

KEY POINTS:

- Behind the scenes journalists spend a lot of time working out what stories to cover and where to find the stories.
- Stories come from all kinds of sources: other journalists, newspapers, news websites, from your audience, social media, tip-offs from contacts, press releases, official websites, expert opinions and witnesses.
- Don't forget that there are things going on around you all the time that might make good stories.
- Get opinions from friends or members of the public for your report.
- But check your sources and only use them if you trust them.
- Try to check everything with at least two sources.
- Truth and accuracy are two of the BBC's most important news values, and are vital if you want to be trusted.