

Exercise 1

Assume a breakthrough has been made in the sterilisation of possums. List at least three newsworthy aspects of the subject that make it worth publishing, and at least two science sources to go to for further information/comment.

Exercise 2

An earthquake of magnitude 6 has hit your town. There are no deaths, but quite a bit of structural damage to houses and commercial buildings. Local reporters have written the first stories giving the facts and the extent of damage. What could you write subsequently?

Exercise 3

Harold Wellman, William Pickering, Beatrice Tinsley, Jeff Tallon, Bill Robinson and Jane Wiffen were/are all New Zealand scientists. Give a synopsis of their findings or research, emphasising the newsworthy aspects of what they accomplished.