

Job of
the week

Journalist

Do you have a genuine desire to carry out research, investigate and write up stories?



Skills...

People skills

Independence

Communication

Confident

Managing risk

Resilient

Ability to influence

Motivated

Outgoing

Flexible

UK Average Salary:

£27,000

Starting Salary:

£17,000

What would you do?

- Journalists are storytellers! You would write and report news stories covering anything from politics to sport to entertainment.



What would you do?

- Attending press conferences, court sessions, council meetings and other public events
- Interviewing all kinds of people
- Researching tip-offs from members of the public or personal contacts
- Carrying out some sub-editing duties by laying out news pages and adding headlines
- Taking photographs to accompany stories



What do you need?

- You could train on the job as part of a traineeship or apprenticeship scheme, OR you could do an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in journalism.
- To get on a relevant degree you'll need five GCSEs A-C, including maths, English and science and three A levels.



What do you need?

- There are no specific subjects required but relevant ones include: English literature, English language, media, psychology, sociology, communication studies and law.
- A level 3 vocational qualification in media studies would be relevant for this work. Check with universities regarding acceptability



Other jobs that might interest you...

- Copywriter
- Reporter
- Editorial assistant
- Magazine features editor
- Proofreader
- Writer / author
- Web content manager



Top Tips

Find a **relevant**
work experience
placement

Show your
enthusiasm by
volunteering

Do **research**
into similar
jobs