

Quiz: Reporting 2012

There are lots of big events going on in 2012 - which means there are lots of things for you to report! Test how much you know about reporting live events with our special quiz.

Correct answers are shown in italics.

Reporting live events

Q) What should you do before you go live with your bulletin?

1) Take a rest to recharge your batteries

2) Rehearse the bulletin and check that all the equipment you are using is working

3) Have a cup of tea

You should rehearse the bulletin and check that all the equipment you are using is working. While it may be tempting to have a rest or a cup of the tea, there's still plenty to do. Run through the bulletin and check your equipment to avoid mistakes during the live programme.

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Q) How should you prepare for commentating on your school's sports day?

1) Research the event, the sports and the people taking part in the event

2) Arrive just before the event starts

3) Choose a commentator you like and learn how to impersonate them

Research the event, the sport and the people taking part in the event. It's important to be fully prepared so you can tell your audience the most interesting and have some ideas for good questions to ask. Get there early so you have a good spot to watch the action. It's great to learn from other commentators but remember to be yourself!

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Q) How many days will the Olympic Torch relay take to travel from Land's End to the Olympic Stadium in London?

- 1) 50
- 2) 70
- 3) 90

It will take 70 days. The torch will be carried by 8,000 people on its way round the UK, Guernsey and Jersey. It will reach the Olympic Stadium on Wednesday 27 July 2012.

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Q) The Queen is visiting your school but she hasn't arrived yet. You're reporting live for the school website. You should...

- 1) Post an update saying she hasn't arrived then have a cup of tea.
- 2) *Talk to people waiting to meet her.*
- 3) Chat to your friends while you wait,

Why not talk to the people who are waiting to meet her and find out how they feel about her visit? What seems like a frustrating wait can actually be a great opportunity! Maybe one of them went to her coronation. You might find a great story or some fantastic quotes.

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Q) Live updates on your website should be...

- 1) Long paragraphs
- 2) Posted every 15 minutes
- 3) *Short and snappy updates*

They should be short and snappy updates. Keep your audience interested by posting little and often. Don't hold back information if you know it's accurate and useful!

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Q) You are editing a live events page covering your school football tournament. What should you do?

- 1) Wait and see what happens on the day.
- 2) *Think about the things you want to include on the page.*
- 3) Write lots of content ahead of time so you don't have to do much on the day.

You should think about the things you want to include on the page ahead of time. That way, you'll be able to make sure you're covering all the angles of the story.

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Q) School Reporters are at your school's football tournament. How do you get their updates onto your live events web page?

- 1) Ask one reporter to bring messages to you.
- 2) Ask your teacher to bring notes from the reporters to you
- 3) *Ask them to send text messages to you.*

Asking reporters to send text message updates is a great way to update your live events page. But remember to ask your headteacher if you're allowed to use phones in school. If you have to pay for your text messages, you might need to find another way of sending updates.

Your Score

- 0 -2 Keep working at it
- 4 – 5 Good but could be better
- 6 -7 Well done!