

**Nowadays more and more people read news on the Internet. Nevertheless, newspapers will remain an important source of news and information for the majority of people. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

Over the past few years the rate of people who read news on the Internet is increasing while the number of published newspapers has remained more or less constant, this means that there are still a lot of people who prefer to read a hardcopy in their hand rather than reading an electronic version of the same newspaper. In this essay I discuss the matter further and explain what the actual reasons are behind this issue.

It is true that the coverage of the Internet is nationwide in most parts of the world, but there are still a large areas especially in the developing countries where that people do not have access to the Internet due to either lack of coverage or the high price of services. According to the latest statistics released by International Telecommunication Union in most rural areas of African countries the Internet penetration rate is below 12% while the same source reports of 88% in the rural areas in the US. This simply shows why people still tend to read newspapers.

On the other hand, let's imagine that the governments could provide Internet coverage to all the population in the country. Do you think that people start using the Internet to read the news? I am sure that you agree with me that no government on earth can provide an electronic device for all of its people to surf the net. Electronic devices we use to surf the net comparing the paper are still so expensive and not all people can afford to buy one.

Whilst I can appreciate that the Internet is a valuable source of information, I believe it cannot be widely used by people. In other words newspapers cannot be superseded by the Internet in the following decades. I think newspapers remain will remain at this place just like the radio.