

WRITING A NEWS REPORT

WEEK 4
OSSLT PREP

HOW TO WRITE A NEWS REPORT

OSSLT WRITING TASK

- A news report is a factual account of an event.
- It is meant to tell the reader about the details of something that has happened.
- News reports are an efficient way to report the events taking place locally and around the world.
- Students will have to write one news report on the OSSLT using only a headline and picture as a source of information.

OSSLT WRITING TASK

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Guest Speaker's Message Inspires Students



Rough Notes

Use the space below for rough notes. Nothing you write in this space will be scored.

Write your report on the lines provided on the following page.

THE FORMULA

5 Ws and H

Quotes and
detailed
information

Written in
3rd person
and NO
opinion

Short
sentences
and simple
language

Headline	
Paragraph 1 – Introduction	
Who [the main participants in the event]	
What [the event – or what your news report is about: refer to the headline]	
When [date-look at the picture to identify an appropriate month/time –must be in the past]	
Where [look at the picture to identify an appropriate place]	
Paragraph 2 – Body	
Why / How (details) [give enough details to ensure that the reader will understand what has happened] [at least 2 sentences about WHY this happened; 2 sentences about HOW this happened; include numbers]	
Paragraph 3 – Quote	
Quote [a direct quote from a participant or witness]	
Paragraph 4 – Conclusion	
Summary and Thought for the Future [- how it ended; -what might happen as a result]	

STEPS FOR WRITING

1. Examine the photograph and the headline—decide what event took place. *Story must relate to BOTH!
2. Begin your story with a strong lead—Who? What? When? Where?
3. Write the body clearly explaining the Why? and How?
4. Include two direct quotes from relevant people.
5. Write a conclusion. Wrap up the results of the event or state what may happen in the future
6. Write in 3rd person, simple language, short sentences, and do not include personal opinion.

OSSLT SCORING RUBRIC

Code 10	Code 20	Code 30	Code 40	Code 50	Code 60
<p>The response is related to headline and/or photo but is not a news report.</p> <p>or</p> <p>The response is a news report related to the headline and/or photo.</p> <p>It identifies an event, but provides no supporting details,</p> <p>or provides details that are unrelated to the event.</p> <p>There is no evidence of organization.</p> <p>Question 1</p>	<p>The response is related to headline and/or photo but only partly in the form of a news report.</p> <p>or</p> <p>The response is a news report related to the headline and/or photo, but the focus on an event is unclear or inconsistent.</p> <p>There are insufficient supporting details: too few or repetitious.</p> <p>There is limited evidence of organization.</p>	<p>The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear focus on an event.</p> <p>There are insufficient and/or vague supporting details</p> <p>or</p> <p>the connection of the details to the event is not always clear.</p> <p>There is evidence of organization, but lapses distract from the overall communication.</p>	<p>The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event.</p> <p>There are sufficient supporting details, however, only some are specific.</p> <p>The organization is mechanical and any lapses do not distract from the overall communication.</p>	<p>The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event.</p> <p>There are sufficient specific supporting details to develop the news report.</p> <p>The organization is logical.</p>	<p>The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event.</p> <p>There are sufficient specific supporting details, which are thoughtfully chosen to develop the news report.</p> <p>The organization is coherent demonstrating a thoughtful progression of ideas.</p>

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Content

- ☐ Included details that answer:

Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

- ☐ Identified a single event
- ☐ Quotes from participants in the story

Organization

- ☐ Logical sequence of events
- ☐ Transition words to link sequence of events
- ☐ Unbiased tone
- ☐ Correct spelling and grammar
- ☐ Written in third person
- ☐ Short sentences and simple language

CONSOLIDATION

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- Complete the following section in your practice booklet
- Booklet 1: Section IV (News Report)
- When finished news report, complete STUDENT CHECKLIST and leave inside booklet; hand in booklet to be evaluated