

# 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.





# Journalism Word Search!



**KIDS**, find these 24 journalism words and learn what each means.  
Words are hidden across, up and down, diagonally, forward and backward!

- JOURNALISM**—the field of news gathering and reporting
- HEADLINE**—the big, bold title of a news story or column
- NEWSROOM**—the main room where reporters, producers and editors work on the news.
- ANCHOR**—in television, a person who leads a newscast in the studio
- REPORTER**—a person who covers and presents newsworthy events and issues
- DEADLINE**—the time when a story must be finished in order to be printed or broadcast
- EDITOR**—a person who's in charge of the news that's covered and who corrects and changes a story
- SCOOP**—to be the first to report an important story
- BYLINE**—the type before a story giving the reporter's name
- FRONT PAGE**—the first page of a newspaper or section
- PRESS**—a big machine that puts ink to paper
- MEDIA**—collectively, newsgathering groups from print, television and radio
- PHOTO**—an image that's been captured by a camera
- LEAD**—the opening sentence or paragraph of a news story
- SPORTS**—a field of reporting that covers athletics
- BLOG**—a Web site where the blogger posts stories or ideas and visitors sometimes can post their thoughts, too.
- SCRIPT**—a story prepared for radio or television
- PRODUCER**—a person who picks and writes the stories for a newscast
- JUMP PAGE**—a page that continues a story from a previous page
- TELEVISION**—a medium that transmits pictures and sound wirelessly
- RADIO**—a medium that transmits sound wirelessly
- PRINT**—a medium made up of newspapers and magazines
- INTERNET**—a global network for communications and data transfer
- MICROPHONE**—a device used to record sound
- CAMERA**—a device for taking still photographs or video and recording them to film or video tape

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