

News Report Writing

Here are 10 diverse practice questions for news report writing that will help students develop different skills:

1. Transform an Event into News

Write a news report about your school's Annual Day celebration that happened yesterday. Include performances, chief guest details, and at least two quotes from participants.

2. Photo-Based Report Writing

Look at this photograph of a tree plantation drive in your neighborhood. Write a news report describing the initiative, its purpose, and impact on the community.



Image Courtesy- https://www.freepik.com/free-ai-image/planting-new-trees-planting-new-trees-open-area-mountain-conifer-trees_167957006.htm

Look at this photograph of a wild forest fire. Write a news report describing the cause, the impact and the rescue measures government is taking to provide safe evacuation of the residents.



Image Courtesy- https://www.freepik.com/free-ai-image/wildfire-its-consequences-nature_144644301.htm

3. Complete the News Report

Given below is a headline and first paragraph of a news report about a local art competition. Continue the report by adding two more paragraphs:

Young Artists Shine at District Art Competition

PUNE, January 12 - Over 150 students from 25 schools participated in the District Level Art Competition held at City Mall yesterday. The competition, organized by the District Cultural Society, showcased young talent across different age groups...

4. Compare and Improve

Below are two versions of the same news report about a road accident. One is poorly written, and one is well-written. Identify which is which and explain why. Then, improve the weaker version.

Version 1-

ROAD ACCIDENT!!!!

A terrible accident happened today!!! A truck hit a car on MG Road and it was really bad! The truck driver was driving very fast and he wasn't looking where he was going! The poor car driver got hurt badly. People were very scared and worried. The police came after some time. They took the injured person to the hospital. Everyone was saying the truck driver was wrong. The traffic was very bad after that. It was a very sad incident that happened at 9 am in the morning. The car was completely damaged in the front.

Version 2-

Two Injured in Collision on MG Road

MUMBAI, January 12, 2025 - By Rohit Sharma

A collision between a cargo truck and a sedan resulted in two injuries at the MG Road-Hill Street junction this morning at 9:00 AM. The injured individuals have been admitted to City Hospital.

According to Traffic Inspector Patil, the truck allegedly violated a red signal, leading to the collision with the sedan. "The truck driver has been detained for questioning, and we are reviewing CCTV footage from the junction," he said.

Dr. Mehra from City Hospital reported that both drivers are in stable condition. "The sedan driver, Mr. Kumar, sustained minor fractures, while the truck driver has some lacerations. Both are under observation," she stated.

The accident caused traffic disruptions for approximately two hours. Traffic police implemented diversions through Hill Street and Normal Road to manage congestion. Senior Traffic Officer Mrs. Desai confirmed that the damaged vehicles were removed by 11:00 AM and normal traffic flow has resumed.

Local residents have long expressed concerns about this junction's safety. "This is the third accident here this year. We need better traffic management," said Mr. Sinha, president of the local residents' association.

The police have registered a case and are conducting further investigations.

5. Create a Weather Report

Using given weather data (temperature, rainfall, wind speed) from your city for the past week, write a news report about changing weather patterns and their impact on daily life.

Weather Data for Mumbai (January 5-12, 2025)

Date	Max Temp (°C)	Min Temp (°C)	Rainfall (mm)	Wind Speed (km/h)	Humidity (%)	Conditions
Jan 5	32°C	24°C	0	12	65%	Sunny
Jan 6	31°C	23°C	0	15	70%	Partly Cloudy
Jan 7	30°C	22°C	15	25	85%	Rain
Jan 8	27°C	21°C	45	30	90%	Heavy Rain
Jan 9	26°C	20°C	62	35	95%	Thunderstorms
Jan 10	25°C	19°C	38	28	88%	Rain
Jan 11	28°C	21°C	5	20	75%	Light Rain
Jan 12	29°C	22°C	0	16	70%	Cloudy

Additional Information:

- Normal temperature range for January: 28-30°C (Max), 20-22°C (Min)
- Average January rainfall: 10mm
- Schools affected: 12 schools declared holiday on Jan 8-9
- Flight delays: 15 flights delayed on Jan 9
- Areas flooded: Andheri, Kurla, and Sion reported waterlogging
- Emergency response: 25 water pumps deployed
- Expert available for quote: Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Chief Meteorologist, Mumbai Weather Department

Student Task:

Write a news report about the unusual weather pattern using this data. Your report should:

1. Have a suitable headline
2. Mention the significant temperature drop

3. Highlight the abnormal rainfall
4. Include impact on daily life
5. Add expert quotes
6. Include preventive measures taken by authorities
7. Mention forecast for coming days

Expected length: 250-300 words

Answer Key:-

For Exercise 4

Key Differences to Note:

1. Headline

- Version 1: Informal, with multiple exclamation marks
- Version 2: Clear, informative, and professional

2. Structure

- Version 1: Random flow of information
- Version 2: Follows inverted pyramid structure

3. Language

- Version 1: Informal, emotional language with exclamations
- Version 2: Formal, objective reporting

4. Details

- Version 1: Vague and incomplete information

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- Version 2: Specific details including time, location, authorities involved

5. Quotes

- Version 1: No proper quotes or attributions
- Version 2: Multiple relevant quotes from authorities

6. Byline and Date

- Version 1: Missing
- Version 2: Properly included

7. Background Context

- Version 1: None provided
- Version 2: Includes context about previous accidents

8. Follow-up Information

- Version 1: Abrupt ending
- Version 2: Mentions ongoing investigation