

Desk editors choose the stories to be reported in the news each day - they decide which are the most 'newsworthy' (or interesting).

Task: Choose one news story from the options below to feature on the front page of your newspaper.

Why do you think it is the most newsworthy/interesting story for your readers?

Scientists find evidence of life on Mars

First wheelchair user climbs Mount Everest

Woman wins £100 on a scratchcard

Thieves stole millions from a bank



A gorilla escaped from London Zoo this morning

Cat survives 100m fall from block of flats

New playground opens in a park

Reporters research and write news stories. They interview different people involved in the story to investigate different opinions.

What you need:

- Notepad or paper
- Pen
- Microphone (you can use a pretend one!)
- Optional: voice or audio recorder



1. Choose a topic to investigate and interview people about. It could be something personal like favourite books or hobbies, or a big issue like climate change and using plastic.
2. Choose two people in your family to interview about your chosen topic. **TIP:** This could be in person or over a video or phone call!
3. Write your interview questions. **TIP:** Ask open questions to get more information; they often begin with: what, how, why...
4. Carry out your two interviews. Use your reporter notepad to make a note of the most interesting information you find out. If you have a voice recorder, you can record the interview and listen back to it later.

Challenge:

1. Choose the most interesting piece of information that you found out from each of your interviews.
2. Turn these into quotes. Use our example to help you: Mia, a 15-year-old girl, said “My favourite book is Noughts and Crosses and now it’s on TV too!”

As well as proofreading news reports for mistakes and checking the facts, subeditors write news headlines too.

What you need:

- Pen and paper

If you enjoyed this activity, you might like to play the Headline Generator Game!

Task 1: Complete the headlines below by adding in the missing words - you can be as creative as you like!

- Animals enjoy _____ in the hot weather**
- _____ and Usain Bolt finally go head-to-head**
- Stormzy _____ his shoes on live TV**

Task 2: Create a headline for each of the news stories below:

- Arbuckle, the world's fattest hedgehog, has been put on a strict diet and exercise regime
- Ed Sheeran has announced he is going to set up an instagram account for his pet cats: Calippo and Dorito
- For the first time ever, lettuce has successfully been grown in space onboard the International Space Station

