

Radio Vocabulary

Actuality -- A recording of a speaker, also known as a "sound bite" for television or a "quotation" in a newspaper article.

Hard lede -- Who, what, when, why, where and how information for the beginning of a traditional news story.

Lede -- also written as lead; the first paragraph that summarizes the main points of the news story.

News -- timely and important information for the community to know about, or an event or action that could affect people's lives.

Newscast -- news broadcast

News judgment -- making decisions on a range of topics; deciding what is news and making editorial and ethical decisions

Newsroom -- a room where news stories are written and edited

News spot -- a voicer or a wrap used in a newscast

Soft lede -- an opening paragraph that is more like a feature than straight news that sets a scene or provides human interest before the facts.

Spot -- a short news report included in a newscast

Voicer -- news report without an actuality (also called a "reader")

Wrap -- news report that includes an actuality (tape)