

Bias Detective

Identifying Bias in the Media

Below are six statements from news reporters commenting on a variety of newsworthy stories and events. Label each statement as being biased or unbiased. If the statement is biased, highlight the section of the text that helped you to identify this.

Remember, biased statements are based on the writer's own perspective or opinion.

		Biased	Unbiased
1.	The shire's new plan for recycling and waste management is a pointless misuse of time, resources and manpower.	✓	
2.	The Dugongs defeated the Leopards by over 100 points, taking them straight to the top of the ladder before next week's finals begin.		✓
3.	The newly appointed president of the Cricket Club will bring nothing but trouble.	✓	
4.	The State Premier is doing a wonderful job for our community, prioritising the safety and wellbeing of all citizens.	✓	
5.	Friday's extreme wind and lightning storms have caused over three million dollars worth of damage to homes, buildings and power lines in the local area.		✓
6.	Last night's opening show of 'Sparkle' was a fantastic success and is by far the best theatre show currently playing in our city!	✓	

Choose one of the biased statements and rewrite it so that it does not include any personal opinion, perspective or bias, only facts.

4. The state premier prioritises the safety and wellbeing of all citizens.

Task 1: