

## Huw Edwards video – What is news?: transcript

Hello I'm Huw Edwards and I'm a BBC News presenter.

I love working in news. It's exciting and it's a challenge. Every day we have to make sure that we hit our deadlines and get our stories absolutely right every time.

Now it's your chance to do the same and make your own news reports.

News reports can be made in many different ways, but however you decide to produce yours, the most important thing is that you know how to put them onto your school website.

That way we can link to them from the School Report website so that people all over the UK - and even the world - can see your work.

So, here we are in one of the BBC's news studios where we make the television news. When we broadcast the news there's a team of people in what we call the gallery.

They all work together to make sure the programme runs smoothly. But there's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes before we get to this stage.

And this is where you need to start. So the first question is what is news?

Well, it might sound obvious, but it's something that is new or current.

And it must mean something to people. It's the things that people *want* to know about or *need* to know about.

People might *want* to know the latest entertainment and sport news.

But, you could argue, they *need* to know about what's going on in health, education or disasters and conflicts.

On BBC News there is a mixture of different sorts of stories depending on the particular audience.

Keeping these things in mind, there are possible news stories everywhere you look.

Almost everything in your day-to-day life, that interests you or your friends, could be a news story.

A good journalist keeps their eyes and ears open everywhere they go.

Be curious, you never know, you might uncover a truly original piece of journalism. Your reports can be about things going on in your school or near where you live, that's local news.

Or about things going on in the UK, that's national news.

Or even globally and that's international news.

Before they get ready to report on anything BBC News teams hold regular meetings to decide what they think is news for that day and how to report it accurately.

And you can do the same. So, good luck!