

News Article Feedback

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Reporting vs. Narrating

- When you write a news article, you are a **news reporter, not a storyteller.**
- This means the language you use will be different from telling a story.
- Report the “facts” and interview quotes only. Use reporting language to do this.
- See the difference between **narrating** and **reporting** on the next slide...

Reporting vs. Narrating

Narrating a story

What I've seen in your articles:

Queen Elsa wanted to go outside the hall. However, when she turned to Anna, sparking, freezing ice came out from her hand without glove and then formed an ice shield between herself and the party celebrities. People freaked out, so did Queen Elsa. She went outside the castle with nobody and nothing else. Facing the people celebrating for her, her magic burst out again. Elsa ran away, using ice magic to make the lake freeze, all the way to the mountain.

Reporting a news story

How you can improve it:

Witnesses at the coronation party reported seeing freezing ice coming out of Queen Elsa's ungloved hands, causing the attendees to become frightened. Queen Elsa was also seen to be startled by the incident.

People outside the castle claimed to see what would be a second outburst of magic from Queen Elsa's hands. Witnesses here said Elsa immediately fled the scene using her ice magic to freeze the lake all the way to the mountain.

Reporter Neutrality

- As a news reporter, your job is also to remain **neutral**. You must report the facts and what the people involved, witnesses, and/or experts have said about the news incident. **You should not include your personal opinion in a news article.**
- For many students' articles, they chose to conclude their piece by giving their opinion or asking the reader a question. Do not do this!
 - E.g. We hope that we can find Queen Elsa as soon as possible and bring Spring back to Arendelle.
 - E.g. Will Sherlock Holmes survive?
- Fun fact: an article that gives the writer's opinion on an issue is called an EDITORIAL or OPINION PIECE

Checklist for Self-Editing your Article

- Headline is concise and informative
- Byline includes your first and last name
- Opening sentence sums up the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, and WHEN
- Body of your article is written in short paragraphs, giving the details of the news story
- Article includes quotations from people involved, witnesses, and/or experts
- Article uses reporting language
- News reporter remains **neutral** (i.e. do **not** share your opinion at all!)

Homework for next class: Rewrite and improve this article

The Dark Lord hijacks the Triwizard Tournament

Hogwarts, October 15—During the third and final task of the Triwizard Tournament, two competitors disappeared and were ambushed by Lord Voldemort. Harry and Cedric were competing in the tournament and were in the maze when they grabbed a portkey hidden in the Triwizard Cup. Pettigrew and Lord Voldemort were waiting for them. It was a very dark and spooky graveyard. Cedric was killed by a killing curse and died, and this made Voldemort stronger. Harry had to face the Dark Lord alone. They both fire a spell at each other at the same time but their wands don't work properly. Harry escapes with Cedric's body by grabbing the portkey again. I hope Harry will be okay.



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