

Multiple choice

*I can understand specific details and speakers' attitudes in an extended discussion.*

**1 SPEAKING** Look at the photos and discuss the questions.

- Who do you think these photos were taken by: a professional photographer or an amateur? How do you know?
- When might news media use amateur reporters or photographers?

**2** **3.8** Listen to an interview with a newspaper journalist and a university lecturer about citizen journalists. Choose the best summary.

- A discussion about how citizen and professional journalism are becoming more similar.
- A debate about the pros and cons of citizen journalism.
- An argument between somebody in favour of and somebody against citizen journalism.



**LISTENING FOCUS** Multiple choice

**3** **3.8** Listen again to the interview. For questions 1–6, choose the best answer (A–D) and write it in your notebook.

- What does Mark say is the most pressing responsibility of professional journalists?
  - doing enough background research
  - keeping within legal limitations
  - producing well-written articles
  - reporting stories as accurately as possible
- According to Paula, citizen journalists like to
  - offer a personal perspective on public issues.
  - identify controversial angles to news stories.
  - cover stories that are of general interest.
  - get information to as wide a readership as possible.
- What is Mark's opinion of news written by citizen journalists in blogs?
  - It may be biased because they only write on topics they believe in.
  - It's often exaggerated because it is unregulated and unedited.
  - It's accessible because opinions expressed aren't hidden.
  - It can provide a useful service that newspapers don't.
- What aspect of the current situation in citizen journalism do they disagree about?
  - There is unfair exploitation of citizen journalists.
  - It can be a way of improving journalistic standards.
  - It worries many people in the media industry.
  - There has been little change in recent years.
- What does Paula think made the website on Ebola effective?
  - It featured the viewpoints of doctors and community members.
  - It expressed commonly held beliefs.
  - It covered a wide range of different stories.
  - It successfully combined fact and fiction.
- What do they both think about the future of citizen journalism?
  - It will change the way people regard the media in general.
  - The reputation of citizen journalists will be damaged.
  - It will provide useful support for print journalism.
  - Any articles published online will be paid.

**FOCUS ON WORDS** | Collocations

**4** **3.9** In your notebook, rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined phrases with the collocations from the box. Make any other changes if necessary. Then listen and check.

amateur footage   citizen report  
common misconception   fresh angle  
ideological viewpoint   increased trust  
mainstream media   potential impact  
~~well-balanced account~~

- It's not easy to find a fair and impartial report on the current political situation.  
*It's not easy to find a well-balanced account of the current political situation.*
- Conventional news sources didn't report on the story.
- Some passers-by took a video of the crime on their smartphones.
- Politicians usually have a particular point of view based on a series of beliefs.
- A new slant on a topic is what a lot of people are looking for.
- If people can participate more in journalism, they will have more faith in it.
- The story didn't come from a professional source.
- It is a mistaken idea that only the mainstream media can report the news.
- The possible effect this article could have on Internet privacy is huge.

**5 SPEAKING** Does the idea of becoming a citizen journalist appeal to you? Why?/Why not?