

## ACTIVITY 2.2 BREAKING NEWS!

From Chapter 2 of the Principia Space Diary

<http://principiaspacediary.org/activities/breaking-news>

### LEARNING LEVEL

KS1, KS2, P1-5

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### Resources Required

- Internet access
- Writing materials
- Interactive whiteboard (optional)

### Background to this Activity

Tim Peake and his fellow astronauts had a demanding schedule conducting experiments, doing maintenance, and taking care of their health by combatting the effects of living in zero-gravity.

Imagining they are astronauts, students will write a newspaper article about their first day in space.

### Running the Activity

Here's an example of a news article which you can look at with your class: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-35324574>

Can you find other blogs and news stories related to this event? Look at a number of different types of story-telling. How does the language used, and the content that is reported, change depending on who the audience is?

Ask children to find examples of stories from news reports on TV, radio, the internet and newspapers. As a group, examine how these differ from the stories we tell each other. What do we tell our friends, our families, our teachers? How would this change if we were writing a newspaper article instead of telling the same story to a friend?

Pupils will then write a newspaper article about their first day in space.

To extend this activity further, students can work together to create a whole newspaper or magazine about the Principia mission, including their own pieces alongside different types of stories that were published during Tim's mission.

### Questions for the Class

- What might Tim's daily routine be like? How does this differ from your routine?
- What are some of the things you do each day that Tim couldn't do in space?
- What can you find out about the spacewalk that Tim Peake and Tim Kopra did? Can you gather information to create a news story? Don't forget quotes and pictures as well as the actual details of the story.
- Can you find ISS news stories published by other countries or in other languages? What is different about those compared to British news stories?