

TV News  
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## Live Report #1 Assignment



For class on **Friday, March 21**, be prepared to give a live report on camera is between 1:00 (one minute) and 1:15. Your report will be timed, so make sure it is well rehearsed and that the length falls within these parameters.

You also need to prepare an anchor lead script. I must have the anchor lead in order to introduce your live report. Make sure it is in the proper split-page format. Your anchor lead should reflect how we have a C of C professor who is an expert on sleep. And you can also mention—in your anchor lead or your report-- the recent switch to daylight savings time and how we lost an hour of sleep.

You are a reporter for the College of Charleston TV station and you are doing a live report to give the campus and Charleston community information about interesting research conducted by a C of C professor. Your live report will be based on the interview you just conducted with the psychology professor (see handout). Your report will be broadcast in the Cougar Mall by cougar statue. You can use Clyde the Cougar as a “prop” by referring to him in your report in some way.

Be sure to sign off at the end of your report: “Reporting live from The Cougar Mall, I’m (your name). Now back to the studio.” And once you sign off, continue to look into the camera lens until you are given the “clear” sign.

Use “talking points” or bullet points of information rather than having your report written out word-for-word. You must not be overly reliant on your notes to the extent that you do not have good eye contact with the camera. Avoid trying to memorize your entire report. This may not sound natural and if you slip up it might be hard to recover.

Your grade for this report will be based on accuracy, substance, completeness, length, anchor lead script and the quality of delivery.

Review the attached live reporting handout material as well as Chapter 10 in your book, “Presentation and Voice.” Take special note of pages 309-314 on broadcasting live.

There are no retakes or make ups. Just like on television, you have just one chance—so be prepared! If you stumble, it’s OK, just keep going. Whatever you do, don’t ask to start over. Dress appropriately and practice, practice, practice so that you are comfortable and confident with what you are going to say!

We will meet at 1 p.m. outside by the cougar statue. In case of bad weather we will move inside the old library.

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