

UK newspapers

The Times

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There are a lot of different types of newspapers in the UK, such as:

- Daily Express
- Daily Mail
- The Daily Mirror
- The Daily Telegraph
- Financial Times
- The Guardian
- Guardian Media Group
- The Independent
- The London Weekly
- Morning Star
- The Observer
- The Sun
- The Sunday Times
- The Times

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- A wounded British officer reading *The Times's* report of the end of the Crimean War, in John Everett Millais' painting *Peace Concluded*.



Front page of *The Times* from 4 December 1788

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| Type | Daily newspaper |
| Format | Compact |
| Owner(s) | News UK |
| Editor | John Witherow |
| Founded | 1 January 1785 |
| Headquarters | London Bridge, London, United Kingdom |
| Circulation | 394,448 (March 2014) |
| Sister newspapers | <i>The Sunday Times</i> |
| Price | <u>£</u> 1 (Mo—Fr) <u>£</u> 1.50 (Sa) <u>£</u> 2.00 (Su) |

- ***The Times*** is a British daily national newspaper based in London. It began in 1785 under the title *The Daily Universal Register* and became *The Times* on 1 January 1788. *The Times* and its sister paper *The Sunday Times* (founded in 1821) are published by Times Newspapers, since 1981 a subsidiary of News UK, itself wholly owned by the News Corp group headed by Rupert Murdoch. The *Times* and *The Sunday Times* do not share editorial staff, were founded independently and have only had common ownership since 1967.

In 1959, historian of journalism Allan Nevins analyzed the importance of *The Times* in shaping London's elite views of events:

- *For much more than a century The Times has been an integral and important part of the political structure of Great Britain. Its news and its editorial comment have in general been carefully coordinated, and have at most times been handled with an earnest sense of responsibility. While the paper has admitted some trivia to its columns, its whole emphasis has been on important public affairs treated with an eye to the best interests of Britain. To guide this treatment, the editors have for long periods been in close touch with 10 Downing Street.*

- *The Times* is the first newspaper to have borne that name, lending it to numerous other papers around the world, including *The Times of India* (founded in 1838)
- *The Straits Times* (1845),
- *The New York Times* (1851),
- *The Irish Times* (1859),
- the *Los Angeles Times* (1881),
- *The Seattle Times* (1891),
- *The Manila Times* (1898),
- *The Daily Times* (Malawi) (1900),
- *The Canberra Times* (1926), and
- *The Times* (Malta) (1935).

In these countries and others, the newspaper is often referred to as ***The London Times*** or ***The Times of London***

- *The Times* was founded by publisher John Walter on 1 January 1785 as ***The Daily Universal Register***, with Walter in the role of editor. John Walter lost his job by the end of 1784, after the insurance company where he was working went bankrupt because of the complaints of a Jamaican hurricane.

Ownership



- John Walter (1785 to 1803), the founder of *The Times*

1803 to 1847 – John Walter, 2nd



- In 1803, Walter handed ownership and editorship to [his son](#) of the same name. Walter senior had spent sixteen months in [Newgate Prison](#) for [libel](#) printed in *The Times*, but his pioneering efforts to obtain Continental news, especially from France, helped build the paper's reputation among policy makers and financiers.

John Walter, 3rd

1847 to 1894



1894 to 1908 – Arthur Fraser Walter;



- an English newspaper proprietor and the second son of John Walter (third).

1908 to 1922 – [Lord Northcliffe](#);



1922 to 1966 – Astor family



John Jacob Astor V



Gavin Astor

1966 to 1981 – [Roy Thomson](#)



1981 to present- Rupert Murdoch



- [News UK](#) (formerly News International, a wholly owned subsidiary of [News Corp](#), run by [Rupert Murdoch](#))

Content

- *The Times* features news for the first half of the paper with the leading articles on the second page, the Opinion/Comment section begins after the first news section with world news normally following this. The business pages begin on the centre spread, and are followed by The Register, containing obituaries, Court & Social section, and related material. The sport section is at the end of the main paper. *The Times* current prices are £1.20 for the daily edition and £1.50 for the Saturday edition.

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- *The Game* is included in the newspaper on Mondays, and details all the weekend's football activity ([Premier League](#) and [Football League Championship](#), [League One](#) and [League Two](#).) The Scottish edition of *The Game* also includes results and analysis from [Scottish Premier League](#) games.

Saturday supplements

- The Saturday edition of *The Times* contains a variety of supplements. These supplements were relaunched in January 2009 as: *Sport*, *Weekend* (including travel and lifestyle features), *Saturday Review* (arts, books, and ideas), *The Times Magazine* (columns on various topics), and *Playlist* (an entertainment listings guide).
- *Saturday Review* is the first regular supplement published in [broadsheet](#) format since the paper switched to a compact size in 2004.
- At the beginning of summer 2011 *Saturday Review* switched to the tabloid format
- *The Times Magazine* features columns touching on various subjects such as celebrities, fashion and beauty, food and drink, homes and gardens or simply writers' anecdotes. Notable contributors include [Giles Coren](#), Food and Drink Writer of the Year in 2005.

Online presence

- *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* have had an online presence since March 1999, originally at *the-times.co.uk* and *sunday-times.co.uk*, and later at *timesonline.co.uk*. There are now two websites: *thetimes.co.uk* is aimed at daily readers, and the *thesundaytimes.co.uk* site at providing weekly magazine-like content. There are also [iPad](#) and Android editions of both newspapers. Since July 2010, [News UK](#) has required readers who do not subscribe to the print edition to pay £2 per week to read *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* online.
- *The Times* Digital Archive (1785–2008) is freely accessible via [Gale databases](#) to readers affiliated with subscribing [academic](#), [public](#), and [school](#) libraries.
- Visits to the websites have decreased by 87% since the paywall was introduced, from 21 million unique users per month to 2.7 million. In April 2009, the *timesonline* site had a readership of 750,000 readers per day.¹ As of October 2011, there were around 111,000 subscribers to *The Times*' digital products.

Related publications

§Times Literary Supplement

- *The Times Literary Supplement (TLS)* first appeared in 1902 as a supplement to *The Times*, becoming a separately paid-for weekly literature and society magazine in 1914. *The Times* and the *TLS* have continued to be co-owned, and as of 2012 the *TLS* is also published by News International and cooperates closely with *The Times*, with its online version hosted on *The Times* website, and its editorial offices based in Times House, Pennington Street, London.

§Times Atlases

- Times Atlases have been produced since 1895. They are currently produced by the Collins Bartholomew imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. The flagship product is [The Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World](#).

§The Sunday Times Travel Magazine

- This 164-page monthly magazine is sold separately from the newspaper and is Britain's best-selling travel magazine. The first issue of [The Sunday Times Travel Magazine](#) was in 2003, and it includes news, features and insider guides.

§ *The Times Science Review*

- Between 1951 and 1966 *The Times* published a separately paid-for quarterly science review, *The Times Science Review*.
- *The Times* started a new, free, monthly science magazine, [Eureka](#), in October 2009.