

## News Report

A news report has the following characteristics: it is an informative text that provides information on an event, an activity or on a performance. It is objective and sticks to the facts. It tells WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY (the 5 Ws) and HOW. It may also include quotations.

A writing plan can help you be sure that all the information is included.

**Subject:** The launch of the space shuttle Endeavour

**What:** the space shuttle Endeavour takes off

**Where:** Kennedy Space Centre, Cape Canaveral, Florida

**When:** Friday, November 30, 2000 at 10:06 p.m.

**Why:** its goal is to dock with the International Space Station as part of an international collaboration project, to provide the station with a reliable source of energy

**How:** by installing solar panels

**Who:** Canadian Marc Garneau and four Americans

This information will be incorporated throughout the text. Read the following paragraphs to see how.

### **Successful Launch of the Space Shuttle *Endeavour***

On Friday, November 30, at exactly 10:06 p.m., the shuttle *Endeavour* took off from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on its flight to the International Space Station (ISS), currently orbiting the Earth at an altitude of 400 km. When completed, the space station will include six laboratories and be staffed by a permanent crew of seven astronauts.

The purpose of this mission, one of 50 necessary to transport and assemble equipment to complete the ISS, is to provide a reliable source of electricity needed for scientific activities and for the crew's life support. Four solar panels on board the shuttle will be installed using the Canadarm.

Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau, who will be flying on his third space mission, is the flight engineer for this mission. His role is crucial. Using the Canadarm, he will remove from the shuttle's cargo bay a supporting truss to which the solar panels are attached. He will also supervise the spacewalks of astronauts Joseph Tanner and Carlos Noriega. The other two crew members are Americans Brent Jett and Mike Bloomfield.

An ambitious project, the space station is the result of international collaboration between the United States, Canada, Japan, Brazil and several European countries, including France, Britain, Switzerland and Germany. During the next flight, the Destiny laboratory will be installed on board the ISS.