

Library Academic Support

Helping you get the best from the Library, its collections, resources and services

Using current news sources

Academic Support Librarians

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Learning outcomes and objectives

By the end of this session, you should be more familiar with the type of content which can be found in news sources, and when it can be of use to your research and studies.

- Awareness the type of content which can be found in news sources.
- Identify learning and/or research topics news sources can be used for.
- Select suitable news source(s) for your topic.
- Identify key steps to run a search in news sources.

Aims

Variety of sources for different research questions.

- Searching news on websites
- Databases – which news sources
- One search across multiple sources
- Other media – documentary, news reel
- Citing news
- Going further – analysis of news

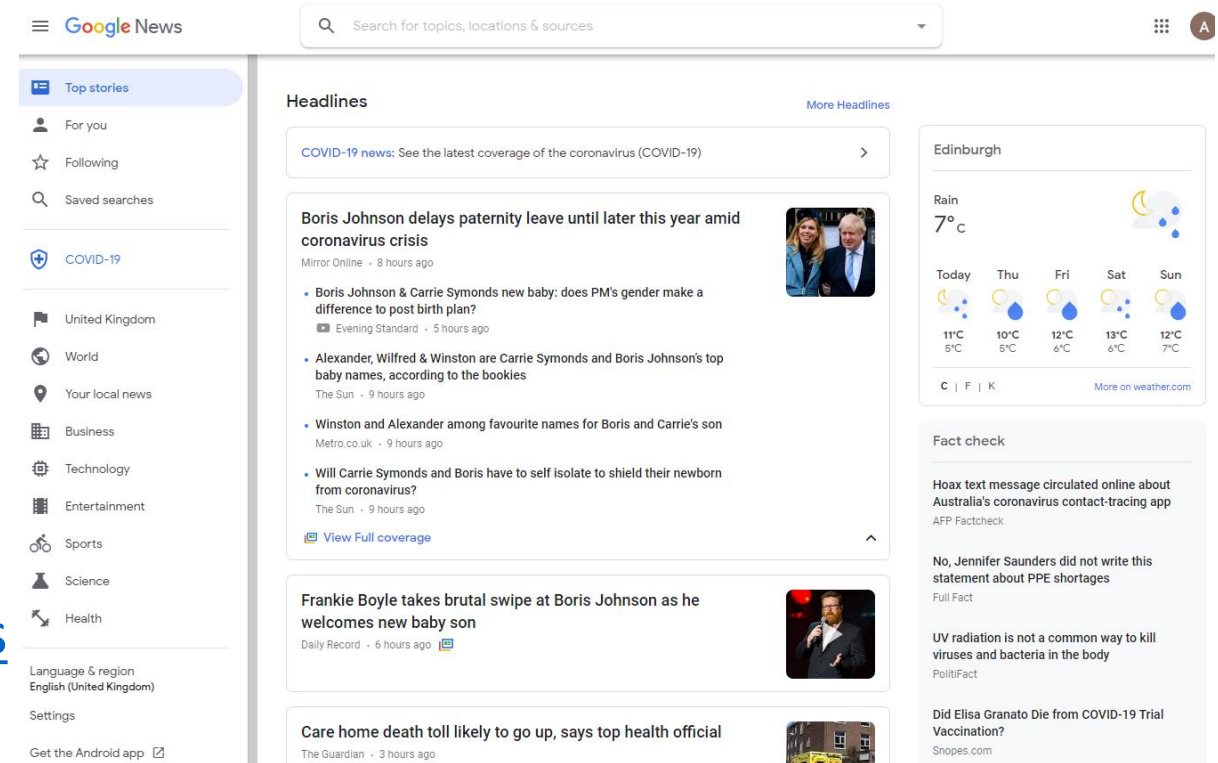
Newspapers as a source

- Newspapers differ from academic journals. They are not peer reviewed
- May have political bias
- They can provide rapid reporting
- Reflect opinion and attitudes

Websites

Variety of sources for different research questions.

- Reuters <https://uk.reuters.com/>
- Google News
- Google – for advanced searches
- Google newspaper archive
<https://news.google.com/newspapers>
- Free or paid



The screenshot displays the Google News interface. At the top, there is a search bar for topics, locations, and sources. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Top stories:** A vertical sidebar on the left with categories like 'For you', 'Following', 'Saved searches', and 'COVID-19'. Below these are regional filters for 'United Kingdom', 'World', 'Your local news', and various topics like 'Business', 'Technology', 'Entertainment', 'Sports', 'Science', and 'Health'.
- Headlines:** The central section featuring a 'COVID-19 news' banner and several news items. The top headline is 'Boris Johnson delays paternity leave until later this year amid coronavirus crisis' from Mirror Online (8 hours ago). Other headlines include 'Alexander, Wilfred & Winston are Carrie Symonds and Boris Johnson's top baby names, according to the bookies' from The Sun (9 hours ago), 'Winston and Alexander among favourite names for Boris and Carrie's son' from Metro.co.uk (9 hours ago), 'Will Carrie Symonds and Boris have to self isolate to shield their newborn from coronavirus?' from The Sun (9 hours ago), 'Frankie Boyle takes brutal swipe at Boris Johnson as he welcomes new baby son' from Daily Record (6 hours ago), and 'Care home death toll likely to go up, says top health official' from The Guardian (3 hours ago).
- Weather:** A section for Edinburgh showing rain, a temperature of 7°C, and a 5-day forecast: Today (11°C/5°C), Thu (10°C/5°C), Fri (12°C/6°C), Sat (13°C/6°C), and Sun (12°C/7°C).
- Fact check:** A section on the right with three items: 'Hoax text message circulated online about Australia's coronavirus contact-tracing app' (AFP Factcheck), 'No, Jennifer Saunders did not write this statement about PPE shortages' (Full Fact), and 'UV radiation is not a common way to kill viruses and bacteria in the body' (PolitiFact).

Where to find news sources

The screenshot displays the MyEd Student and Staff Portal for The University of Edinburgh. The page features a dark blue header with the university's name and logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for Home, Studies, Accounts, Student Life, and Careers. The Studies link is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points from it to a red-bordered box around the Library section. The Library section contains links for Library, Search and access library resources (highlighted in bold), and Library homepage. Other sections include My Courses, Learning Resources, and Study Spaces.

MyEd Student and Staff Portal

THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

Home Studies Accounts Student Life Careers

My Courses

- › My courses
- › Timetables
- › Personal tutor
- › Course options

Learning Resources

- › Learn
- › Past exam papers
- › Study tools
- › Top Hat

Library

- › Library
- › **Search and access library resources**
- › Library homepage

Study Spaces

- › Book rooms and study space
- › Find a computer

Where to find news sources

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links for Home, Accounts, Teaching and Research, Services, and News and Events. Below this is a search section titled "Search and access library resources" with a search bar and a "Search DiscoverEd" button. A red box highlights the "Subject guides" link in the left sidebar, with an arrow pointing to the "Newspapers, magazines and other news sources" page.

Home Accounts Teaching and Research Services News and Events

Search and access library resources

Find eJournals, databases, ebooks, exam papers, theses and subject specific resources for your study and research.

Search DiscoverEd

Use DiscoverEd to find books, ebooks, eJournal articles and more

Search for books, journals, articles and more...

Library databases

The Library subscribes to a large number of online databases and resources. Browse them via the A-Z list, or organise

- Databases A-Z
- Databases by subject
- Help using Library databases

Subject guides

Subject guides provide information on using the library resources, services and facilities for a particular subject.

An Academic Support Librarian is assigned to each subject, and can help with literature searching, getting hold of references.

- Subject guides

The University of Edinburgh > Subject guides > Home

Newspapers, magazines and other news sources

The University has access to an extensive range of online databases that allow you to search, browse and view newspapers, magazines and other news sources. This includes both historic and current material.

- Historical newspaper and magazine databases
- Current newspapers, magazines and news sources
- TV or other audio visual news sources


The Library also holds small collections of newspapers in print or on microfilm. More information can be found in the relevant section above.

Newspapers, magazines and other news sources at the Library

Newspapers and magazines are a useful to find out about **key events, people and places**.

Most newspapers and magazines are written for the general public or specific groups of the general public. As well as **news stories, interviews and features** they include **opinion pieces** (from writers, editors or members of the public i.e. Letters to the Editor), **obituaries** and **ephemera** (advertisements, court circulars, weather reports, etc.). Larger, national newspapers will also sometimes provide battle or war reports, law or court reports and parliamentary reports, including reproductions of speeches.

Traditional print newspapers and magazines are not the only place you can find news though. TV, radio, film, websites, etc., can also be used as news sources.



What are periodicals?

Periodicals are publications that are published at regular intervals e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, etc. Newspapers and magazines are periodicals, as well as newsletters, scholarly journals, etc.

In the Main Library our print journals have shelfmarks starting PER.

PER = Periodical

<https://edinburgh-uk.libguides.com/newspapers-magazines>

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Things to consider

Newspapers, magazines and other news sources can be valuable to your research as they can provide up to date coverage of events, news and opinion, include images and can include reliable information as well as facts and figures.

However, when using any news source in your research there are things you need to consider:

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Fake News



Information Services home

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Finding resources 


Subject guides

Home

Historical newspaper and magazine databases

Current newspapers and news sources

TV and other news sources

Digital primary source and archive collections 

Digital Scholarship and Digital Humanities 

The University of Edinburgh > Subject guides > TV and other news sources

Contact us

Newspapers, magazines and other news sources

TV and other news sources

The databases on this page will allow you to search for and view TV news, newsreels, films, documentaries, radio programmes, etc. In some cases they will also provide transcripts and subtitles.

These databases don't have as many advanced search features as the newspaper and magazine databases, searching can be a bit more basic.



Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

BoB is an on demand TV and radio service for education. It allows you to search an archive of over 2 million broadcasts, recorded programmes from over 65 free-to-air channels, and create your own playlists, clips, etc. Content includes BBC One, BBC Two, BBC Four, ITV, Channel 4, BBC News, CNN, Sky News, etc.

To sign in search for and choose, University of Edinburgh. The first time you sign in you will be asked to provide your university email address. Access is restricted to UK mainland only. Use of VPN might help you get around this.

ACADEMIC VIDEO ONLINE

Academic Video Online



Academic Video Online is a multidisciplinary collection of videos that touches on a wide range of subject areas. With tens of thousands of titles available now and 400 new titles per month, this collection is unmatched in its breadth. Includes historical newsreels from producers such as Universal Pictures and United Newsreels. Also includes news programmes from CNN, CBS, Bloomberg, etc.



News on Screen (from BUFVC)

A resource for the study of news reels and cinemagazines (1910-1983) complete with Pathe film clips where they exist.

Some resources on BUFVC require sign in - click sign in, enter "University of Edinburgh" in the search box and if prompted sign in with your EASE username and password.



TV Rain Video Archive

TV Rain is Russia's only independent television channel. The TV Rain Video Archive holds thousands of TV programmes, reports and interviews about today's Russia.

Library Sources – Current news

Variety of sources for different research questions.

- Financial Times. FT.com Full content. Registration required.
- Economist.com Full content

and more.

- Factiva(*) search multiple sources in a single search..
- Nexis(*) search multiple sources in a single search

*Note that while vast amounts of content is available through these databases, some content is missing. Due to copyright reasons these databases don't include photographs, illustrations, and some freelance material. Sections such as classifieds, obituaries, etc., are generally not included.

FACTIVA®

- Has over 30,000 sources including newspapers and news sources
- Covers both UK and international newspapers: The Times, El Pais, China Daily
- Read today's edition but also search through previous editions (up to 30 years back for some titles).



Newstand
Select a chosen region

The screenshot shows the Factiva Newsstand interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Home', 'Search', 'Alerts', 'Newsletters', 'News Pages', and 'Companies/Markets'. The 'News Pages' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Quote List' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Global', also highlighted with a red box. Below this, there is a 'Select Quote List' dropdown and a message: 'No Quote List selected as default. Please contact Dow Jones Customer Service.' Below that is an 'Editor's Links' section with links to 'World News: Top Headlines from Factiva', 'BBC News', 'CNN.com', and 'Today's Front Pages'. The main content area is titled 'Newsstand' and features a search bar with the text 'Search this Newsstand: Enter free-text terms. Examples' and a 'Run Search' button. Below the search bar, there are two sections for newsstand content. The first section is for 'THE WALL STREET JOURNAL' with a 'U.S. EDITION' label. It has a date dropdown set to 'Monday, 08 March 2021' and a page dropdown set to 'Front Page'. Below this are seven news items, each with a small icon, a title, and a subtitle. The second section is for 'THE TIMES' with a similar date and page dropdown. It has two news items listed.

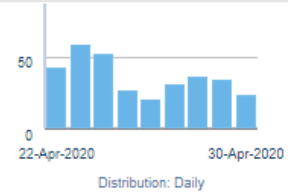
Search TEXT: Covid-19 DATE: In the last week SOURCE: All Sources MORE ▾

Modify Search

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Sort by: Most recent first Duplicates: Identical
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Display Options ▾ ☰ ☰



▼ **Companies** Export

Imperial College London	22
World Health Organization	18
University of Oxford	15
National Health Service	13
AstraZeneca PLC	12
Paul-Ehrlich-Institut	7
National Institute for Health...	6
European Union	5
Board of Governors of the...	5
Russian Federal Service f...	5

▼ **Sources** Export

Reuters - All sources	39
The Telegraph (U.K.) - All ...	31
The Times (U.K.) - All sour...	29
Press Association - All so...	21

Headlines 1 - 100 of 316 Next 100 ▶ Total duplicates: 54

1. **An antiviral drug previously used to treat ebola has shown "very encouraging..."**

Press Association National Newswire, 8:44 GMT, 30 April 2020, 2933 words, (English)

An antiviral drug previously used to treat ebola has shown "very encouraging results" at cutting recovery times for coronavirus patients, according to a scientist leading the trials.

2. **UPDATE 1-AstraZeneca CEO says now is the time for taking COVID vaccine risk**

Reuters News, 8:04 GMT, 30 April 2020, 250 words, (English)

(Adds CEO quotes) LONDON, April 30 (Reuters) - The head of British pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca said now was the time to take risks by betting on a COVID-19 vaccine and he should know by June or July whether one from its University of ...

+ 1 duplicate article(s) identified

3. **Stocks head for best month on record ahead of ECB**

Reuters News, 9:17 GMT, 30 April 2020, 719 words, (English)

LONDON (Reuters) - World stocks headed for their best month on record on Thursday, as encouraging early results from a COVID-19 treatment trial and expectations of more European Central Bank (ECB) stimulus later in the day helped ease the ...

4. **How close are we to a coronavirus vaccine? Latest news on UK trials**

The Telegraph Online, 7:05 GMT, 30 April 2020, 1233 words, (English)

Latest news on the search for a vaccine against the new coronavirus As Covid-19 has rapidly spread around the world there has been a mad scramble to find a vaccine.

Search Summary

Text	Covid-19
Date	In the last week
Source	All Sources
Factiva Expert Search	Medication and Treatment (English)
Author	All Authors
Company	All Companies
Subject	All Subjects
Industry	All Industries
Region	Europe Or United Kingdom Or Scotland
Language	English
Results Found	316
Timestamp	30 April 2020 11:07 GMT

FACTIVA®

- Has over 10,000 full text publications including newspapers and news sources
- Covers both UK and international newspapers
- Help guide <https://proquest.libguides.com/factiva/content>

Nexis®

- Covers UK and international newspapers and news sources
 - Similar to Factiva in that it also covers business sources, financial and market reports, company info, etc.
- Coverage similar to Factiva also, most sources from early 1980s onwards
 - Does have some titles Factiva doesn't e.g. *Le Monde*

Filters > Enter search terms

COVID-19 Quick Searches

NEXIS
COVID-19 QUICK SEARCHES

To help you find meaningful insights surrounding COVID-19, we've created a series of search strings that you can simply click to run.

- Major World News Pubs
- Supply Chain Disruptions
- R&D and Innovations
- Cyber security
- Donations & Giving
- Immigration & Borders
- Job Losses

Full list of prepped search strings and tips ([English](#), [Deutsch](#), [Dutch](#), [Français](#))

History

Recent searches Recent documents

- "electronic cigarette" OR e-cigarette
(covid OR coronavirus OR "corona virus" or "SARS-CoV-2")
- "covid-19" and vaccine
(slacktivism OR clicktivism) AND (charity OR donation)
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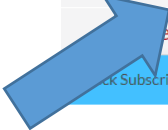
[View all history](#)

Alerts

You have no alerts.
See [Help](#) to find out how to create an alert.

Dossier

- [Find a Company](#)
- [Create a Company List](#)

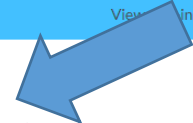


News



Check Subscriber Subscriber. Last Sign In: Monday, March 8th 2021 at 9:20:27 p.m.

View in history



[Advanced search](#) | [Search tips](#)

News

By Type

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Major World Publications i | Newsletters i | News Transcripts i | Magazines & Journals i |
| Major Newspapers i | Blogs i | Newswires and Press Releases i | Visual Media Collection i |
| Newspapers i | News Abstracts i | | |

By Region

- | | | | |
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| Africa | Central America & Caribbean | Middle East | South America |
| Asia | Europe | North America | View All Countries |
| Australia & Oceania | Foreign | | |

By Language

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| Arabic | French | Korean | Scandinavian |
| Czech | German | Portuguese | Spanish |
| Dutch | Italian | Russian | Turkish |
| English | Japanese | | |

Lexis®Library News

- UK National Newspapers, Broadsheets, Tabloids
- UK Regional Newspapers

Search Tips

Boolean operators available

AND, OR, NOT (AND NOT for Nexis)

Proximity operators available

Library Sources – Historic News

Variety of sources for different research questions.

- Time period
- Geography

Look out for other events on historical newspaper archives

Finding resources

Subject guides

- Home
- Historical newspaper and magazine databases**
- Current newspapers and news sources
- TV and other news sources
- Digital primary source and archive collections

Newspapers, magazines and other news sources

Historical newspaper and magazine databases

Not sure what digital archive to use to search for historic newspaper and magazine articles?
Don't worry, you can use this guide to identify appropriate databases by time period or country/region.
If **VPN** appears next to a database this means off-campus access is only available to students and staff via [Virtual Private Network \(VPN\)](#).

Historical newspaper & magazine databases by time period

Introduction Early Modern (c.1500-1800) 19th Century 20th Century 21st Century

Click on the relevant tab to find historical newspaper and magazine databases sorted by time period.
Some databases will be found on more than one tab.
[Click here to access current news sources.](#)

Historical newspaper & magazine databases by country or region

Introduction UK and Ireland Asia United States and Canada Russia

Click on the relevant tab to find the historical newspaper and magazine databases sorted by country or region.
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Historical newspaper databases - open access

This is a small selection of freely available digitised newspaper archives:

- [Chronicle America: Historic American Newspapers](#)
- [Europeana Newspapers](#)
- [The Gazette](#)
- [Google News Archive](#)
- [The Student: The Archive, 1980-1990](#)
- [Trove - Digitised Newspapers \(National Library of Australia\)](#)
- [Welsh Newspapers Online](#)
- [The Word on the Street](#)

Using digital historical newspaper archives

Thursday, 11 March·10:00 – 10:50am

This session will provide an overview of the wide range of historical newspaper databases and other news sources available at the Library, including some hints and tips on basic and advanced search techniques.

Citing News

Cite Them Right Online

<https://www.citethemrightonline.com> (via DiscoverEd)

The screenshot shows the Macmillan Cite Them Right website. At the top left is the logo "macmillan citethemright". To the right is a search bar with the text "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo is a horizontal navigation menu with the following items: HOME, BASICS, BOOKS, JOURNALS, DIGITAL & INTER, MEDIA & ART (highlighted with a red box), RESEARCH, LEGAL, GOV & EU, COMMS, TUTORIAL, and INDEX. Below this menu is a "BROWSE BY REFERENCING STYLE" section with buttons for HARVARD (selected), APA 7TH, APA 6TH, CHICAGO, IEEE, MHRA, MLA, OSCOLA, and VANCOUVER. The main content area is divided into five columns of categories:

- Popular media & art items**: Newspaper articles, Online maps, Paintings/drawings, Photographic prints or slides, Photographs from the internet, Podcasts, Music streaming/subscription services, Radio and internet radio, Programmes viewed via streaming services, Online video sharing platforms.
- Visual sources**: Book illustrations, figures, diagrams, logos and tables, Collages, Geological Survey maps, Medical images, Packaging, Photographs in online collections, Posters, PowerPoint presentations, Screenshots, Sculpture.
- Audiovisual**: Films/movies, Films viewed via streaming services, Music or sound on audio CDs or vinyl, Musical scores (sheet music), Lyrics from songs/hymns, Microform (microfiche and microfilm), Programmes/series on DVD/Blu-ray, Television programmes, Screencasts, Vodcasts or vidcasts.
- Reviews and performances**: Book reviews, Drama reviews, Film reviews, Reviews of musical performances, Circuses, Concerts, Dance, Dances or plays filmed and viewed online, Musicals, Plays.
- Miscellaneous (alphabetical)**: Directors' commentaries on DVD or Blu-ray, Exhibitions, Graffiti, Images with no creator, Installations and exhibits, Interviews, Interviews with film directors, Mood boards, Ordnance Survey maps, Postcards.

At the bottom left of the content area, there is a link: "Index: View all content pages under Media & Art".

Going Further

- Gale Digital Scholar Lab - create and analyse datasets for sources, including British Library Newspapers.
 - Tools included are Ngram, Topic Modelling (Mallet), Named Entity Recognition, Clustering (SciKit) and Term Frequencies (Lucene).
- Webscraping news sites
- Text analysis (Python, R, ...) – **caution - download restrictions**
- Sentiment (can add this to Factiva searches)

Questions?



Thank you!

Your feedback matters

Thank you for taking the time to answer this survey

<https://edin.ac/2NU2Fyr>

Virtual Festival Bag

We invite you to pick up our virtual conference bag. It contains the festival programme, virtual backgrounds and recordings will be added when available.

<https://padlet.com/EdinLib/v63ae8cuoegxgwc0>



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