

Nelson English Usage

Digital resources for the Australian Curriculum

The year in review

Choose one of your heroes – an athlete or a sporting team, a musician or artist, an actor or author, a politician or philosopher, a judge or a doctor – and research what they have done in their career over the past year. Write a feature article as a kind of diary synopsis on where they have been, what they have been doing, and what they have achieved, if anything. You should explore the year in as much detail as you can within the word limit, but you should also provide a brief introduction about the person or group you are writing about, because you should assume that your audience does not necessarily know them as well as you do.

As an example, if you write a review of a particular musician's year, you might include whether they have recorded or released an album, if they have toured and where, if they performed on a music show of any kind, if they had particular success or failure on music charts, if any controversy surrounded the music they released, and so on. If the musician released an album, you might note whether he or she wrote songs on the album. If the musician embarked on a world tour, you might list some of the venues and cities, how many shows were performed, and whether they were sell-out shows.

If you are able to find an estimate online, you could list their approximate income over the year.

On a more personal note, you could choose to list any life milestones, such as marriage or the birth of a child, but this should not be your focus and you must not write anything that is untrue or unconfirmed.

Word count: 400 words

Things to think about

- Tense
- Point of view
- Tone
- Style
- Register
- Themes or ideology

Topic:

Title: