

MEDIA LITERACY WEEK

What makes a good news story?

If you want to try making the news, you have to know what makes a good news story.

A good news story needs to be new, interesting and important to people. To report the most up-to-date information about an event you will need to know how to identify the story, then how to use words and maybe pictures to report on it.



[Watch the video: News Values](#)

Use this checklist to decide on a story to cover:

- **Is the news story about a current local issue?**
 - » Where did it happen?
 - » When did it happen?
 - » What new information have you found about it?
- **Is the news story about an issue from the past?**
 - » Where did it happen?
 - » When did it happen?
 - » What new information have you found about it?
- **Who is affected by the issue?**
- **How are they affected by the issue?**
- **Why is it important for people to know about the issue?**
- **Why will people be interested in the news story?**

NEXT: Finding and writing the story