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Abstract: The mass media often serve as a window through which aspects of the evolution of a language may be viewed. As the language of the Nigerian mass media, English has been, and is still being tilted to a number of cultural directions as the nativisation/acculturation process continues. Like of all official languages English as used in the Nigerian media shows features of acculturation. While the general tendency is to identify with the educated Nigerian English, it assumed that whatever appears on the media must be the standard. A lot has been written about the educated Nigerian English and studies have established that certain lexico-semantic features such as loan words, coinages and some local usages mark off Nigerian English as peculiarly Nigerian (cf. Bamgbose 1971, Akere 1978, Jibril 1982; Okoro 1986; Awonusi 1987). Overtime, some new forms have emerged as part of the naturalization process in a way that mirrors current socio-cultural realities as well as enrich the Nigerian English. The Nigerian media have been quite active in popularizing these new forms. This study examines a number of lexico-semantic/ grammatical forms as a further attempt to identify and characterize the standard written Nigerian English