

ACTIVITY ONE: WRITING CONCISELEY

Look at this information about a new study into children and their use of mobile phones. Pick out what you think are the most important points and then write a short script (of no more than five sentences) explaining what the story is about.

Remember to cover the 5 W's:

- What's happening?
- Who is involved?
- Where is this happening?
- When is it happening?
- Why is it happening?

And be:

- Clear - use simple language
- Concise - keep sentences short
- Correct - check your facts, grammar and punctuation
- When you've done that write a headline - just one short sentence explaining what the story is about.

Extension exercise: Depending on your school's social media policy and the age of your students, you may ask them to write a tweet or a Facebook post explaining the story.

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A large study into whether mobile phones are harmful to children's health is starting in September (WHAT AND WHEN).

It's being funded by the government and mobile phone companies and will involve 2,500 children aged between eleven and twelve (WHO).

Scientists from Imperial College London (WHERE) will look at their thinking skills, memory and attention - and then repeat the same tests in 2017. (HOW)

Researchers say very little is known about the effects these technologies have on children's brains and it's really important we find out. (WHY)

Headline: Investigation into whether mobiles are harmful to children

Tweet: A new study into whether mobile phones are harmful to children starts at Imperial College London