



What is Journalism?

Journalism is a form of writing that tells people about things that really happened. People who write journalism are called "journalists." They might work at newspapers, magazines, websites or for TV or radio stations.

If you are often curious about things and you enjoy finding out as much as you can about the world around you, then a career in journalism could be for you! To get a job in journalism, your creativity, writing, communication and research skills are invaluable.

Watch these two short videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXquWzzSyvM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1npkEoEtos>



Your Task:

Put your creative hat on and imagine yourself as a news reporter. You will be writing and presenting your own news story. **What stories would you like to share with your viewers?** This is your chance to shine under the spotlight of fame!

- > What news story are you going to tell? It could be something you have imagined, or it could be a real story that you know about.
- > What are the most important and interesting points in your story? Think about how you can create interest.
- > You will need an opening, something interesting in the middle, a quote from somebody involved with the story, and a final thought for your ending.
- > Be clear by using language that everybody will understand. Stick to the key facts and keep it short and succinct. Lastly, get your facts right. Even if your story is imagined, the events must be written as if they are real.

The Setting:

People involved:

2: The Build-up:

3: The problem or the event:

**4: The resolution and quotes
from people involved:**

1: Introduction:

Step 1: STORY MOUNTAIN

Complete the news story
mountain to help you plan your
news report.

5: The Ending:

Now that you have your plan completed, write a script in the same order as you would climb up, over and down the mountain.

Use simple language and be clear. You can use a mix of sentence types and make sure you include short snappy sentences to emphasise your points. When you write journalism, your paragraphs will be shorter than you are used to in classroom writing. Start a new paragraph, each time you bring up a new point.

What to include:

- › Start with the most important thing that happened in your story.
This is called your "lead". It should summarise the whole story in one sentence.
- › Build up the excitement! Add some background or details to "set the scene".
- › Give details and provide quotes from the people involved. Explain what the problem was and how was it resolved.
- › End with the conclusion to your story.

Step 3: Reading out-loud.

Practice reading out your news story and then record this on a mobile phone, tablet or laptop that has a camera. Play it back to your family or classmates and enjoy your five minutes of fame!



Well done on successfully
completing the steps to
news success!



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