**Write a news story about a past or future event**

1. **Overview**

* In this written assessment, you will write a news story about an event that happened in the past OR will take place in the future in the UAE.
* Examples of such an event could include:

* an historic event witnessed by a relative (e.g., Forming of the UAE)
* a festival (e.g., Happiness Festival; Literature Festival; Innovation Month)
* a conference (e.g., World Government Summit
* an exhibition (e.g., EXPO, Art Dubai)
* a competition (e.g., Hackathon; photography, logo)
* a special day (e.g., Major's Day; Careers Spotlight; White Cane Day; World Diabetes Day)
* a campaign (e.g., Cancer Awareness; Autism; Environmental Health & Safety)
* a sporting event (e.g., Fitness challenge 30x30)
* a celebration (e.g., National Flag Day; Martyr’s Day; UAE Pioneers Award)
* a meeting with a UAE leader

* The assessment is worth 20% of your overall grade for this course

1. **Instructions**

* There are three stages to the assessment:

1. Conduct Research
2. Write a News Story
3. Conduct Grammatical Analysis
4. **Conduct Research**

* Choose an event to write about.
* Find information about the event.
* Identify / Find someone you can interview about the event. This should be someone who either
* attended the event
* witnessed the event
* helped organize it

* Write interview questions, to find out:
* What the event was
* Why the event took place
* What happened during the event
* When and where it took place
* Who was involved
* Who participated
* How successful it was
* Other relevant details related to the event

* Interview the person involved or who witnessed the event either in person or by email.
* Make a record of their answers (You will submit this with your news story).

1. **Write a News Story (Part 1)**

* Write your news story in your own words
* Use your notes from the interview and other sources.
* You must use at least two quotes from the interview in your news story.
* You should write between 300 and 400 words.

1. **Conduct Grammatical Analysis (Part 2)**

* Now apply some of the grammatical knowledge you have gained from the course to your own writing.
* Using sentences from your news story, find the following:

* + **6 Noun Phrases**
  + **6 Prepositional Phrases**
  + **6 Verb Phrases**
  + **6 Clause Types**
  + **6 Clause Patterns**

* Under each heading, list the different examples and label them with the correct grammatical terminology.
* Here is an example:

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| **Noun Phrases** | **Analysis** |
| The department | Definite article + noun |
| many students | Quantifier + noun |
| **Prepositional Phrases** | **Analysis** |
| On the 26th of February | Point in time |
| in the event | location |
| **Verb Phrases** | **Analysis** |
| celebrated | Simple past |
| was teaching | Past continuous |
| **Clause Types (Relative – Time)** | **Analysis** |
| I was teaching my cousin science    while my brother was walking around the house | Main clause    Time clause |
| that were introduced in the event | Relative clause/ Identifying (services) |

1. **Presentation of Work**

* In your final submission, ensure you have the following:

1. **Cover page** with your name, course details and assignment name
2. **News Story** of between 300 and 400 words in length
3. **Grammatical Analysis**
4. **References**- List any sources you have used following APA style rules
5. **Appendix** - Interview questions and answers