

Exercise 1

You are a reporter for TV station *Bay News* in Tauranga. You have been given some information for a story you must prepare for the station's news bulletin.

Plan what you need to make a television news story. Think about the pictures required, who you would interview and what you want them to say the grabs. You can assume everyone is great talent and they're going to say what you want.

Write a two-paragraph intro for the newsreader, then write a script for the story that is 1.30" long. It needs to be laid out correctly, including all the pictures and sound fx you intend to use. It needs to be clear who you have interviewed and what they say. You should include a PTC stating where you would film it and what you would say.

Information

There is a huge influx of mosquitos in the wetlands near Tauranga. There have always been mosquitos in the area, but the problem is much worse this year. And instead of just biting in the evening, they are biting all day. Local residents say the bites are itchier than usual, they're getting infected easier and they're being driven crazy by them. Joanna Harris, who lives next door to the wetlands, says she is off work because she has dozens of bites, which have become infected (she is now on antibiotics). Her three children have also been affected.

Bay of Plenty's medical officer of health Peter Brown says the mosquitos breed in the swampy water, and the warmer/wetter conditions this summer are ideal for them. That is why their numbers have multiplied. He says no-one is too sure why the bites are worse this year but tests are being carried out on the water and the mosquitos to find out. The samples have to be sent to Wellington for testing and it could be several weeks before results are known. Locals are having to use insect repellent and shut their windows if possible.

Exercise:

- 1) What pictures do you need to tell this story?
- 2) What interviews do you need?
- 3) Prepare a draft script for your story which includes a PTC.

Exercise 2

You are a local reporter for *Channel 4 News*, which runs its main news programme at 6pm.

It's 5pm on a Friday and there are reports of a large fire breaking out in a restaurant in Queenstown. Flames have been seen coming from windows on the floor above the restaurant. The block around the restaurant has been evacuated and streets have been cordoned off. You are assigned to cover the story, including a live cross.

1. What basic information do you need?
2. What interviews would you need?
3. What could you talk about in your live cross?

Exercise 3

You are a local reporter for *Channel 4 News*.

It's rumoured that Dan Cartwright, star rugby player for the Crusaders team, is injured. The word is he will not play in the upcoming final against the Chiefs. The Crusaders team to play the Chiefs has just been announced and Tom Taylor is named in Cartwright's position (first five-eighth). You have been sent down to cover a training session. Cartwright is there, but the Crusaders' media manager says Cartwright is not available for interviews.

1. What pictures do you need to tell this story?
2. What interviews do you need?
3. Prepare a draft script for your story.