

Journalist for a Day



The Fairytale Times is looking for journalists.

The Sky is falling! And Humpty Dumpty has fallen off the wall! Fairytale Land is abuzz with news, and it is your job to have it all on record!

Creative writing is a fantastic way to enable young writers to organise their thoughts and practice their communication skills. It also helps to develop socio-emotional skills by allowing children to walk in the shoes of someone else.

Suitable for: 6-years and up

Materials: Printouts of the following pages, newspapers, writing materials, glue, and a pair of scissors.

Instructions

- 1 Look through an old newspaper and note down what is the Name of the newspaper, article's Headline, Location of the article, and Image Caption. (Find out more in the Top Tips on the right!)
- 2 Next, identify the different columns and sections in the newspaper, such as General News, Entertainment Section, Classified Advertisements, Sports Page etc. Using these as inspiration, decide on two contrasting articles to write.

- 3 Decide on the name for your newspaper and headlines for each article. (Refer to the suggestions below for some creative headline ideas.) Write out your articles using the template provided.
- 4 Add images to your article by cutting out and attaching the pictures provided that best illustrates your article. Or try your hand at drawing them instead!

Headline Suggestions

- "The Wolf strikes again!"
- "Who pushed Humpty off the wall?"
- "Gretel & Hansel return home!"
- "The sky is falling!"
- "Nightingale wins Fairy Tale Idol!"

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Post a video of your child reading out their news article and tag us @singaporerepertorytheatre (Facebook) or @srt_thelittlecompany (Instagram).

Top Tips

- Answer the 5Ws and 1H (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How) in your article to give your readers greater clarity.
- Include quotes from interviewees and eyewitnesses to enhance the credibility of your article.
- A newspaper usually follows a set structure, to help their readers understand the content easily. The structure usually includes:

Name of the Newspaper:

Refers to the brand of the whole newspaper.

Headline: A short title that summarises what the article is about and draws readers' attention.

Location: Indicates where the event in the article occurred.

Image Caption: Provides context to what is happening in the picture.

