



Five-Day News Diary

PURPOSE: The purpose of keeping a Five-Day News Diary is for you to evaluate where you get your daily news. Do you get your daily news more frequently from online sources or from offline sources?

INSTRUCTIONS: For five consecutive days, jot down at least two news items per day that you learned on each of the five days. The news items can be national, international, local, or interpersonal. However, each news item must be a piece of information that is truly news, rather than a piece of information that's been known for a while but you're just learning about it for the first time.

In addition to jotting down the news item, **jot down the source from which you learned the news item.** Did you hear the news item on radio or TV? Did you read the news item in a (physical) newspaper? Did you learn the news item from Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, email, or another form of social media? Did you receive the news item in a text message or hear it in a conversation?

Classify each source as online or offline. If you read the news item off your laptop or smartphone (e.g., in an online newspaper, such as Huffington Post or Daily Cardinal, or through text message, email, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or other forms of social media), the source is online. Similarly, if you saw or heard the news item on your laptop or smartphone (through an online video, an online radio station, such as iHeart Radio, Pandora, or TuneIn Radio, or a cell phone call), then the source is online.

In contrast, if you learned the news item from an in-person or landline phone conversation, from non-Internet-based TV or radio, or from a hard-copy newspaper, then the news source is offline.

Lastly, compile a table and produce a graph like those on the next page. You may hand-draw the graph, but **you must turn in the table and graph as a one-page PDF.**

Day	News Item	Source	Online?
1	Former Olympic swimmer and reality TV star Bruce Jenner is transitioning to a female gender	Twitter	Online
1	UW is likely to face \$300 million in budget cuts	email	Online
2	Brian Williams' Iraq War helicopter-shot-down story might not be accurate	Twitter	Online
2	The Wisconsin Idea was reinstated into the Governor's budget document	Twitter	Online
3	Rich Prather and Alexa Romberg's second child was born, announced as N=2 (because they are Psychology professors)	Facebook	Online
3	Tony Bennet will perform with Lady Gaga at the Grammys	car radio (NPR)	Offline
4	University of California system will begin requiring all students to be vaccinated against measles	Twitter	Online
4	A West Virginia woman delivered a full term baby but didn't know she was pregnant	Huffington Post	Online
5	The Milwaukee Brewers signed a right-handed reliever	text message	Online
5	A (NYC) Metro-North train wreck killed 7 people, including a curator for the Met Museum	Twitter	Online

