

- 3 According to the writer, newspapers
 - A shape the political views of their readers.
 - B vary greatly in their degree of objectivity.
 - C are widely perceived to be politically biased.
 - D are funded by political pressure groups.
- 4 When the author says 'the *Daily Express* is biased',
 - A he in fact means the opposite.
 - B he is citing an opinion he may not hold personally.
 - C he wishes to imply that the *Daily Express* is a special case.
 - D he wants to defend the *Socialist Worker*.
- 5 The writer's attitude towards distortion of news is that
 - A it happens more in the press than on TV.
 - B its incidence varies between different newspapers.
 - C it is far too prevalent.
 - D it is inevitable.

vocabulary

In the passage there was the expression 'the loony Left'. Below are a number of other common expressions. Match the expressions with their meanings and complete the sentences that follow.

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| 1 <i>an entirely different kettle of fish</i> | a an environment cut off from the harsh realities of life |
| 2 <i>a far cry from</i> | b reservations |
| 3 <i>the gutter press</i> | c a completely different (and unacceptable) matter |
| 4 <i>a few home truths</i> | d tabloids carrying sensational stories and scandals |
| 5 <i>an ivory tower</i> | e be motivated by hopes of personal gain |
| 6 <i>a raw deal</i> | f unfair treatment |
| 7 <i>second thoughts</i> | g unpalatable but correct criticism |
| 8 <i>have a vested interest</i> | h not at all the same as |



- 1 As Kim's manager, I obviously in seeing that her new record gets a lot of good publicity.
- 2 I am tired of reading about sex scandals involving ministers that constantly seem to appear in
- 3 I had tentatively agreed to sharing my office with Jonathan, but I'm having about it now, and would like to keep it for myself.
- 4 I had to point out to Sophie; she was upset by what I said but, as a friend, I could not let her behave so selfishly without saying anything.
- 5 There was a lot of sympathy for the manager after he was sacked so unfairly: most people thought that he had got
- 6 It's no use asking university professors to solve the problem of football violence – they all live in their and don't know what is happening in the real world.
- 7 I agreed that your mother could stay for a couple of weeks, but I'm afraid that having her here on a permanent basis is
- 8 The village now has a golf course, there's a car park and it's full of tourist shops; all in all, it's the sleepy little hamlet that I knew thirty years ago.