It is <u>readily</u> apparent that <u>media</u> news provides <u>readers</u> with bases to make appropriate decisions <u>towards their benefits</u><u>regarding their self-</u> <u>interests</u>. This is because by <u>updating receiving</u> up-to-the-minute information, they can perceive what is going on and what should be accordingly fulfilled for their own sake. Take news about the elements as an example. Thanks to <u>such updated advanced meterological weather</u> <u>reportsweather news</u>, farmers and aviation companies can come up with effective solutions to alleviate <u>the potential</u> damages caused by extreme weather. Another example is the information spread of the Free Trade Agreement between Vietnam and America, which helps not <u>solely-only</u> Vietnamese companies but also American enterprises seize <u>this the</u> opportunity to expand their global business.

However, some may argue that <u>news in newspaper or in the Internetthe</u> <u>news</u> is so tremendous <u>abstracted</u> that it is hard for everyone to identify the truthascertain its veracity. Some <u>It is very common for</u> individuals or organizations <u>can take the to take</u>-advantage of <u>news' powerthe media</u> to cheat others for their <u>beneficial purposesown benefit</u>. There were hundreds of citizens of Danang city, for instance, <u>who losting their money</u> <u>savings</u> due to <u>fake falsified</u> news reports about a real estate project one year ago. While this view <u>seems is seemling to be</u> persuasive, I strongly believe that it is the responsibility of each person to justify the source of the news before they make their <u>own</u> decision. This is because apart from getting news from media, one can have it clarified by approaching governmental agencies for a confirmation. Additionally, mainstream news and fake news are inevitable in the information age; therefore, readers should train themselves to be smarter by judging the authentication of newsbeing more skeptical towards the information they receive.

By way of conclusion, I once again reaffirm my position that media the

**Comment [G6]:** Good introduction but a little bit wordy. Try to include more adverbial phrases and be more accurate with adverbs in general. Don't take too long to write the intro – how long to write the whole essay?

**Comment [G7]:** Is it just about news that is read?

**Comment [G8]:** This is too general and makes no sense. Get specific and start your example right away so that you don't write general stuff.

**Comment [G9]:** Good example but... not really an example. You need to draw it out more instead of going to a new example – what do they learn exactly? And how does that help them make decisions? Being more specific will show the examiner you have the vocab and grammar to write about a complex area – talking generally shows the examiner very little and you will be stuck in the band 7 range.

**Comment [G10]:** Both examples are ok, but they are geared more towards companies making more money rather than individuals, which is a much more compelling argument

**Comment [G11]:** Need more detail – what happened exactly? Be as specific as possible and only be general – well, don't be general at all except in your opinion! news does more good than harm to society because it is a useful aid towards for making decisions. So as not to be cheated by fake news, readers should seek for trustworthy information sources and learn to be wise more discerning skepticsreaders.

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Comment [G12]: Perfect conclusion!

**Comment [G13]:** Too long – aim for around 300 – how long to write it?

Complete Rewrite:

## Some people think that media news has become much more influential in people's lives today and it is a negative development. Do you agree or disagree?

There is a saying that media news has had an increasingly profound influence on people's lives these days, and it is seen as a negative trend. In my opinion, I completely disagree with this viewpoint because media news remarkably contributes to the decision making process of individuals and organizations, even though some may oppose this.

It is commonly held by many that the news has an increasingly invasive role in people's everyday lives. In my opinion, I completely disagree with this viewpoint because the news contributes greatly to the decision making process of individuals as long as they are discerning customers.

It is apparent that media news provides readers with bases to make appropriate decisions towards their benefits. This is because by updating up-to-the-minute information, they can perceive what is going on and what should be accordingly fulfilled for their own sake. Take news about the elements as an example. Thanks to such updated weather news, farmers and aviation companies can come up with effective solutions to alleviate the damages caused by extreme weather. Another example is the information spread of the Free Trade Agreement between Vietnam and America, which helps not solely Vietnamese companies but also American enterprises seize this opportunity to expand their global business.

## Modern news media properly consumed provides its readership with bases for decision making regarding their own interests. One

standout example of this is the way that people follow political issues. In democratic countries, it is difficult to argue that there is anything more important than staying informed of political developments. When Americans learned about the harmful effects of global warming on our environment they began to push, through the ballot box and general public sentiment, for reforms. This has led to the election and overhaul of policies related to environmental conservation and is the direct result of information gleaned from the news.

However, some may argue that news in newspaper or in the Internet is so tremendous that it is hard for everyone to identify the truth. Some individuals or organizations can take the advantage of news' power to cheat others for their beneficial purposes. There were hundreds of citizens of Danang city, for instance, losing their money due to fake news about a real estate project one year ago. While this view seems to be persuasive, I strongly believe that it is the responsibility of each person to justify the source of the news before they make their decision. This is because apart from getting news from media, one can have it clarified by approaching governmental agencies for a confirmation. Additionally, mainstream news and fake news are inevitable in the information age; therefore, readers should train themselves to be smarter by judging the authentication of news.

Some rightly argue that the news is not always trustworthy. Individuals and organizations are always attempting to twist the news to their advantage. A good example of this would be the selfinterested and fraudulent articles about land around Danang city in Vietnam. Several months ago...

By way of conclusion, I once again reaffirm my position that media news does more good than harm to society because it is a useful aid towards for individuals to makeing informed decisions. So as not to be cheated by fake news, readers should seek for trustworthy information sources and learn to be wise readers.

Wouldn't change a thing about the conclusion except:

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I wrote about a similar topic recently: https://howtodoielts.com/ielts-writing-task-2-sample-answer-newspapers-media/