

- 1 Look at the text. What type of text is it?
- 2 ))) Listen and read. What does a town crier do?

## History and the News

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In the 1600s, people heard the news from a person called a **town crier**. Most people couldn't read, so they listened to the news. The town crier stood in the town square, rang a bell, and shouted the news for everyone to hear.

In the 1700s, people started buying **newspapers** to read the news. Many towns printed their own newspapers. People could read **local news** to learn about things that happened in their town.

Newspaper **articles** had information about many different topics, like sports and business. People could read **international news** to learn about different parts of the world.



**Journalists** work hard to write newspaper articles. They go to events, talk to many people, and search for information. **Photographers** take pictures of the people and events.

In the past, most newspapers went to people's houses with the mail. Today, people can read the newspaper online.

# Read and Learn

## 1 Read the text again. Then write the words next to the definitions.

article      international news      journalist  
local news      photographer      town crier

- 1 News about events that happen in many different countries .....
- 2 News about events that happen in your town or city .....
- 3 A person who works at a newspaper and writes stories .....
- 4 A newspaper story about people, things, or events .....
- 5 A person who shouted the news for everyone to hear .....
- 6 A person who works at a newspaper and takes pictures .....

## 2 What does a journalist do? Check (✓) the correct answers.

- 1 Works at a newspaper .....
- 2 Takes pictures .....
- 3 Talks to people .....
- 4 Searches for information .....
- 5 Shouts news for people to hear .....
- 6 Writes articles .....



## 3 Ask and answer with a friend.

Do you read the newspaper?

Yes, I read the local news online.

### Did You Know?

The number of copies a newspaper sells every day is called the *circulation*.

## Time to Think

- 1 Look at the timeline. What types of news do you see?

### The History of News



1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000s 2010s Today

- 2 Look at the timeline again. Then order the text.

..... When an airplane landed on the Hudson River in New York, the news was on social media before it was on TV. A man saw the airplane and took a picture on his cell phone. Soon everyone knew the story.

..... People get the news from websites, apps, and social media. We get our information instantly on our phones and tablets.

..... In the past, families sat around their radios every night to listen to the latest news.

..... Then people started watching the news on TV. Later, in the 1990s, some TV channels showed news programs 24 hours a day.

- 3 Which type of news do you prefer? Why? Share with a friend.

I like to watch the news on TV. It's relaxing.



## Prepare

- 1 Work in pairs. Think of interesting things that happened in your school, your town, your country, or the world. Use the questions to help you think.



## Create

- 2 Choose one news story. Write a newspaper article, record your story on video, or write a social media post. Include photos or drawings.

The screenshot shows a web browser window. The address bar contains 'MyNews'. The page has a blue header with white stars and the 'MyNews' logo in pink. On the right of the header are icons for SHARE, EMAIL, PRINT, and MENU. The main content area has the title 'Soccer in the City' in a large, black, serif font. Below the title is a paragraph of text: 'There was a big girls' soccer tournament in our city last week. Teams came from all over the country! There were more than 40 teams. There was a team from our school, too. A lot of people watched the games. After the games, all of the teams visited some famous places in our city. Everyone had fun and made new friends.' To the right of the text is a photograph of two young girls in soccer uniforms shaking hands on a grassy field. One girl is wearing an orange jersey with the number 6, and the other is wearing a blue jersey and holding a soccer ball.

## Showcase

- 3 Share your article, video recording, or post with the class.



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Is social media a good place to get news? Why?

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