

Ending a newspaper report

Newspaper reports are written in the past tense but the last paragraph changes to the present tense and tells the reader what is happening now.

Look at the two examples below.

The two winners have exclusively revealed that they'll be donating £600 000 of their win to local, national and international charities. 'They need the money more than we do,' stated Mrs Mills, 'we'll treat ourselves to a nice meal out somewhere and give the rest to the family. We have our health and happiness so what more could we ask for?'

Having been recognised by the Queen for his services to science, Tim is now a CMG, or Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George. He dedicated this award to his entire team.

It is important that we know how to change verbs from the past tense to the present tense and from the present tense to the past tense when we write in a newspaper style.

Task 1 - Have a go at the quiz below to change verbs in the present tense to the past. Your teacher will be able to see your answers. Remember that irregular verbs don't just add 'ed' onto the end.

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If I was writing a newspaper report about 'Jack and the Beanstalk' I might explain at the end that;

- No one needs to be scared of the giant anymore
- Jack and his Mum now live in luxury
- His mum is thrilled with him
- He is a hero

Task 2 - Can you read the last paragraph of my newspaper report below and re-write it so that it is written in the present tense? The words in bold are the ones you will need to change.

Now, the villagers **lived** happily and **were** not afraid of the giant coming down from his castle in the sky. Everyone **thought** Jack **was** a hero and they all **wanted** to listened to his tales of what happened. His mum **was** thrilled with the golden egg and told everyone about her son's adventures. They **planned** to buy a brand new house and **enjoyed** living in luxury.

Task 3 - Now, it is your turn to write the last paragraph of a newspaper report. You are going to write one for Cinderella. Remember it needs to be written in the present tense. The focus of the newspaper report is the glass slipper being left behind at the ball. The end of the report will need to include;

- No one knowing who the mystery girl is
- The Prince looking everywhere for her
- All the local girls trying it on

Start your paragraph with;

Local guards say the identity of the girl is still.....

The sentence starters below might also be useful;

- **The Prince is....**
- **Every girl in the kingdom wants...**
- **All of the guards are.....**
- **His Royal Highness, the Prince says...**

