

# The FURRY NEWS

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Young people can create their own newspapers for their families, neighborhoods and schools. After reading The Furry News think about how the animals gathered information, wrote news and feature stories, and sold advertising to produce their newspaper.

## Getting Started

- Determine a name for your newspaper and think about what you would like to write.
- Browse through the different sections in your local newspaper to see what you would like to include: School News, School Pictures, Interesting People & Places In My Neighborhood, Things to Do In My Neighborhood, Opinions/Editorials, Book Reviews, Weather Information, Maps, Games, Advertising and Sports.
- Decide if you would like to use pictures with any or all of your stories.
- Make a rough draft of each item.

## Gathering Facts

- Decide what you would like to write about.
- Interview the people in your neighborhood.
- Include the 5W's (who, what, when, where and why) in your story.
- Write down all the important facts during the interview.
- Check the spelling of names and locations.
- Write your first draft after you have gathered all of the facts.

## Write the story

- Reread the story after your rough draft is complete. Check it over to make sure that you have included all of the information and that the spelling is correct.
- Make a neat final copy of your story.
- Think of a headline for the story.

## Include Advertising

- Design ads to announce special events that will take place in your community.

## Lay Out the Stories

- Use a blank piece of paper and decide where each story should be placed.
- Paste your pictures, games, and weather information on the page as well.
- Include an index on the front page of your newspaper.

## Publish Your Newspaper

- Photocopy your newspaper and deliver it to your friends and family.

