



Fact-Checking

The New Yorker

Writer's sources

Divide the text into many pieces so checking names and dates are correct.

Signs

Always start with obvious part such as controversial or not well-formulated phrases

Never hurry

Look for any source possible. It's normal if checking takes a lot of time

Contact author

Always ask authors for books, magazine, news clips, phone numbers or notes that can be sources of information.

How to talk to quoted people

Never read a quote you want to ask about, sometimes people can deny what they said

Don't write everything

While speaking on the phone write only key words and phrases

S-Town

Machine

Everything that can be doubted should be explained as nothing is obvious

Riliable sources

Always have two independent sources which constitute a good operational definition of truth

Experts' opinion

Considering science always ask some experts

Emails

They should not be used for writing questions, but perfect for setting up calls

Wiki

Wiki itself is not reliable, but used links can be helpful

Newsweek

Check your work

After finishing one part or the whole work look for any mistakes you may have made

Beginners

Having interns or junior employees means you should train them and oversight

Journalists

Thoughts

Sometimes writing thoughts can lead to something bigger

Small companies

To avoid consequences of making mistakes at the career's start, it's better to start in SC

What is interesting for you

Write this at first, and after that you won't notice how you moved to other parts of work

Different formats

Journalists should be able to tell a story in every format

Wide net

Think deeply about everything that can be connected, call every person you can get any information from

Repeating question

During interviews return sometimes to already asked questions to be on track

From report to story

One of the ways to start writing a story is to start writing report

Be stubborn

If you get "no" as an answer, come back again and again until you receive answer you want to

Double check

Check twice everything you get from sources

Don't share secrets

If you tell others' secrets you will lose interviewee's trust

Ask if a person has something to tell

This question can give information that you did not expect

Show up

Meeting in person is better than speaking on the phone

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как это убрать?