

## The 5W's & H of Reporting

**WHO?**

The “WHO” can be the most important part of your story. Many people like reading about someone famous, like a movie star, politician, athlete or coach. What he or she has to say is important! Other times, the person you’re highlighting does something incredible or newsworthy.

**WHAT?**

Sometimes it’s the “WHAT” that makes your story—like scientists discover a new dinosaur in Arizona, a NASA spacecraft reaches Mars, or Africanized bees are a big problem this season. Diaper drives, cool field trips and big projects at your school can make a special story.

**WHERE?**

The place, or “WHERE” something happens, is also important. Whether your story is about landing on Mars or a graduation ceremony at school, it’s your job to report where the news takes place.

**WHEN?**

You always need to include “WHEN” something newsworthy takes place. It’s rarely the main focus of your story, but still needs to be reported.

**WHY?**

Is there a reason “WHY” something newsworthy happened? Why did the coach retire? Why are some people against bilingual education?

**HOW?**

The “HOW” in your story can spark a reader’s interest. How you became a straight A student or how your team won the state championship can make your story interesting.

