



# Air quality newsflash

Change your journey, change your country

## Objectives

- To learn how active travel can have a positive impact on the country.
- To write a report/ newsflash script on why active travel is important.

## Session plan

Get pupils to brainstorm how active travel can benefit the whole country.

Encourage pupils to write a report/script on how active travel can benefit the country. They can use their worksheet for help on how to write a report or adapt the example given. Pupils have the option to turn their report/script into a newsflash about active travel. See the extension for more information.

## Extension

Pupils can now turn their report into a newsflash.

Allocate 10 minutes for pupils to practice their newsflash and find any props needed.

Each pupil/group in turn presents their newsflash.

Ask pupils to provide constructive feedback on each newsflash.

**Optional** – film pupils newsflashes and share on social media to spread the message on the importance of active travel.

## Adaptation

If pupils are unable to write a report on the benefits of active travel discuss as a class what air pollution is, what causes it and what can be done to reduce it.

## Time needed

30–45 mins

## Resources needed

- Pen and paper to write out the newsflash
- Props for the extension (optional)

## Solo/group activity

Either

## Curriculum links

England

- Reading and writing
- Spoken language

Northern Ireland

- Language and Literacy

Scotland

- Literacy and English: listening and talking

Welsh Curriculum Areas of Learning and Experience

- Language, Literacy and Communication

Pupil worksheet:

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## Instructions

You can use these five points to help you write a report

- **What** is the story?
- **Why** is the story important? **How** can you get the audience's interest?
- **Who** is the audience.
- **Where** - remember you are talking about an issue that is impacting the whole country.
- **When** - make sure you talk about the importance of the topic **NOW!**



## Example report script

Hello, this is an important news flash!

Pollution is affecting the air we breathe and is causing climate change.

This is really bad because the polar ice caps will all melt which causes sea levels to rise and polar bears and penguins to lose their homes.

Pollution comes from lots of places but here in the UK transport is the biggest cause.

We need to act now! There are lots of things we can all do.

For example, we can choose to walk or cycle instead of travelling by car.

If lots of people did this there would be less cars which cause pollution, so the air we breathe will be better. It will also be safer to get to school.

Why don't you try taking one journey this week that is not in the car and see how you feel.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to us today.