

FOR THE RECORD

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The Star's Classroom Connection "*For the Record*" series explores journalism and the media. The series helps you understand how news is gathered and reported. That can help you to think more critically about what you read and watch.

JOURNALISM FUN AND GAMES

This special Games edition of *For the Record* is all about the wide variety of jobs in the diverse field of journalism. The answers reflect roles from television anchor to podcaster, social media specialist to foreign correspondent. We hope you enjoy these journalism-related games. They're just for fun... but don't blame us if you also learn something in the process!

Some of the puzzles are interactive and can be done on your computer—others may need to be printed. Answers and more information about these games is available at classroomconnection.ca/puzzle.

For more information about the wide array of jobs in journalism, download all of our monthly *For the Record* editions [here](#).



JOURNALISM WORD CHAIN

In this game, each answer starts with the LAST LETTER of the PREVIOUS WORD. All of the words must have something to do with journalism. Fill in the blanks with as many journalism words as you can—don't break the chain!

Example:

JOURNALISM

Magazine

Editor

Report

Tip

Podcast

You try it!

NEWSPAPER

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HEADLINE HEADACHE

Our reporter has written a short article, but she can't think of a good headline. Write a headline that tells what the article is about and fits the space (about 50 letters). If possible, make your headline funny or interesting so people will want to read the article.



More people in Hamilton, Ont. are creating backyard gardens than ever before. Whether they're planting in small patches in the ground, containers on balconies or community gardens, people are finding room to grow herbs and vegetables in the city.

"During the first wave of the pandemic, we couldn't leave our homes for weeks," says

Yasmeen Ali. "Many of us developed hobbies we might not otherwise have become interested in. For me, that was gardening."

Like many people, Ali learned the craft watching YouTube videos and connecting with gardening groups on social media. She lives in a small apartment, so she learned how to create container gardens that could go on her balcony.

Now three years later, she says, she's hooked on gardening.

"That first year I got a few straggly beans and a handful of sad little tomatoes. Last year, I had a whole smorgasbord. I started using fertilizer and good techniques. I was even able to grow zucchinis," says Ali.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Nadine has taken a photo for an article she's writing for the Toronto Star (Photo 1). But someone has made 9 changes to it (Photo 2)! Circle the differences so the photo editor can put it back to its original state.



PODCASTER PUZZLE

D		A	C		O		S	
C	R		T	S		P		E
S			P		D	O	C	A
		D	R			A	E	
R	S			A	E	T		D
	E	P	D		C		R	O
	A		S		P	C		
O			A	C	R		T	
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Podcaster is just one of the exciting new roles in the field of journalism. For more information about podcasting, check out the April 2021 edition *For the Record*:
Podcasting: A radio show in your pocket.

HOW TO PLAY:

1. In the squares below, put the letters **P, O, D, C, A, S, T, E** and **R**.
2. Each letter can only appear once in each line across, in each line down, and in each of the 3x3 squares.
3. Some of the letters have already been put in for you.



WORD SEARCH IN THE NEWS

Find these journalism words. Words can run in all directions – horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards and letters can be used more than once.

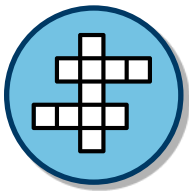
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C	S	O	H	A	N	A	L	Y	S	T	O	S	R	R	Z
I	O	N	X	G	T	S	O	Y	F	Y	U	B	F	E	T
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H	S	R	T	S	V	R	E	C	N	A	L	E	E	R	F
A	K	P	B	J	O	U	R	N	A	L	I	S	T	W	C

Analyst
Assignment
Blogger
Broadcast

Columnist
Commentator
Editor
Freelancer

Interview
Journalist
Librarian
Ombudsperson
Podcaster

Pundit
Reviewer
Travel
Writers



CROSSWORD

Fill in the puzzle using the answers for the clues.

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DOWN

1. An opinion piece.
2. Posts and videos put online for fun and information. (Two words)
4. What a journalist writes, using facts they have gathered.
5. The funny pages.
7. Like a radio broadcast that you carry on your phone and can listen to any time.
9. This popular feature in many newspapers "predicts the future" based on a person's birth month.

ACROSS

3. They say one of these is worth 1,000 words.
6. This journalist reads the news on TV.
8. Another word for fake news.
9. Usually one or two lines at the top of an article, it lets readers know what the article is about.
10. This person corrects a journalist's article before it is published.
11. Journalists gather these to create an article.
12. Articles and photos that are online may be posted on a news organization's