

Worksheet 1.2

You are going to read the script of a Channel 4 News story, broadcast on Saturday 10th September. It concerns a celebrity telethon – involving music and movie stars handling calls from the public and trying to get them to pledge money to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Your task is to spot the following:

The **INTRODUCTION** and the main questions it asks:

Who is involved?
When did it happen?
What has happened?
Where did it happen?
Why did it happen?

It might even raise another question - how it happened?

Then there is the **MAIN BODY** of the report in which the answers to some or all of these questions are provided and elaborated. Part of this elaboration will be contained in the visual images that provide the evidence that the story is genuine.

Then there is the **CONCLUSION**. Here the story is brought to a close and loose ends are tied up. Of course, not all conclusions can be neat – they may point out that a problem remains to be solved some time in the future.

At the end of this exercise, you will have annotations showing that you can spot the way the story has been structured.

- Circle and identify the questions in the story and link them with their answers.
- Identify the introduction, the main body of the story and the conclusion.
- Identify the main bits of evidence used to prove what is being said.
- Identify any bits of the script that tell us how to understand the images we are seeing.
- Identify any loose ends that make the story a bit 'harder'.

Images and recorded sound accompanying images	Script
Medium shot of Channel 4 News presenter.	"Celebrity musicians and actors have gathered across the USA in an effort to raise money for the victims of Katrina – this is what it looked like...."
Low angle tracking shot around the edge of a stage upon which Bono and Mary J Blige are performing.	Voice over: "Another cause, another concert – but this time U2 sang with Mary J Blige to raise money for the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.
Medium shot of actor Morgan Freeman explaining his links to the Mississippi Delta, having been born and grown up there just inland from New Orleans.	Voice over: "In an echo of the post 9-11 Telethon, stars of stage and screen linked up Los Angeles
Shot of unidentified performer playing a guitar on stage.	

<p>Medium shot of actress Julia Roberts celebrating the spirit of generosity that she claims is flooding America: "Americans are opening their doors to people they have never met..."</p> <p>Long shot of lecture-hall style arrangement of seats and telephones – at each one sits a glamorous star taking calls.</p> <p>Medium shot of actor Jack Nicholson singing down the phone to one prospective donor: "I'll never stop saying Maria..."</p> <p>Tracking shot, circling the singer Paul Simon singing 'In the city of my dreams...'</p> <p>Medium shot of actor and comedian Chris Rock: "We realise that not everyone can leap into an SUV or check into a nice hotel."</p> <p>Tracking medium shot of singer at piano performing a song – we hear the line: "Walking in New Orleans..."</p> <p>Medium shot of bulletin presenter: "Till tomorrow at 6pm – that's Channel 4 News."</p>	<p>and New York across six television networks for an hour."</p> <p>Voice over: "Stars manned the phones offering the occasional unexpected serenade."</p> <p>Voice over – over the top of the song: "No censorship or time delay, but although nobody bashed the President, there was some implicit criticism..."</p> <p>Voice over: "They ended with the wishful thinking of one of New Orleans' favourite sons Dr John... ..."The 9/11 Telethon raised \$50 million - if they can do that this time they'll be happy."</p>
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