

Day: _____

Occupation
Reporters

Date: _____



Reporters gather information and write news stories. To get information, reporters look at documents and also observe the scene and interview people. These stories appear in newspapers and magazines.

Reporters write about accidents, sporting events, society or political events. Reporters must write clearly and effectively. They also need word processing, computer graphics, and desktop publishing skills. Speaking a second language is necessary for some jobs.

Some reporters appear on television and radio. Radio and television reporters often report "live" from the scene.

News correspondents mostly work in large cities. Some report from foreign cities about the events in the city there. Reporters must meet deadlines. Some work in private offices, while others often work in large rooms with other reporters. Television and radio reporters interview curious onlookers, police, other emergency workers, celebrities or politicians.

Reporters work long hours and sometimes have odd schedules. They sometimes have to travel. At morning newspapers, reporters work from late afternoon until midnight. At evening or afternoon papers, they work from early morning until afternoon. Radio and television reporters work day or evening shifts. Magazine reporters generally work during the day. Reporters often have to work extra hours to meet deadlines. They have to change their working hours to follow a story.

A university degree in journalism is preferred. Working at school newspapers or broadcasting stations is good experience. In university, you should take courses in English, journalism, and social studies, with an major in writing.



A. Choose True or False for each statement.

1. Reporters get information from documents. _____
2. Reporters always must write very long stories. _____
3. TV reporters only report from TV studios. _____
4. Many different people are interviewed by reporters. _____
5. They have odd schedules. _____
6. Sometimes they must work extra hours. _____
7. It's good to work at school newspapers. _____

B. Rearrange to form the correct sentences.

1. and / gather / Reporters / write / information / news stories.

2. effectively / write / clearly / They / and / must

3. large / in / reporters / work / mostly / cities / Some

4. sometimes / TV / radio / reporters / stars / and / interview.

5. extra / often / work / deadlines / to / They / hours / meet

6. midnight / late / Some / until / work / from / afternoon

7. often / offices / work / in / They / large.

C. Answer the questions

1. Where do the stories of a reporter appear?

2. What skills do reporters also need?

3. From where do reporters often report?

4. What do reporters write about?

5. In which kind of offices do reporters work?

6. Who works day or evening shifts?

7. What school degree should a reporter have?

Name: _____

Class: Year 5 _____