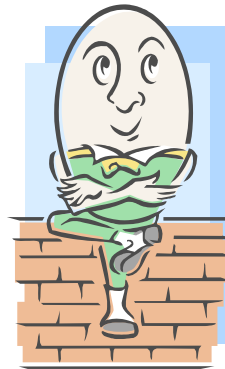


The nine o'clock nursery rhyme news

Task

Your group task is to present a 3-5 minute news bulletin on a story for the nine o'clock news. Turn one of the following nursery rhymes into the top story of the night using relevant news programme techniques:

- Humpty Dumpty
- Little Bo Peep
- Jack and Jill
- Little Boy Blue
- Three Blind Mice
- The Queen of Hearts
- Little Miss Muffet
- Doctor Foster.



Things to consider:

Roles you could adopt

Newsreader, interviewer, expert, eyewitness, characters from the nursery rhyme, outside broadcaster, relative, politician, any other you think relevant.

Techniques you could use

Re-enactments, freeze frame pictures, flashbacks, interviews, discussions in the newsroom, reading to camera, any other techniques of your choice.

Aspects you could include

A brief summary of the story, a link to an outside broadcaster at the scene, an interview in the studio with characters or relatives, an expert's / politician's opinion, photographs (freeze frames) or video (re-enactment) of the incident, ideas of your own.

Language and register

Try to use vocabulary that conveys the shock and severity associated with your tale. What makes it newsworthy? What are the issues? Why will the public want to watch this news item?

Try to be inventive so that you give the news item some energy and originality.

Getting started

You could start with the newsreader stating: ***“Earlier today there was a serious incident in Nursery Rhyme Land...”***

Finishing it off

You could end with: ***“And we’ll bring you more on that story as we receive it.”***

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Nursery Rhyme News Items

<p>The Queen of Hearts</p> <p>The Queen of Hearts She made some tarts All on a summer's day. The Knave of Hearts He stole those tarts And took them clean away.</p>	<p>Little Bo Peep</p> <p>Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep And doesn't know where to find them Leave them alone and they'll come home Wagging their tails behind them.</p>
<p>Doctor Foster</p> <p>Doctor Foster went to Gloucester In a shower of rain. He stepped in a puddle Right up to his middle And never went there again.</p>	<p>Little Miss Muffet</p> <p>Little Miss Muffet Sat on a tuffet Eating her curds and whey. Along came a spider Who sat down beside her And frightened Miss Muffet away.</p>
<p>Little Boy Blue</p> <p>Little Boy Blue Come blow your horn The sheep's in the meadow The cow's in the corn But where is the boy who looks after the sheep? He's under a haystack fast asleep.</p>	<p>Three Blind Mice</p> <p>Three blind mice Three blind mice See how they run See how they run They all ran after the farmer's wife Who cut off their tails with a carving knife Did you ever see such a thing in your life As three blind mice.</p>
<p>Jack and Jill</p> <p>Jack and Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown And Jill came tumbling after.</p>	<p>Humpty Dumpty</p> <p>Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall Humpty Dumpty had a great fall All the king's horses And all the king's men Couldn't put Humpty together again.</p>