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# **How to Write a News Story**

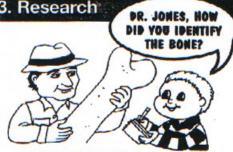
Putting out a school newspaper is a cool way to learn about newspapers and also to develop many skills.



Meet with the staff to discuss what's happening. Out of the meeting comes your story idea.



Make a list of what you already know about the subject. Then make a list of what you want to find out.



Read about the subject. Interview an expert. Surf the Internet for information.

The week of March 6-10 is Newspaper in Education Week, set aside to remind us how important newspapers are as a lifetime source of information.





Write down your facts and organize your information.

Newspaper stories are different from stories that tell a tale.

#### Tale-telling stories

Stories that tell a tale are in this style, or form. The story pyramid is inverted, or upside down.

Example of the beginning of a story telling a tale:

"Once upon a time there lived a young girl who ..."

Slow

The details build up the suspense.

A climax at the end.

#### Newspaper stories

Rather than trying to build up suspense, newspaper stories put important facts first.

Who, When, What, Where

Less important details.

An example of the beginning of a newspaper story:

"Cinderella and the Prince will marry on Sunday morning at the palace. The romance began ..."

### 5. Check

Check the facts to make certain they are correct.



DR. JONES, DID YOU SAY THAT THE BONE WAS 5 FEET LONG?

## 6. Revise

I WILL USE SPELL-CHECK AND ALSO DOUBLE-CHECK THE PUNCTUATION.



Revise your story and read for correct form

# 7. Submit

PASSING ON FACTS
TO MY READERS.



Submit your story to an editor to be checked. Meet your deadlist

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