News presenting masterclass with Ellie Crisell: key points

- Go through your script checking it is clear and makes sense. Also check it is written in a way that suits the way you read.

- If you need to make changes to the script, make sure you don’t make the script too much longer.

- Read your scripts aloud to practice difficult pronunciations and phrases. It helps you notice mistakes you might have missed too. If you keep tripping over a word you could change it.

- News presenters under harsh studio lights have to wear professional make-up to make themselves look presentable.

- In the studio, the autocue comes up in front of the presenter, above the camera so they can read it aloud.

- The studio Ellie uses is green screen so that BBC News images can be superimposed behind her. She can’t wear green clothes because otherwise she’d look invisible!

- Rehearsal is really important for everybody to check everything is working before going live and to check you can read your script in the time.

- Ellie’s top tips for presenting:
  - Make friends with the lens – feel comfortable and treat it like a friend
  - Be yourself and natural on camera
  - Think about the content of what you’re saying
  - Fake confidence if you’re not feeling it
  - Enjoy it - it’s a great job!

Watch the video again