

## REPORTING

A news story must often be built up from a number of reports. You are at your news desk when the following events occur:

### 17.10 hrs.

Telephone caller: Perhaps you'd like to know there's been another pile-up on the Birmingham Road here in Wandsworth. You know where that young man was killed two years ago. People say there are two killed this time. Traffic's queueing for miles back. Here's my name and address in case you pay.

### 17.12 hrs.

Check with area police HQ. 'Yes, there's a report of an accident' on the Birmingham Road. A squad car is investigating.

### 17.55 hrs.

Call from reporter sent to check. It's about two miles from town. A lorry ran into some kids on their bikes. They've been taken to hospital. They are in pretty bad shape. Woman witness heard screech of brakes and saw the lorry swerve. It was pretty dark. When she got over the other side of the road she saw two bicycles. One kid was under the lorry. The road's getting icy. The lorry driver is still being questioned by the police, I think.

### 18.05 hrs.

Check with local hospital. Two boys one dead on arrival. The other seriously injured. No — we can't release names at this stage.

### 18.32 hrs.

Call from reporter at hospital. Two boys brought in — one was found dead on arrival. The lorry driver's also brought in — suffering from shock, I'm told, but they don't expect to keep him in overnight. He says the kids had no lights. He's a Mr J. Smith of Wandsworth.

### 19.10 hrs.

News agency report: 19.05 hrs. BOY KILLED ANOTHER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT WITH BRICK LORRY NEAR WANDSWORTH THIS EVENING. DRIVER MR J SMITH, PARK STREET, WANDSWORTH IN HOSPITAL WITH SHOCK.

### 19.30 hrs.

Another telephone caller: 'Never mind who I am. Just say I'm a friend of the dead boy's mother. That driver — he was driving like a maniac. It was bloody murder. He was probably drunk — not fit to drive.



Now write your news story and hand it to your chief editor. You may choose the type of newspaper you are working for and produce the report according to its characteristics.