TEXT TYPE: AN INTERVIEW

CONTEXT

Purpose

To inform, to discuss controversial issues and entertain

Example Audience

Radio audience – often a specific market segment e.g. BBC Radio 4 [http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/]

Language

Written transcript of spoken language
Level of formality will depend on contextual factors such as topic, speaker and radio station

FORMAT

• question-answer pattern
• more open questions than closed
• modality in asking questions e.g. “Do you think fathers ---” “Should families ----”
• introduction of the guest by the radio host
• transition strategies when switching aspects of a topic
• conclusion by the radio host

EXAMPLE TASK

Based on “Throw Away Daughter.” A local radio station interviews Jane Parker about her experience of going to China to collect her adopted baby daughter. Write THE INTERVIEW.