commentary

['kpmənt(ə)rı] n

1. комментарий

running commentary - a) репортаж, to keep up a running commentary on a match - вести (радио)репортаж/телерепортаж о матче; б) подстрочный комментарий

2. кино дикторский текст

3. *pl лит.* мемуары, записки, хроники

the Commentaries of Caesar - «Записки о Галльской войне» (Юлия Цезаря)

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com·men·tary AW [commentary commentaries] BrE ['komentri] NAmE

['ka mənter]i noun (pl. com·men·taries)~ (on sth)

- 1. countable, uncountable a spoken description of an event that is given while it is happening, especially on the radio or television • a sports commentary
- Our reporters will give a running commentary (= a continuous one) on the election results as they are announced.
- He kept up a running commentary on everyone who came in or went out.
- 2. countable a written explanation or discussion of sth such as a book or a play
- a critical commentary on the final speech of the play
- 3. countable, uncountable a criticism or discussion of sth
 - The petty quarrels were a sad commentary on the state of the government
 - The movie is a biting commentary on contemporary life in a big city.
 - political commentary

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin commentarius, commentarium (adjective, used as a noun), from commentari, frequentative of comminisci 'devise'.

Example Bank:

- I was listening to the radio commentary on the game.
- She kept up a running commentary on the festivities.
- The deleted scenes have an optional commentary by the director.
- The novel provides a powerful social commentary on post-war Germany.
- The station provided live commentary on the African Nations Cup.
- the reporters in the commentary box
- He kept up a running commentary on everyone who came in.
- He wrote a commentary on Paul's letters to the Romans.
- The film is part love story and part social commentary.
- a sports commentary on the radio

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com men tary AC /'kpməntəri \$ 'ka mənteri BrE AmE noun (plural commentaries) [uncountable and countable]

[Word Family: noun: [†]comment, [†]commentary; verb. [†]comment]

1. a spoken description of an event, given while the event is happening, especially on the television or radio:

Commentary is by Tom Ferris.

commentary on

We'll be bringing you full commentary on the game between Notts and Brescia.

running commentary (=a continuous description of something)

2. something such as a book or an article that explains or discusses a book, poem, idea etc: political commentary

3. be a sad/tragic/devastating etc commentary on something to be a sign of how bad a particular situation is:

The incident was a sad commentary on British football.

COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + commentary

• a radio/television commentary The royal wedding will be accompanied by a live television commentary.

• a running commentary (=continuous commentary while an event is happening) The coach driver gave us a running commentary on where we were going.

• a live commentary (=given at the time the event is happening) He got into trouble for a remark he made during a live commentary of a football match.

• an audio commentary (=a recorded commentary that you listen to) The DVD extras include an audio commentary by the film director.

verbs

• give a commentary His job is to give a non-stop commentary on each moment in the game.

- provide a commentary The helicopter was providing a running commentary to the police control room.
- keep up a commentary (=give one continuously) Attenborough kept up a running commentary on the animals' movements.
- listen to a commentary I was listening to the football commentary on the radio.

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nouns

• a commentary box (=a small room where the commentators on a sports game sit) He was in the commentary box, microphone in hand.

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