

GROUP # 1

Preparing a text for a radio or TV report.

Choose a current event in Kyrgyzstan (for example, news from politics, economics, culture, incidents or social issues should be relevant in recent days).

The topic should be interesting to a wide audience and suitable for a news release (for example, an event in your city or country).

Write a short introduction (lead):

There should be key questions: who? what? when? where? why? how?

The introduction should be interesting and understandable for the audience.

Example:

"Today in Bishkek there was a rally, at which more than a thousand people took to the streets, demanding better working conditions in the healthcare sector. The action was peaceful, but the organizers said that they will continue to fight for the rights of doctors."

The main part of the story write the structure of the story as you see it:

Reveal the details of the event, indicating important facts, figures, quotes. Pay attention to the structure: start with the most important details, and then add less important ones. Use short and clear sentences, avoid complex wording.

Quotes:

Add a couple of quotes from participants in the event or experts on the topic, write who they are and what he or she should talk about.

Example:

"According to one of the protesters, 'We are here to prove that the rights of medical workers must be protected.'"

Conclusion:

Conclude the text by summing up or pointing to possible developments. It may be worth reminding what is happening in the future or what will be done in response to the event.

Example:

"Organizers have said that the protests will continue if the demands are not met. The next protest is expected to take place in a week."

GROUP # 2

Adapting a text for radio or TV

Take a text from any news site and adapt it:

Take the text as if you were presenting it on air, and pay attention to the pace and ease of perception. Try to improve and simplify the numbering of something and remember that you are doing this text for a prompter, to make it smoother and more natural.

Break long sentences into shorter ones.

Add directions for audio or visual elements (if it is a TV story, for example, descriptions of pictures or video materials, you just need to indicate what the context of the video material will be about).

Check the time:

Make sure the text fits into the allotted time for the news story (3-5 minutes).