

A Headline the Source Can Support

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Read, repair, justify

All accounts are fictional teaching texts. For each card, read its own source. Line 1: a replacement headline, up to 18 words. Line 2: a short reason with that source code. Keep who, when and how certain. Do not invent a result.

Example only. M: A bakery is considering opening on Wednesdays if enough volunteers join; no decision has been made. Draft: Bakery confirms Wednesday opening. Replacement: Bakery considers Wednesday opening if enough volunteers join. Reason: M gives a conditional proposal, not a confirmed opening.

Reported: the source says it happened. Proposed: someone suggests it. Unverified: not established by the available evidence; it need not be false. A named or original source can still have limits. Scope = the people, place and period a statement covers.

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Confidence after borrowing. S1 — Tool-library feedback note. Twelve borrowers chose to answer an optional questionnaire after the summer loan period. Nine said they felt more confident doing small repairs; three reported no change. The note recommends collecting feedback from people who did not reply before making a wider claim. It offers no comparison with people who did not borrow tools, so it cannot show whether borrowing caused the reported change. Draft headline: Tool library makes every borrower more confident.

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A possible workspace pass. S2 — Workspace manager's proposal. The manager has asked the committee to discuss a free morning pass for one centre during next spring. The proposal would cover registered job seekers, rather than everyone using the building. The committee has neither approved the pass nor agreed how to fund it. The manager hopes the trial can go ahead, but says the decision depends on finding a partner willing to cover the cost. Draft headline: Every worker will receive free workspace access next year.

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More recorded rides. S3 — Volunteer bus log. Volunteers recorded 31 passenger journeys on two Tuesday and Thursday evenings before a timetable change and 46 on the same two evenings afterwards. The logs do not cover Friday services or other weeks. A nearby evening event also began during the later period. The writer welcomes the rise but says the short observation and the additional event prevent the log from identifying the timetable as the sole cause. Draft headline: New timetable alone increases journeys on every evening service.

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Two conflicting accounts. S4 — Workshop newsletter correction. A visitor's blog says the workshop doors were closed at noon on Sunday. A volunteer's email says the doors were open at that time, although no staff were at the desk. The newsletter has obtained both accounts but no dated attendance sheet or door log. Its editor will contact other people who were there before deciding what happened. Neither account is presented as already confirmed. Draft headline: Records prove the workshop was closed at noon on Sunday.

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A preference, not a demand. S5 — Festival interview article. The organiser selected four regular attendees for short interviews about access. Three preferred a mixture of in-person events and online recordings; the fourth wanted only in-person events. The article quotes those views without surveying other attendees. The writer argues that testing recordings could be useful, while recognising that the interviews cannot establish what the membership as a whole wants. Draft headline: All festival members demand that every event move online.

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A total still under review. S6 — Refill-station draft return report. The organiser's first spreadsheet lists 58 bottle-return entries for the autumn trial. During a check, staff noticed that some entries might refer to the same returned bottle twice. They have not yet identified every duplicate, so the draft does not give a final total of distinct bottles. The organiser plans to publish a corrected total after the check and asks readers not to treat the initial entry count as a settled result. Draft headline: Final report confirms exactly 58 separate bottles returned.

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New account, new reader

T — Shared-oven trial notice. Five households volunteered to share one oven on three Saturdays. Two households said the arrangement was convenient; the other three have not sent feedback. The coordinator is considering another trial, provided a volunteer can manage bookings. No booking volunteer has been confirmed.

Write a notice for neighbours who may join: one sentence on the reported feedback and one on the possible next trial. Keep missing feedback distinct from criticism. Line 3: name T and one limit. Up to 38 words altogether.

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