

# Vocabulary to pre-teach

audio

top line

broadcast

5Ws

script

quotes

presenter

details

producer

outro

# Lesson 13

## Drafting a broadcast script

## **Learning objective**

To draft an audio news broadcast

## **Journalist training school**

Broadcast journalists must make sure their reports are truthful, fair, balanced and interesting. They use their research and the information they have gathered from interviews to write a script that explains the important details of a story in a way that is easy to understand.

# What hooks you in?

Which is the best 'hook'  
for a news broadcast?

**Think about...**

- Which one makes you want to carry on listening?
- Which one sounds the most exciting?

# What hooks you in?

1. There is a new film out at the cinema.
2. Fans are queueing up to see the new Taylor Swift film.
3. She's one of the world's biggest popstars.

# What could be better?

German citizens were scared yesterday.  
Let's find out why they were so scared.

A video was shared online and it showed a big, ferocious, scary-looking cat. The police looked and looked and looked for it, but they could not find it anywhere. They were really shocked and surprised.

**What is not effective with the top line and 5Ws in this script?**

**How could you change this script to make it better?**



# While you are writing...

Remember to look back at all the work you have done to plan your script.



My story

The 5Ws

**W**ho \_\_\_\_\_

**W**hat \_\_\_\_\_

**W**here \_\_\_\_\_

**W**hen \_\_\_\_\_

**W**hy \_\_\_\_\_

Other interesting details

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

What might happen next?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

News WISE

**Notes for my broadcast script**

Now that you have practised saying some of your script out loud, use this sheet to make notes or draw images and symbols to remind you what to write in the next lesson.


Top line

The 5Ws

More details

Interview quotes

Outro



News WISE

# True or false?





**You should only include  
one person's opinion in  
a news broadcast.**

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**FALSE**

We should include lots of people's thoughts and opinions so that our scripts are balanced.

**Numbers should be  
written as words in a  
news broadcast script.**

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**TRUE**

Writing numbers as words in your script makes it easier for the presenter to read.

**All of the 5Ws should be included in a news broadcast script.**

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**TRUE**

The 5Ws are the most important details that your audience needs to know.

**A news broadcast  
should use lots of  
descriptive language.**

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**FALSE**

A news broadcast should focus  
on the facts of the story, not on  
detailed descriptions.