**“The Media in my life”**

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In my opinion, today's younger generation is the best informed ever. We are really lucky. And why do we know so much?... because of the media: radio, television and publishing. Of course, not all papers and programs are good. But so what? You do not have to read or watch the bad ones. It's like a supermarket: you go in, look at what's available and choose what you want.

I can use the media in different ways at different times. It depends on my mood. Sometimes I want to watch a serious current affairs program on television. Other times I want to escape from reality and read about pop stars in a teen magazine. To be honest, I don't pay much attention to current events in the media, because I don't really see the point. Why should I depress myself listening to awful disasters in the news, if I can't do anything about them? I don't think there's anything wrong with that - it's a fact of life.

As for my brother, he is a big fan of the mass media. He himself is going to be a journalist. He thinks they do a fantastic job. Thanks to journalists and TV reporters, he says, the whole world is able to see events happen, day by day.

\*to escape from reality – отключится от реальности

\*to depress oneself – расстраивать себя

\*awful disasters – ужасные бедствия