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## PREFACE

Welcome to *Mastering English for Global Influence: Diplomacy and Journalism*. In today's interconnected world, effective communication in English is essential for navigating the complexities of international relations. As educators, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of language proficiency on the careers of future diplomats and journalists. This book emerges from our passion for equipping students with the linguistic skills and cultural insights necessary to excel in these influential fields.

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### **Mastering English for Global Influence: Diplomacy and Journalism: Essential Skills for Effective Communication in International Arenas**

Our "English for Diplomacy and Journalism" teaching emphasises language mechanics and its strategic and ethical dimensions. Language serves as the cornerstone of diplomatic negotiations, enabling clear articulation of policies, fostering understanding across diverse cultures, and bridging the gap between conflicting interests. Similarly, in journalism, language is the tool through which truth is conveyed, stories are told, and public opinion is shaped. Mastery of English empowers practitioners in both

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disciplines to navigate complexities, uphold professional standards, and contribute meaningfully to global dialogue.

### **Who Should Read This Book?**

This book is designed for students, professionals, and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of English in the context of global influence. Whether you are preparing for a career in international relations, aspiring to report on global events with clarity and accuracy, or simply intrigued by the interconnectedness of today's world, *Mastering English for Global Influence: Diplomacy and Journalism* offers insights and practical guidance to enhance your proficiency and impact.

As you embark on this educational journey with us, we invite you to explore *Mastering English for Global Influence: Diplomacy and Journalism*. May this book serve as a resource for language proficiency and a gateway to understanding the nuances of global communication, the ethical responsibilities inherent in reporting, and the strategic imperatives of diplomatic engagement. Together, let us embrace the transformative power of language in shaping a more connected, informed, and inclusive global community.

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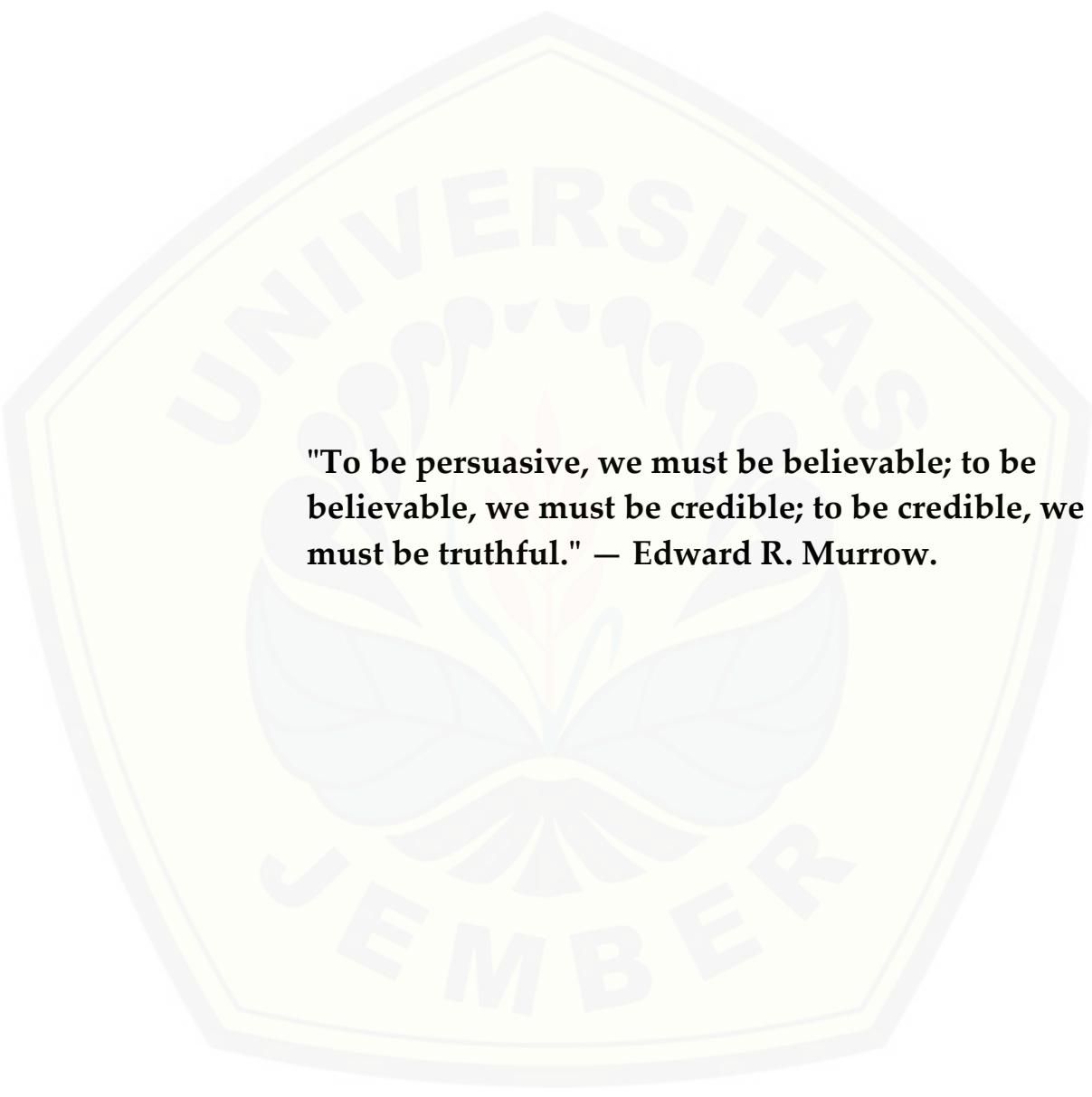
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**"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; to be credible, we must be truthful." — Edward R. Murrow.**

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## INTRODUCTION

In our increasingly interconnected world, proficiency in English has become indispensable for professionals in diplomacy and journalism, as both fields strive to shape public opinion through effective communication. Whether it involves articulating nuanced ideas during negotiations, drafting comprehensive agreements, or reporting intricate news stories, mastering English is essential.

This book offers comprehensive guidance and practical exercises designed to help students and professionals excel in these crucial areas, enabling them to navigate the complexities of international relations and global media with confidence and skill.

### **Importance of English Proficiency in Diplomacy and Journalism**

English serves as the lingua franca in international diplomacy and global media, making proficiency in the language indispensable for diplomats and journalists who operate on the global stage. Diplomats use English to engage in dialogues, negotiate treaties, and represent their countries at international forums. Mastery of diplomatic language enables them to articulate their positions clearly, build consensus, and find common ground. According to Nye (2004), "Soft power depends on communication skills and the ability to shape narratives" (p. 33), emphasizing the critical role of language proficiency in diplomacy (Joseph S. Nye, 2004).

In journalism, English proficiency is equally vital. Journalists rely on English to report events, conduct interviews, and write articles that reach a global audience. The ability to convey accurate and compelling stories in

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English is crucial for informing the public, fostering transparency, and holding those in power accountable. As Kovach and Rosenstiel (2007) state, "The primary purpose of journalism is to provide citizens with the information they need to be free and self-governing" (p. 12). Thus, effective communication in English is fundamental to the integrity and impact of journalism (Kovach & Rosenstiel, 2007).

Furthermore, English is a bridge for international communication and understanding. Wynford Hicks, in his guide "English for Journalists," highlights the importance of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and journalistic writing for clear and effective reporting (Wynford, 2013). This foundation is equally important in public diplomacy, where the standards of objectivity and accuracy in journalism should be mirrored to maintain credibility and ethical conduct, as argued by Philip Seib (Seib, 2009).

The intersection of journalism and diplomacy is further explored through the concept of "mediative journalism," which suggests that quality journalism can contribute to conflict resolution by balancing perspectives and fostering critical reflection, akin to mediation in diplomacy (Wetzstein, 2010). The historical context of the League of Nations' communication strategies reveals the fluid and ambivalent nature of "open diplomacy," where journalists, PR professionals, and diplomats negotiated the public sphere, highlighting the permeable and heterogeneous roles within these fields (Gellrich et al., 2020). Modern public diplomacy has evolved with new communication technologies, allowing broadcasters to use internet-based media to enhance their reach and influence, thus requiring adherence to established journalistic principles to maintain public trust (Seib, 2010).

Despite the assumption that impartiality is necessary for ethical public diplomacy, Juha Räikkä argues that partiality

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does not conflict with high journalistic standards, as accurate and balanced news writing can still be achieved even with a clear political message (Juha, 2016). The rise of illiberal regimes and their use of public diplomacy tools, such as international public news agencies, further complicates the landscape, as these regimes often employ monologic and conflictive coverage styles, disrupting global peace efforts (Ersoy & İşeri, 2024).

The manipulation of translated journalistic texts, as seen in the Iranian nuclear negotiations, underscores the potential for media to emphasize in-group favouritism and out-group derogation, reflecting broader narratives of resistance and independence (Mohammad et al., 2016). The conceptual models of public diplomacy, media diplomacy, and media-broker diplomacy illustrate the diverse ways media can influence foreign policy and international negotiations, with journalists sometimes assuming the role of diplomats to mediate conflicts (Gilboa, 2001).

Finally, the connection between public diplomacy practices and the English School's tenets suggests that effective public diplomacy can shape the norms and values governing the international society of states, highlighting the importance of social power in this context (Antonio, 2015). Thus, English for diplomacy and journalism is not just about language proficiency but also about understanding and navigating international communication's ethical, political, and social dimensions.

## **Objectives and Scope**

This book is structured to equip readers with the essential skills for effective communication in international arenas. The objectives of this book are:

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1. To thoroughly understand linguistic principles relevant to diplomatic and journalistic contexts.
2. To develop specialized vocabulary and terminology used in diplomacy and journalism.
3. To enhance writing skills for drafting diplomatic documents and journalistic articles.
4. To improve oral communication skills for public speaking, interviews, and negotiations.
5. To offer practical applications through case studies and simulations.

The book covers a wide range of topics, from foundational linguistic concepts to advanced writing and speaking techniques. It includes exercises and practice activities designed to reinforce learning and provide hands-on experience. By the end of this book, readers will be well-prepared to communicate effectively in diplomatic and journalistic settings.

### **Intended Audience**

This book is intended for students and professionals in international relations, diplomacy, journalism, and communication. It is suitable for:

- Undergraduate and graduate students of international relations, journalism, or communication;
- Aspiring diplomats and journalists seeking to enhance their English proficiency;
- Professionals already working in these fields who wish to refine their communication skills;
- Educators and trainers looking for comprehensive teaching materials on English for diplomacy and journalism.

Whether you are a student just beginning your journey

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or a seasoned professional seeking to sharpen your skills, this book offers valuable insights and practical tools to help you succeed in the global arena.

## How to Use This Book

### Structure and Layout

This book is designed to guide you through mastering English for diplomacy and journalism in a structured and systematic way. The book is divided into four main parts, each focusing on a different aspect of language and communication skills:

1. **Foundational Linguistics:** Covers the basics of phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics relevant to diplomatic and journalistic contexts.
2. **English for Specific Purposes** Focuses on specialized vocabulary, terminology used in diplomacy and journalism, and practical applications.
3. **Writing Skills:** Provides comprehensive guidance on drafting diplomatic documents, such as notes, memos, and reports, as well as journalistic articles, including news reports, features, and editorials.
4. **Oral Communication Skills:** Practical exercises and simulations enhance public speaking, interview techniques, and negotiation skills.

Each chapter includes clear learning objectives, key concepts, practical exercises, and real-world examples to reinforce your understanding and application of the material.

### Features and Resources

To support your learning journey, this book offers several features and resources:

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- **Learning Objectives:** Each chapter begins with a set of learning objectives to help you focus on the key skills and knowledge you will gain.
- **Key Concepts:** Important terms and concepts are highlighted and explained in detail to ensure you understand their relevance and application.
- **Practical Exercises:** A variety of exercises are included to provide hands-on practice and reinforce learning. These exercises range from vocabulary-building and grammar drills to writing assignments and oral presentations.
- **Case Studies and Examples:** Real-world case studies and examples illustrate how the concepts and skills are applied in diplomatic and journalistic contexts.
- **Simulations and Role-Playing:** Interactive activities such as simulations and role-playing exercises allow you to practice your skills in realistic scenarios, enhancing your confidence and competence.
- **Supplementary Materials:** Resources such as templates for diplomatic notes and journalistic articles, glossaries of specialized terminology, and links to online resources are provided to support your learning.

### **Tips for Instructors and Students**

This book is designed to be versatile and useful for both self-study and classroom instruction. Here are some tips to help you make the most of it:

#### **For Instructors:**

- **Course Planning:** Use the learning objectives and chapter summaries to plan your course syllabus and ensure comprehensive coverage of key topics.
- **Interactive Learning:** Incorporate the practical exercises, case studies, and simulations into your lessons to create an engaging and interactive learning environment.



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- **Assessment:** Use the exercises and assignments to assess your student's progress and provide constructive feedback to help them improve their skills.

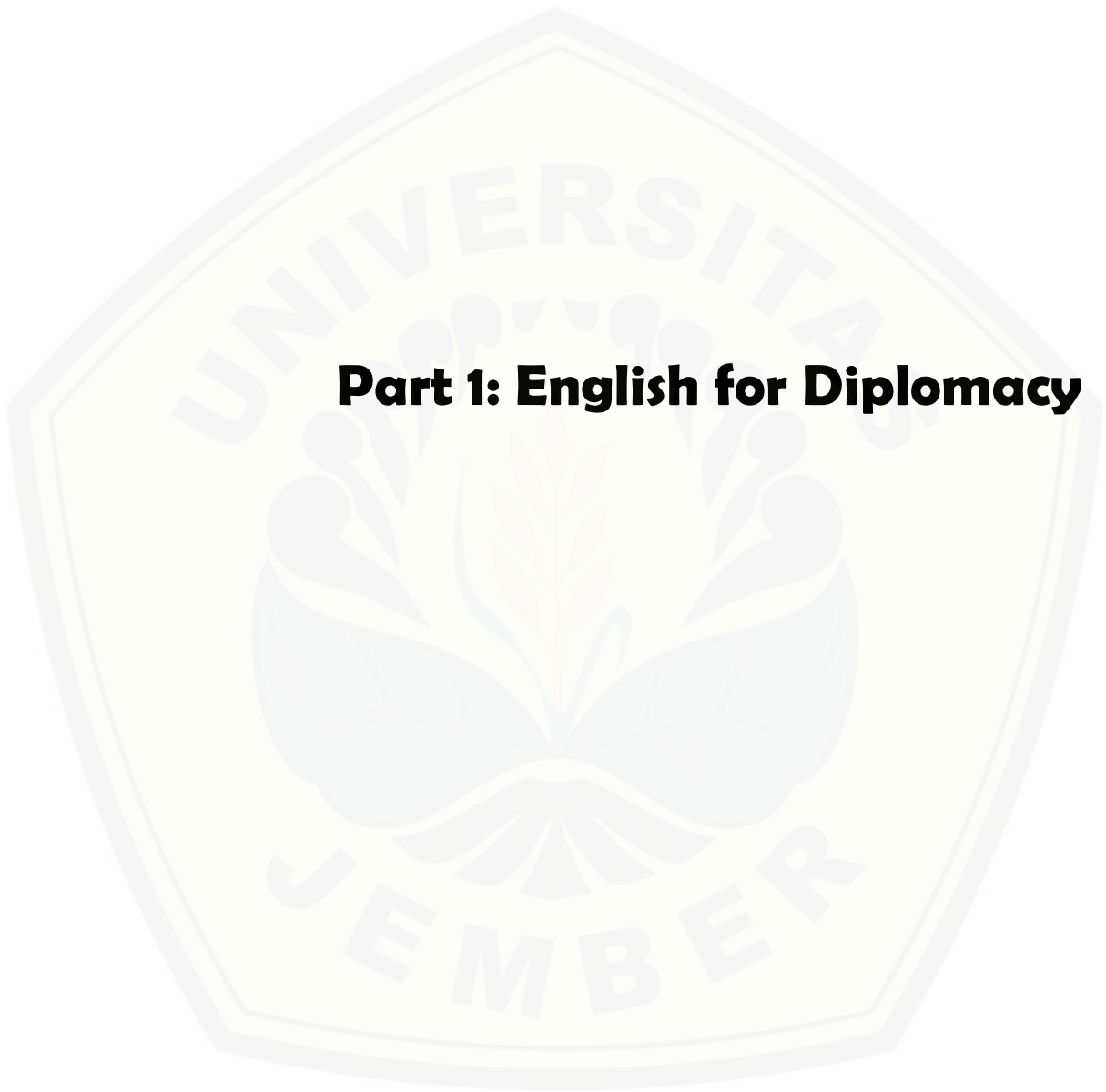
#### **For Students:**

- **Self-Paced Learning:** Follow the book's structure to guide your self-paced learning, taking the time to thoroughly understand each chapter before moving on to the next.
- **Active Participation:** Engage actively with the practical exercises and simulations to reinforce your learning and build your confidence.
- **Seek Feedback:** If you are using this book as part of a course, seek feedback from your instructor on your assignments and presentations to help you improve.
- **Utilize Resources:** Use the supplementary materials and online resources to enhance your understanding and application of the concepts and skills.

By following these guidelines and making the most of the book's features and resources, you will be well on your way to mastering English for diplomacy and journalism, ready to communicate effectively and with confidence in international arenas.

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**Part 1: English for Diplomacy**



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This depicts a formal and professional setting where delegates from various countries are engaged in discussions around a round table, with interpreters present to facilitate multilingual communication.

## CHAPTER 1: DIPLOMATIC ENGLISH

### Definition and Scope

Diplomatic English is the cornerstone of effective international communication and is essential for diplomats, governments, and international organizations to navigate the complexities of global diplomacy. Defined by its precision, nuance, and sensitivity to cultural and national contexts, Diplomatic English enables precise and accurate articulation of policies, negotiations, and representations of national interests on the world stage (E. M. Popkova & Palagina, 2023). This specialized language facilitates the exchange of ideas and serves as a strategic tool in shaping diplomatic relations and fostering international cooperation.

Moreover, Diplomatic English serves as a mode of communication and embodies diplomatic etiquette and protocol essential for effective international engagement. Its usage extends beyond mere linguistic proficiency to encompass strategic language deployment to build rapport, mitigate misunderstandings, and foster mutual trust among diplomatic counterparts (E. M. Popkova & Palagina, 2023). This strategic dimension highlights the importance of Diplomatic English as a tool for diplomatic persuasion and influence in shaping global agendas and consensus.

The evolution of Diplomatic English education reflects its interdisciplinary nature and adaptation to contemporary diplomatic practices. Modern curricula integrate digital advancements and incorporate genre-specific language skills tailored to meet the dynamic demands of global diplomacy (Tomuschat, 2017). These educational frameworks ensure effective communication and negotiation across cultural and linguistic boundaries by equipping diplomats with proficiency in formulaic language and idiomatic expressions.

Furthermore, the teaching and learning of Diplomatic English have adapted to the digital era, integrating online platforms and

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digital tools to enhance learning outcomes and practical application. Virtual simulations and interactive exercises simulate real-world diplomatic scenarios, preparing diplomats to navigate diverse cultural contexts and negotiate complex diplomatic issues effectively (Tomuschat, 2017). Such innovations improve linguistic competence and promote adaptive thinking and problem-solving skills crucial for modern diplomacy.

In practice, Diplomatic English plays a pivotal role in mediating international conflicts and promoting peacebuilding efforts. Its precise and nuanced expression allows diplomats to articulate positions diplomatically, facilitate dialogue, and seek mutually acceptable solutions to global challenges (Berridge, 2021). By bridging linguistic and cultural gaps, Diplomatic English enhances diplomatic efficacy, enabling diplomats to engage in constructive dialogue that promotes stability and cooperation on the global stage.

## **Historical Context**

The historical evolution of diplomatic language is deeply intertwined with the development of international relations, spanning from ancient civilizations to the modern era. In antiquity, languages such as Greek and Latin predominated diplomatic discourse, reflecting the influence of early empires like Ancient Greece and Rome in establishing diplomatic norms and treaties (E. G. Popkova & Palagina, 2023). These languages facilitated communication among city-states and empires, laying foundational diplomatic practices that endured through subsequent epochs.

During the Middle Ages and Renaissance, French emerged as the preeminent diplomatic language across Europe, driven by France's cultural and political hegemony. French became integral to diplomatic negotiations and royal courts, solidifying its role as a *lingua franca* among European powers (Berridge, 2021). This period witnessed the formalization of diplomatic protocols and the establishment of permanent embassies, which relied heavily on linguistic proficiency in French for effective communication.

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However, the ascendancy of English as a global diplomatic language began in the 19th century, propelled by the expansion of the British Empire and the Industrial Revolution. English gradually supplanted French due to Britain's colonial influence, economic power, and technological advancements (Berridge, 2021). By the 20th century, English had become the de facto language of international diplomacy, reinforced by the United States' emergence as a global superpower after World War II and the establishment of multinational institutions such as the United Nations (UN).

The post-World War II era marked a definitive shift where English emerged as the primary language for official communication within international organizations like the UN, NATO, and the World Bank (Nicholas, 2012). Its adoption as a neutral medium for diplomatic exchanges between countries with diverse native languages promoted efficiency and inclusivity in global diplomacy. Today, English facilitates diplomatic negotiations and serves as a common language for scientific collaboration, business transactions, and cultural exchange worldwide (E. M. Popkova & Palagina, 2023).

Understanding this historical trajectory of diplomatic language is crucial for diplomats navigating its complexities and adapting communication strategies to diverse diplomatic contexts. It underscores the evolution of language as a tool of diplomacy, reflecting broader geopolitical shifts and the interconnectedness of nations on the global stage.

### **Key Characteristics of Diplomatic Language**

Diplomatic language exhibits several distinctive characteristics that set it apart from everyday communication. Firstly, it prioritizes precision and clarity to ensure accurate and unambiguous conveyance of diplomatic messages. This entails using formal and standardized terminology to discuss intricate political and legal matters precisely. Additionally, diplomatic language incorporates specific jargon, comprising vocabulary and phrases unique to diplomatic discourse (E. M. Popkova &

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Palagina, 2023). These linguistic tools enable diplomats to communicate subtle nuances and diplomatic intentions effectively while upholding the etiquette expected in international relations.

A prominent feature of diplomatic language is its deliberate use of ambiguity. Diplomats strategically employ ambiguous language to frame negotiations and discussions in ways that accommodate diverse interpretations and facilitate consensus-building (Berridge, 2021). This flexibility is invaluable in navigating sensitive diplomatic issues where mutual understanding and reaching compromises are paramount.

Cultural sensitivity forms another integral aspect of diplomatic language. Diplomats must profoundly understand the cultural norms and practices of the countries they engage with. This awareness allows them to communicate diplomatically, respecting and aligning with the cultural sensitivities of their counterparts (Tomuschat, 2017). Such mastery enhances diplomatic interactions and fosters mutual respect and cooperation across diverse cultural backgrounds.

Moreover, effectively utilising these characteristics equips diplomats to engage in constructive dialogue, skilful negotiation, and adept representation of their countries' interests in international arenas. By navigating the complexities of diplomatic language with precision, sensitivity, and strategic ambiguity, diplomats uphold the principles of diplomacy while advancing global cooperation and resolving international disputes.

## Key Points on Diplomatic Language:

1. **Precision and Clarity:** Diplomatic language prioritizes accuracy and clarity in conveying messages related to complex political and legal issues, utilizing formal and standardized terminology (Popkova & Palagina, 2023).
2. **Use of Diplomatic Jargon:** It incorporates specific vocabulary and phrases unique to diplomatic discourse, enabling diplomats to convey subtle nuances and intentions while maintaining diplomatic decorum.

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3. **Strategic Ambiguity:** Diplomatic language employs ambiguity strategically to facilitate negotiation and consensus-building in delicate diplomatic contexts (Berridge, 2021).
4. **Cultural Sensitivity:** Diplomats must demonstrate deep understanding and respect for the cultural norms and practices of the countries they engage with, enhancing diplomatic interactions and fostering cooperation (Tomuschat, 2017).

**Q&A on Diplomatic Language:**

**Q: Why does diplomatic language emphasize precision and clarity?**

**A:** Diplomatic language ensures that messages are accurately understood in discussions involving intricate political and legal matters, promoting effective communication and negotiation.

**Q: How does diplomatic jargon contribute to effective communication?**

**A:** Diplomatic jargon provides diplomats with specialized vocabulary and phrases that convey diplomatic intentions and subtleties, maintaining professionalism and clarity in international relations.

**Q: Why is strategic ambiguity important in diplomacy?**

**A:** Strategic ambiguity allows diplomats to frame negotiations in ways that accommodate different interpretations, facilitating consensus-building and compromise in sensitive diplomatic situations.

**Q: Why is cultural sensitivity crucial in diplomatic interactions?**

**A:** Cultural sensitivity enables diplomats to communicate respectfully and effectively across diverse cultural backgrounds, fostering mutual respect and cooperation in international relations.

**Q: How do these characteristics contribute to effective diplomatic practice?**



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**A:** By mastering precision, jargon, ambiguity, and cultural sensitivity, diplomats can engage in constructive dialogue, negotiate skillfully, and represent their countries' interests adeptly on the global stage, promoting global cooperation and resolving international disputes.



**CHAPTER 2 :  
TERMINOLOGY AND PHRASES IN DIPLOMACY**

Understanding the specialized terminology and phrases used in diplomacy is essential for navigating the intricacies of international relations. This chapter delves into common terms, their definitions, and contextual usage and provides a comprehensive glossary to illuminate the language of diplomacy (Tomuschat, 2017). By exploring these foundational elements, diplomats and students of international affairs gain insights into the precise language and protocols that shape diplomatic discourse and practice globally.

Diplomatic terminology and phrases are crucial in international relations, ensuring clear and precise communication between states and international organizations. The language of diplomacy is characterized by its simplicity and conciseness, avoiding epithets and comparisons, though it may sometimes incorporate artistic images or historical references to enhance its impact (Derba, 2022). Historically, French has significantly contributed to diplomatic terminology due to its precision and clarity, influencing English diplomatic practice (Sargsyan, 2023a). Diplomatic terms are categorized into one-word terms (e.g., consul, attaché) and compound terms (e.g., international agreement, persona non grata), with compound terms being more prevalent (Derba, 2022).

Recognizing different languages' cultural and linguistic specifics is vital in understanding diplomatic terminology (Ismailova et al., 2023). Terms adopted from foreign languages must be carefully integrated to avoid alternative meanings in the national language (Sargsyan, 2023b). The use of phrasemes, including collocations, idioms, and clichés, is crucial in diplomatic language as they help convey complex ideas succinctly and effectively. Multilingual automated dictionaries of diplomatic terminology are valuable tools for facilitating international communication, helping maintain the relevance and accuracy of terms across different languages and cultural contexts.

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Diplomacy is defined as the conduct of international relations through negotiation and dialogue, encompassing a set of practices, institutions, and discourses that have evolved to meet the functional and normative needs of the international system (Qin, 2020). It extends beyond international relations and can be approached from various angles within the social sciences, including political science and strategic studies. The use of personal pronouns in diplomatic discourse, such as 'I' and 'we,' serves as a persuasive method to include or exclude the audience, revealing the diplomat's attitude, motivation, and social status and helping to construct a positive image of their country (Cornago, 2022)

Diplomacy is also seen as a relational practice where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) plays a pivotal role in managing and building cooperative relationships, guided by principles such as Confucian improvement and Mencian optimality, which emphasize mutual benefit and harmonious relations (Ismailova et al., 2023). The historical context of diplomacy, including its evolution and the influence of bilateralism and multilateralism, highlights the importance of negotiation and other diplomatic methods in contemporary international relations. Overall, the terminology and phrases used in diplomacy are integral to the effective conduct of international relations, requiring careful consideration of linguistic, cultural, and historical factors to ensure clear and accurate communication (Tarita, 2022)

The following are some terminology and Phrases in Diplomacy:

## 1. Common Terms and Definitions

- **Diplomatic Immunity:** The principle that protects diplomats from prosecution or civil lawsuits in the host country, ensuring they can carry out their duties without interference. Example: A diplomat involved in a traffic violation cannot be prosecuted under local laws but may face consequences from their home country.
- **Treaty:** A formal agreement between two or more states or international organizations establishing legal obligations and

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rights. Example: The Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community in 1957, marking a significant step towards European integration.

- **Protocol:** Formal rules and etiquette governing diplomatic ceremonies, state visits, and official communications. Example: Protocol dictates the seating order at international summits based on diplomatic rank and seniority.
- **Ambassador:** A senior diplomatic representative appointed by one state to another to promote diplomatic relations and protect national interests. Example: The US Ambassador to the United Nations is crucial in representing US interests in global diplomacy and UN negotiations.
- **Consulate:** An office or representation of one country in another, providing consular services to citizens and promoting economic and cultural ties. Example: The British Consulate-General in Hong Kong assists British citizens with passport renewals, visas, and legal services.
- **Summit:** A high-level meeting between heads of state or government to discuss important bilateral or global issues. Example: The G7 summit brings together leaders from major industrialized nations to address economic, environmental, and security challenges.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A non-binding agreement outlining mutual goals and intentions. Example: An MoU between universities outlines collaboration in research and student exchange programs without creating legally enforceable obligations.
- **Diplomatic Note:** A formal written communication between governments to convey official messages, requests, or responses. Example: A diplomatic note may be used to protest an action by another country or request clarification on a policy decision.

## 2. Usage in Context

- **Examples of Treaties:** the Treaty of Westphalia (1648) ended the Thirty Years' War and established state sovereignty and

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international law principles. Modern examples include the Kyoto Protocol (1997), addressing global climate change through international cooperation.

- **Protocols in Practice:** Examination of protocols during state visits, including ceremonial aspects such as the exchange of gifts, official banquets, and flag ceremonies. Example: During a state visit, the visiting head of state may lay a wreath at a national monument to honour fallen soldiers.
- **Roles of Ambassadors:** Case studies on ambassadors' roles in negotiating trade agreements, resolving diplomatic disputes, and representing their country's interests in international organizations like the United Nations. Example: The Japanese Ambassador to the US facilitates diplomatic talks on trade tariffs to promote economic cooperation between the two countries.
- **Diplomatic Notes and Memoranda:** Examples of diplomatic notes used to express diplomatic protest, request clarification on policy decisions, or propose initiatives for bilateral cooperation. Example: A diplomatic note may convey dissatisfaction with trade tariffs imposed by another country and seek negotiations to resolve the issue.

### 3. Glossary of Diplomatic Terms

- **Key Diplomatic Terms:** Comprehensive terms such as diplomatic pouch, extradition, extradition treaty, and diplomatic corps;
- **Foreign Policy Terminology:** Definitions of terms like détente, balance of power, soft power, and preemptive strike;
- **Legal and Procedural Terms:** Explanation of legal principles such as diplomatic immunity, extraterritoriality, and international arbitration.
- **Cultural and Protocol-related Terms:** Glossary entries covering terms like state dinner, flag protocol, national anthem etiquette, and gift exchange etiquette;

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## **Exercise:**

These exercises help reinforce understanding of diplomatic terminology, its definitions, usage contexts, and significance in international diplomacy.

### **Exercise 1: Matching Terms and Definitions**

Match each diplomatic term with its correct definition:

- Diplomatic Immunity
- Treaty
- Protocol
- Ambassador
- Consulate
- Summit
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- Diplomatic Note

Definitions:

- a) A formal agreement between states or international organizations;
- b) Legal principle granting diplomats exemption from local laws;
- c) Rules and etiquette for diplomatic ceremonies and interactions;
- d) Senior diplomatic representatives are appointed by one state to another.
- e) Office providing consular services and promoting bilateral ties.
- f) High-level meetings between heads of state or government;
- g) The non-binding agreement outlines mutual goals and intentions;
- h) Formal written communication exchanged between governments;

### **Exercise 2: Usage in Context**

Provide a sentence or scenario where each term would be appropriately used in a diplomatic context. For example:

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- **Treaty:**  
"The peace treaty signing ended decades of conflict between the two nations."
- **Protocol:**  
"The ambassador followed diplomatic protocol during the state banquet."
- **Ambassador:** "The Japanese ambassador presented the cultural exchange program to local officials."
- **Consulate:**  
"Citizens can visit the consulate for visa applications and consular assistance."
- **Summit:** "Leaders discussed global economic policies at the G20 summit."
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** "The MoU between universities outlines cooperation in research projects."
- **Diplomatic Note:** "The embassy sent a diplomatic note requesting clarification on the new immigration policy."

### Exercise 3: Create a Glossary Entry

Choose one diplomatic term from the glossary and create a detailed glossary entry that includes definitions, usage examples, and significance in international relations.

Example:

#### **Diplomatic Immunity:**

- **Definition:** Legal principle granting diplomats immunity from prosecution and civil lawsuits in the host country.
- **Usage Examples:** Diplomatic immunity allows diplomats to perform their duties without fear of legal repercussions.
- **Significance:** Ensures diplomats can engage in diplomatic activities freely, promoting effective international relations and diplomacy.

## **Q&A on Diplomatic Terminology and Phrases:**

The following Q&A pairs provide concise explanations of key concepts in diplomatic terminology, helping to clarify their definitions, roles, and significance in international diplomacy.

### **Q: What is diplomatic immunity?**

**A:** Diplomatic immunity is a legal principle that exempts diplomats from local laws and jurisdiction in the host country, allowing them to perform their duties without interference.

### **Q: How are treaties used in international relations?**

**A:** Treaties are formal agreements between states or international organizations that establish legal obligations and rights, covering a wide range of issues from trade and defence to environmental protection and human rights.

### **Q: What is the role of an ambassador?**

**A:** An ambassador is a senior diplomatic representative appointed by one state to another to promote bilateral relations, protect national interests, and negotiate agreements on behalf of their government.

### **Q: What does a consulate do?**

**A:** A consulate is an office or representation of one country in another, responsible for providing consular services to its citizens, promoting economic and cultural ties, and handling diplomatic affairs in the host country.

### **Q: What is the purpose of a summit in international diplomacy?**

**A:** A summit is a high-level meeting between heads of state or government to discuss important bilateral or global issues, fostering dialogue and cooperation on key diplomatic matters.

### **Q: How does a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) differ**



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**from a treaty?**

**A:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is a non-binding agreement between parties outlining mutual goals and intentions, whereas a treaty is a formal and legally binding agreement that imposes obligations on the parties involved.

**Q: When would diplomats use a diplomatic note?**

**A:** Diplomats use a diplomatic note to formally communicate with other governments, conveying official messages, requests, protests, or proposals in a diplomatic and respectful manner

**Q: Why is cultural sensitivity important in diplomatic interactions?**

**A:** Cultural sensitivity ensures that diplomats understand and respect the cultural norms, traditions, and practices of the countries they engage with, promoting effective communication, mutual respect, and cooperation in international relations.

**Q: How does diplomatic protocol contribute to effective diplomatic engagements?**

**A:** Diplomatic protocol establishes formal rules and etiquette for diplomatic ceremonies, state visits, and official communications, ensuring smooth and respectful interactions between diplomats and government officials from different countries.

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## CHAPTER 3 : WRITING DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS

Effective communication lies at the heart of diplomacy, where written documents' clarity, precision, and sensitivity can shape international relations and outcomes. Diplomatic documents serve as formal channels for conveying messages, proposals, and decisions between governments and diplomatic missions. Understanding these documents' types, structure, format, style, and tone is essential for diplomats and international relations professionals to navigate complex diplomatic landscapes effectively.



These scenes capture a diplomat focused on writing, surrounded by various office items, books, and international flags, illustrating the meticulous and detailed nature of diplomatic writing.

Writing diplomatic documents involves a meticulous process that adheres to specific types, structures, formats, styles, and tones to ensure clarity, precision, and appropriateness in international relations. Diplomatic documents encompass various forms,

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including notes, memos, and reports (Grenaderova, 2020). Notes, such as verbal notes and personal notes, are often used for formal communication between states and typically follow a standardized structure comprising an appeal, initial compliment, body, final compliment, and personal signature. Memos, on the other hand, are used for internal communication within diplomatic missions and are characterized by their concise and direct nature, often addressing specific issues or instructions. Reports are comprehensive documents that provide detailed accounts of diplomatic activities, negotiations, or events and are essential for informing and guiding policy decisions.

The structure and format of diplomatic documents are crucial for maintaining consistency and professionalism. Diplomatic notes, for instance, follow a rigid compositional-architectonic structure that ensures uniformity and repeatability of stylistic and lexical means. This standardization is vital for achieving lexical equivalence and uniformity in translation, which is a common practice in diplomatic correspondence. The structure of these documents often includes a clear introduction, a detailed body, and a concise conclusion, with each section serving a specific purpose in conveying the intended message accurately (Qin, 2020). The style and tone of diplomatic documents are equally important, as they reflect the formality and sensitivity required in international relations. The language used in diplomatic documents should be simple, concise, and devoid of epithets and comparisons, although references to historical facts or artistic images may occasionally be employed to enhance the message. The tone of diplomatic documents is typically formal and neutral, aiming to maintain a collaborative attitude even when addressing critical issues. This is achieved through the use of semantically neutral forms, performative verbs in the passive voice, and verbal nouns, which help to neutralize the general tone of the document and avoid direct confrontation (Ahmedova & Ibadov, 2023).

Moreover, the diplomatic language has evolved over time and has been influenced by both extralinguistic and linguistic factors. The vocabulary, morphology, and syntax of diplomatic documents

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have undergone significant changes, reflecting the development of the official business style and unique diplomatic discourse. The use of international terms from Latin, Greek, German, French, and English languages is prevalent, highlighting the modern trends of international cooperation. Additionally, the diplomatic language is divided into oral and written forms, with each form having its specific features and predominance of certain types of verbs and nouns (Qin, 2020)

In conclusion, writing diplomatic documents requires a thorough understanding of the types, structure, format, style, and tone appropriate for international communication. By adhering to these guidelines, diplomats can ensure that their documents are clear, precise, and effective in conveying their intended messages while maintaining the necessary formality and sensitivity required in diplomatic relations.

### **1. Types of Diplomatic Documents**

- a) **Diplomatic Notes:** These are formal communications between governments, often used to convey official positions, requests, protests, or responses to diplomatic incidents. For example, a diplomatic note may be used to express concerns over trade tariffs imposed by another country or propose a joint climate change initiative.
- b) **Diplomatic Memos:** Internal documents within diplomatic missions used to communicate information, requests, or recommendations. For instance, a memo could outline logistical details for an upcoming state visit or summarize discussions from a bilateral meeting for internal review.
- c) **Diplomatic Reports:** These comprehensive documents provide detailed analysis, assessments, or updates on specific diplomatic issues. A diplomatic report might analyze the economic impact of a new trade agreement or assess political developments in a region of strategic interest.

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## 2. Structure and Format

- a) **Diplomatic Notes:** Structured with a clear introduction, main body presenting key points or arguments, and a conclusion summarizing the message or proposing further action. Example: "In response to recent tariffs on agricultural products, we request a bilateral meeting to discuss trade relations and seek resolution."
- b) **Diplomatic Memos:** Typically include a heading with sender, recipient, date, and subject; an introduction providing context and purpose; a body with organized sections presenting information or proposals; and a conclusion outlining next steps or recommendations. Example: "Memo: State Visit Logistics - Date: June 10, 2024. Subject: Preparation for President's visit to Germany."
- c) **Diplomatic Reports:** Begin with an executive summary summarizing findings and recommendations; include sections such as introduction, methodology, findings and analysis, and recommendations; and are formatted to provide evidence-based insights and policy suggestions. Example: "Executive Summary: Analysis of Economic Impact of Trade Agreement with Country X."

## 3. Style and Tone

- a) **Formality:** Maintain a formal and respectful tone appropriate for diplomatic communication.
- b) **Clarity:** Use precise language to ensure messages are easily understood by recipients.
- c) **Neutrality:** Remain impartial and objective in presenting information and recommendations.
- d) **Diplomatic Language:** Use diplomatic jargon and terms judiciously to convey nuances and intentions effectively.
- e) **Cultural Sensitivity:** Consider cultural norms and sensitivities to foster constructive dialogue and mutual understanding.

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## **Exercises:**

### **1. Exercise: Matching and Applying**

Match each type of diplomatic document with a suitable scenario or example where it would be used effectively:

Scenarios/Examples:

- a) A summary of discussions during a bilateral trade negotiation.
- b) A formal communication is requesting clarification on a new immigration policy.
- c) An analysis of regional political stability for a diplomatic mission's annual report.

### **2. Exercise: Creating Diplomatic Documents**

Create a diplomatic note addressing the following scenario: Your country wishes to propose a joint initiative with a neighbouring nation to combat illegal wildlife trafficking in the region.

Example Response: "Diplomatic Note: Proposal for Joint Initiative on Combating Illegal Wildlife Trafficking - Date: July 15, 2024. Subject: Collaboration with Neighbor on Wildlife Protection."

## **Q&A on Writing Diplomatic Documents:**

### **Q: What is the purpose of a diplomatic note?**

**A:** A diplomatic note is used to formally communicate messages, requests, or responses between governments diplomatically and respectfully.

### **Q: How does a diplomatic memo differ from a diplomatic report?**

**A:** A diplomatic memo is an internal document used within diplomatic missions to communicate information or proposals, while a diplomatic report provides detailed analysis and assessments of specific diplomatic issues.

### **Q: Why is clarity important in diplomatic writing?**

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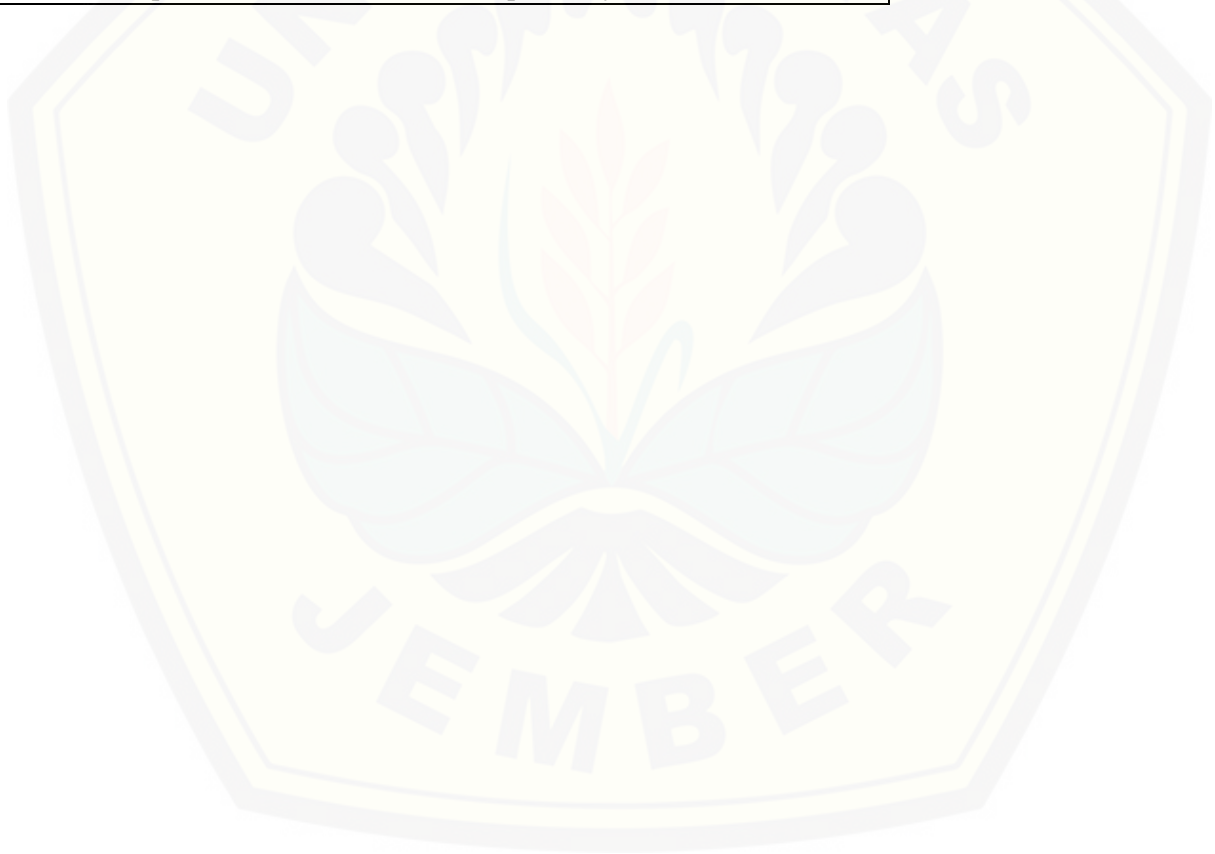
A: Clarity ensures that diplomatic messages are easily understood by recipients, facilitating effective communication and reducing the risk of misunderstandings.

**Q: How can cultural sensitivity enhance diplomatic documents?**

A: Cultural sensitivity helps diplomats consider cultural norms and practices when crafting documents, fostering mutual respect and understanding in international relations.

**Q: What role does diplomatic language play in diplomatic documents?**

A: Diplomatic language uses formal and precise terms to convey diplomatic messages with sensitivity and respect, reflecting the norms and practices of international diplomacy.



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## CHAPTER 4 : DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE

Diplomatic correspondence is the backbone of international relations, facilitating communication between governments, diplomatic missions, and international organizations. This chapter explores the nuances of diplomatic communication through formal letters, emails, invitations, and responses, emphasizing clarity, protocol, and cultural sensitivity. Understanding diplomatic correspondence's structure, format, style, and etiquette is essential for diplomats and international relations professionals to convey messages, extend invitations, and maintain decorum.



Diplomatic Letters 1625-1812

17th and 18th-century Southeast Asia was a region of 'Multiple Centres of Diplomacy'. Of all the thousands of diplomatic manuscripts (Malay: "Surat Emas") exchanged between various rulers, kings, and sultans, few originals survive. These manuscripts, found in libraries worldwide, hold significant cultural and material value. During the VOC period (1619-1799), Batavia Castle was a key diplomatic hub, with numerous letters exchanged, showcasing European adaptation to Asian diplomatic customs and gift exchanges.

Diplomatic correspondence, including formal letters and emails, is crucial in international relations as a medium for communication between states and their representatives. The importance of private information in diplomatic correspondence is



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underscored by its impact on the timing and onset of interstate conflicts. For instance, an analysis of declassified French diplomatic cables from 1871–1914 revealed that private diplomatic information greatly enhances the accuracy of forecasting militarized interstate disputes compared to public information alone (Turney et al., 2019a).

The right to secrecy in correspondence is fundamental to public and private law, ensuring individuals can communicate without interference. This principle is protected under international law and various national legislations, such as those in Ukraine, emphasising the right to privacy and the confidentiality of communication (Shymon & Lupalo, 2022).

Diplomatic protocol and etiquette, which govern the conduct and communication of diplomats, are essential for maintaining decorum and respect in international interactions. These protocols include specific guidelines for writing formal letters and emails, which must be adhered to avoid misunderstandings and preserve the professional image of the diplomatic entity (Boussalis et al., 2022). The historical significance of letters and diplomatic reports is highlighted by their role in documenting interactions at court and providing insights into the cultural and social contexts of the host countries, as seen in the correspondence of English diplomats at Versailles (Griffin, 2020).

In modern times, electronic mail has become a prevalent medium for diplomatic communication, necessitating a new sub-genre of letter-writing that balances formality and confidentiality, with specific etiquette for salutations, openings, pre-closings, and closings (Turney et al., 2019b). Effective communication in diplomatic correspondence also requires sociolinguistic competence, particularly for non-native English speakers, to ensure that the tone and formality are appropriate and that unintentional rudeness is avoided. Invitations and responses in diplomatic contexts must also adhere to established protocols, ensuring they reflect the appropriate formality and respect. The evolution of diplomatic protocol and etiquette continues to adapt to new communication technologies and changing international

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norms, highlighting the dynamic nature of diplomatic practices (Turney et al., 2019b)



Depicts modern diplomatic correspondence, showcasing a professional and contemporary diplomatic environment.

Overall, integrating historical practices with modern communication methods underscores the enduring importance of diplomatic correspondence in fostering international relations and ensuring effective and respectful communication between states.

## 1. Formal Letters and Emails

- **Purpose:** Formal letters and emails in diplomacy serve as official channels for communicating messages, requests, protests, and invitations between diplomats and government officials.
- **Structure:**
  - a) **Heading:** Includes sender's and recipient's details (name, position, organization), date, and subject.

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- b) **Salutation:** Formal greeting appropriate to the recipient's rank or position (e.g., "Your Excellency," "Dear Ambassador").
- c) **Body:** Clearly presents the message or request, often structured into paragraphs for clarity and coherence.
- d) **Closing:** Formal closing remarks (e.g., "Yours sincerely," "Respectfully yours") followed by the sender's name, title, and contact information.

### Examples:

- a) *Invitation to a State Dinner:* "Your Excellency, I have the honour to extend an invitation to you and Mrs Smith to attend a State Dinner in honour of the visiting delegation from Country X, to be held on [date] at [venue]."
- b) *Protest Note:* "Dear Ambassador, I am writing to express our government's deep concern over recent actions by your country regarding [issue]. We request an urgent meeting to discuss this matter and seek a resolution."
- c) *Official Communication:* "Mr. Secretary-General, Please find attached our country's official statement on the recent developments in [region]. We trust you will give this matter your urgent attention."

## 2. Invitations and Responses

- **Invitations:** Diplomatic invitations are formal requests for attendance at state events, ceremonies, meetings, or receptions extended to dignitaries, diplomats, and government officials.
  - a) **Content:** Includes event details (purpose, date, time, venue), formalities regarding dress code or special instructions, and contact information for RSVP.
  - b) **Protocol:** Adheres to diplomatic protocol in addressing recipients according to their rank and importance.
  - c) **Example Invitation:** "His Excellency Ambassador Johnson, I am delighted to invite you to attend a reception celebrating the National Day of our country on [date] at

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[venue]. Please RSVP by [date] to confirm your attendance."

- **Responses:** Proper responses to invitations involve acknowledging receipt, confirming attendance or expressing regret, and observing diplomatic etiquette.
  - a) **Format:** Respond promptly and respectfully, matching the tone and formality of the invitation.
  - b) **Example Response:** "Dear Minister, I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to the State Dinner on [date]. Regrettably, due to a prior commitment, I am unable to attend. Please accept my best wishes for a successful event."

### 3. Diplomatic Protocol and Etiquette

- **Importance:** Diplomatic protocol and etiquette ensure smooth interactions, respect among diplomats, and adherence to established norms and traditions.
- **Key Aspects:**
  - a) **Rank and Precedence:** Understanding seniority and hierarchy in diplomatic engagements to determine seating arrangements, speaking order, and other formalities.
    - a. **Forms of Address:** Proper use of titles and honorifics when addressing diplomats, officials, and dignitaries (e.g., "His/Her Excellency," "Mr./Madam Ambassador").
    - b. **Gift Giving:** Guidelines for giving and receiving gifts in diplomatic contexts, respecting cultural norms and avoiding misunderstandings.
    - c. **Behaviour and Decorum:** Observing respectful behaviour, formalities during meetings, and cultural sensitivities to foster positive diplomatic relations.

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## Examples:

- a) *Seating Arrangements*: Ensuring that higher-ranking officials are seated appropriately at diplomatic functions to reflect their status and importance.
- b) *Forms of Address*: Addressing a foreign ambassador as "Your Excellency" during formal meetings or correspondence to show respect and recognition of diplomatic status.

## Exercises:

### 1. Exercise: Writing a Formal Invitation

Write a formal invitation inviting a foreign ambassador to attend a cultural exhibition hosted by your country. Include all necessary details and adhere to proper diplomatic protocol.

### 2. Exercise: Responding to an Invitation

Draft a response declining an invitation to attend a reception hosted by a foreign embassy due to a scheduling conflict. Ensure the response is courteous and respects diplomatic etiquette.

## Q&A on Diplomatic Correspondence

### Q: What elements should be included in a formal letter or email in diplomacy?

A: A formal diplomatic communication should include a clear heading, appropriate salutation, concise body presenting the message or request, and a formal closing with the sender's details.

### Q: How should invitations to diplomatic events be formatted?

A: Invitations should include event details (date, time, venue, purpose), instructions for RSVP, and adhere to proper protocol in addressing recipients according to their rank and importance.

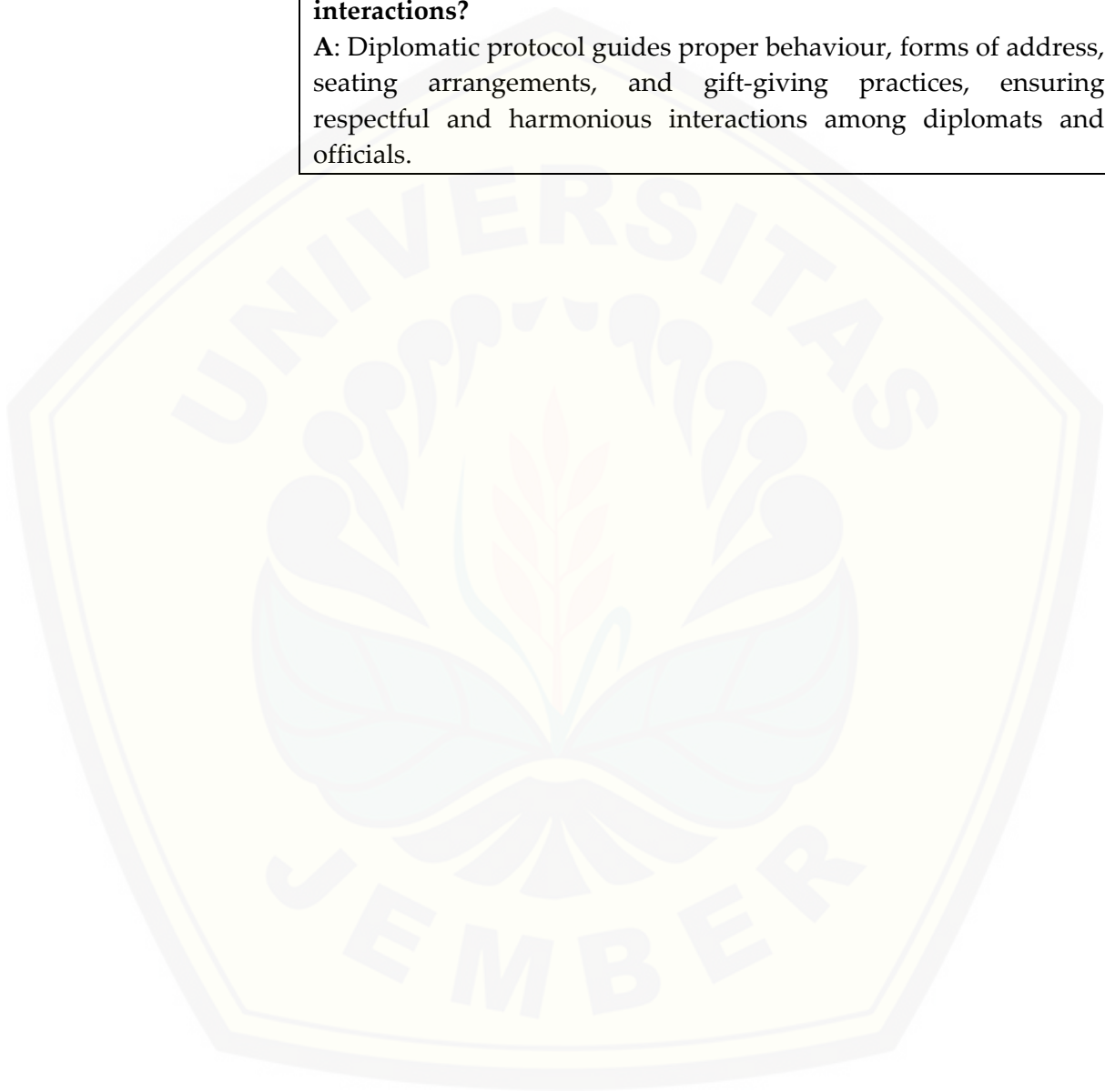
### Q: Why is it important to respond promptly to diplomatic invitations?

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**A:** Prompt responses show respect for the host and help organizers plan effectively. They also reflect positively on the respondent's professionalism and diplomatic courtesy.

**Q: What role does diplomatic protocol play in formal diplomatic interactions?**

**A:** Diplomatic protocol guides proper behaviour, forms of address, seating arrangements, and gift-giving practices, ensuring respectful and harmonious interactions among diplomats and officials.



## CHAPTER 5 : SPEECH WRITING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking is a pivotal skill in diplomacy, where speeches are powerful tools for conveying national policies, addressing international audiences, and shaping diplomatic discourse. Crafting and delivering effective diplomatic speeches require a structured approach and effective delivery techniques to ensure the message is conveyed clearly and persuasively. This chapter discusses the art of crafting and delivering diplomatic speeches, focusing on their structure, delivery techniques, and strategies for effectively managing interactive sessions.



A professional speaker engages a diverse audience in a modern conference room, highlighting effective communication.

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The structure of diplomatic speeches typically involves three stages: pre-communicative (preparatory), communicative (basic), and post-communicative (analytical) (Bylkova et al., 2021). During the preparatory stage, it is crucial to outline the speech, focusing on the introduction, body, and conclusion, ensuring that each part flows logically and cohesively. The communicative stage involves the actual delivery, where the speaker must engage the audience through various rhetorical strategies, such as storytelling and the use of body language, which have been shown to significantly enhance audience interest and retention (Sabri & Novita, 2020). Effective delivery techniques include maintaining eye contact, using appropriate gestures, and modulating voice tone and pace to emphasize key points and maintain audience engagement (Jensen, 1992). Additionally, the use of visual aids can support the speech's content, making it more accessible and memorable for the audience (Sabri & Novita, 2020).

Handling questions effectively is another critical public speaking component, especially in diplomatic contexts. This involves preparing for potential questions during the speech preparation phase and practising responses to ensure clarity and confidence. Techniques for handling questions include listening carefully, repeating or paraphrasing the question to ensure understanding, and providing concise and relevant answers. It is also beneficial to anticipate challenging questions and prepare thoughtful responses in advance (Jensen, 1992). The ability to manage questions well can enhance the speaker's credibility and reinforce the speech's key messages.

Research indicates that public speaking courses can significantly improve related skills, such as writing, by enhancing structure and control of syntax, which are essential for crafting coherent and persuasive speeches. Moreover, self-efficacy, or the belief in one's ability to succeed, plays a crucial role in public speaking. Studies have shown that students' writing and public speaking self-efficacy can be significantly increased through structured courses that provide mastery experiences, such as informative essays and speeches (Yun et al., 2012). This increased

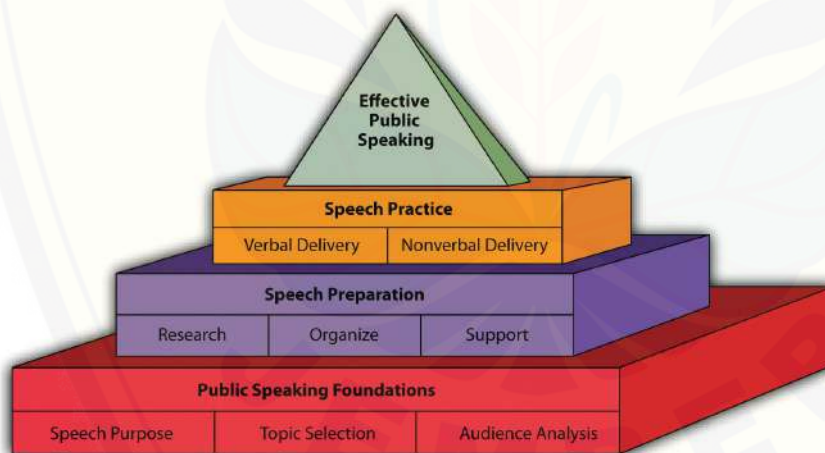


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self-efficacy can lead to better performance and greater confidence in public speaking scenarios.

In the realm of academic public speaking, which shares similarities with diplomatic speeches, the cognitive, communicative-operational, and expressive components are essential. These include knowledge of language norms, the ability to use language appropriately for the context, and mastery of extralinguistic means such as melody, pauses, and rhythm (SPYS, 2023). The evolution of public speaking from oratory and elocution to a more conversational and extemporaneous style has further emphasized the importance of engaging and interactive delivery methods (J. Michael, 2012).

In summary, the structure of diplomatic speeches, effective delivery techniques, and handling questions are all integral to successful public speaking. By focusing on these elements and leveraging the benefits of public speaking courses, speakers can enhance their rhetorical skills and deliver impactful speeches that resonate with their audience.



Building Blocks of Effective Public Speaking: From Foundations to Practice for Maximum Impact.

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### 1. Structure of Diplomatic Speeches

- **Purpose:** Diplomatic speeches aim to articulate clear messages, convey policy positions, and influence international opinion.
- **Components:**
  - a) **Introduction:** Captures attention, establishes context, and outlines the speech's objectives.
  - b) **Body:** Presents key points, supporting evidence, and policy initiatives in a logical sequence.
  - c) **Conclusion:** Summarizes key messages, reinforces policy positions, and often includes a call to action.

**Examples:** Speeches may address topics such as human rights, economic cooperation, climate change, or regional security.

### 2. Techniques for Effective Delivery

- **Preparation:** Researching the audience, understanding cultural contexts, and tailoring the message accordingly.
- **Voice and Body Language:** Using vocal modulation, gestures, and posture to enhance delivery and convey confidence.
- **Engagement:** Maintaining eye contact, employing rhetorical devices, and adapting to the audience's reactions.
- **Adaptability:** Adjusting pace, tone, and content based on real-time feedback and the dynamics of the speech environment.

### 3. Handling Q&A Sessions

- **Strategies:** Anticipating potential questions, preparing concise responses, and maintaining diplomatic composure.
- **Active Listening:** Attentively listen to questions, clarify when necessary, and address concerns respectfully.

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- **Bridge Techniques:** Transition smoothly from questions to key messages, effectively steering discussions and managing time.  
**Example Scenarios:** Addressing inquiries on controversial policies, responding to queries on international partnerships, or clarifying diplomatic initiatives.

## Exercises

### 1. Exercise: Crafting a Diplomatic Speech

Choose a contemporary international issue (e.g., climate change, refugee crisis, global health) and draft a diplomatic speech addressing this issue. Outline the introduction, key points for the body, and a concluding statement that aligns with your country's foreign policy stance.

### 2. Exercise: Practicing Delivery Techniques

Record yourself delivering a short diplomatic speech (3-5 minutes) on a topic of global importance. Focus on using vocal modulation, gestures, and maintaining eye contact to enhance your delivery. Review the recording and identify areas for improvement.

### 3. Exercise: Handling Q&A Sessions

Role-play a Q&A session where you respond to questions from hypothetical journalists or diplomats about your speech topic. Practice active listening, formulating concise responses, and using bridge techniques to steer the conversation back to your key messages.

### 4. Exercise: Crafting a Diplomatic Address for a United Nations Assembly

Imagine you are a diplomat representing your country at the United Nations General Assembly. Your country is deeply concerned about the rise of cyber warfare and its implications for global security. Craft a diplomatic address (500-800 words

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addressing this issue, considering the following aspects:

1. **Introduction:** Begin with a compelling introduction that captures the attention of the international audience and establishes the urgency of the issue of cyber warfare.
2. **Body:** Present key points outlining your country's perspective on cyber warfare, including:
  - The challenges posed by cyber-attacks on national and international security.
  - Your country's stance on international cooperation and norms in cyberspace.
  - Initiatives or proposals your country supports to enhance global cybersecurity.
3. **Conclusion:** Summarize the main points and emphasize your country's commitment to working collaboratively with other nations to address cyber threats. Conclude with a call to action for international cooperation and solidarity in safeguarding cyberspace.
4. **Formatting:** Ensure the speech adheres to diplomatic language and style, using formal terminology and diplomatic jargon where appropriate. Consider the diplomatic audience and the need for clarity and precision in your language.
5. **Delivery Consideration:** Reflect on how you would deliver this speech, considering vocal modulation, gestures, and maintaining diplomatic composure during the delivery.

### **Q&A on Speech Writing and Public Speaking**

**Q: Why is it important for diplomats to structure their speeches effectively?**

**A:** Structuring speeches helps diplomats convey messages clearly, maintain audience engagement, and reinforce policy positions

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systematically.

**Q: How can diplomats effectively engage with diverse international audiences during speeches?**

**A:** Diplomats can enhance engagement by researching cultural contexts, using appropriate language, and adapting their delivery to resonate with diverse audience perspectives.

**Q: What are some techniques for managing nervousness during public speaking engagements?**

**A:** Techniques include deep breathing exercises, visualizing success, and practising mindfulness to maintain focus and composure.

**Q: How should diplomats handle challenging questions during Q&A sessions?**

**A:** Diplomats should listen actively, acknowledge the questioner's perspective, provide concise responses based on facts, and use bridge techniques to steer discussions back to their key messages. These exercises and Q&A pairs aim to develop practical skills in speech writing, delivery, and managing interactive sessions for diplomats and international relations professionals. They promote effective communication in diplomatic contexts, enhancing diplomacy's impact on global issues and international relations. Feel free to ask if you need further elaboration on any topic or additional exercises!

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## CHAPTER 6: NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION

Negotiation and mediation are indispensable tools in diplomacy, resolving conflicts, reaching agreements, and fostering cooperative relationships among nations. This chapter explores into essential strategies, effective language techniques for persuasion and compromise, and the practical application of these skills through case studies and simulations.



"World leaders engage in diplomatic talks for international cooperation."

Negotiation and mediation are pivotal methods for resolving conflicts across various domains, including business, international relations, and personal disputes. Key negotiation strategies encompass several approaches, such as the team strategy, behavioural strategy based on the Behavior Change Stairway Model (BCSM), and process strategy grounded in the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI) (Rock, 2024). Effective negotiation also involves managing emotional dynamics, as emotions significantly impact negotiation outcomes. Theories like affective events theory, appraisal theory, and social identity theory highlight the importance of empathy and emotional intelligence in achieving successful negotiations (Mulu & Chungo, 2023).

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Additionally, negotiation strategies can be classified into structural, strategic, behavioural, concession exchange, and integrative strategies, each playing a crucial role in communication effectiveness, especially in the post-Covid-19 era, where digital public relations mediate these strategies (Alhasani & Muslim, 2022).

Language for persuasion and compromise is essential in negotiation, where the use of respectful communication, understanding the counterpart's needs, and finding a zone of possible agreement (ZOPA) is critical. Calculating the minimum acceptable demand (MAD) and considering the best alternative to a negotiated agreement (BATNA) are also vital steps in the negotiation process. Case studies and simulations provide practical insights into negotiation and mediation (Arterton, 2023). For instance, the growth of South Korean films like "The Negotiation" in international markets, including Indonesia, illustrates the application of communication techniques and business negotiation strategies analyzed through semiotic theory (Savitri et al., 2023). In the realm of diplomacy, negotiation is a fundamental tool for resolving international disputes, with diplomats often becoming professional negotiators to address their countries' strategic interests (Ali Faris Hameed, 2022)



Diplomats negotiate and mediate to reach a mutual agreement.

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The inclusion of civil society in peacebuilding processes, as seen in efforts in Yemen, Syria, Libya, and Nigeria, underscores the importance of broadening stakeholder participation to enhance the durability of peace agreements (Koppell, 2022). Mediation involving a neutral third party is particularly effective when parties wish to maintain future relationships, value confidentiality, or avoid court proceedings, although it is not suitable for criminal conflicts or cases involving incapacitated parties (Szamburski & Bodarski, 2023). The complex system of relationships, activities, and resources in mediation and negotiation requires a deep understanding of various moves and phases to achieve satisfactory outcomes (Zartman, 2022). Furthermore, the timing and duration of negotiations are crucial, as highlighted by the procedural approach, which identifies different phases of negotiation, and the cultural approach, which considers historical and cultural factors (Rosoux, 2020)

Overall, the integration of these strategies, emotional intelligence, and practical case studies enhance the effectiveness of negotiation and mediation in resolving conflicts and achieving mutually beneficial agreements.

### **1. Key Negotiation Strategies**

- **Collaborative vs. Competitive Approaches:** Diplomats often employ collaborative strategies to achieve win-win outcomes where both parties benefit, fostering trust and long-term cooperation. Conversely, competitive approaches may be necessary in situations where asserting interests or leveraging power dynamics is crucial for achieving diplomatic objectives.

*Example:* During climate change negotiations, countries may adopt collaborative approaches to agree on emissions reduction targets while employing competitive strategies in trade negotiations to secure favourable terms.

- **BATNA (Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement):** Understanding and strengthening BATNA enables



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diplomats to negotiate from a position of strength, offering viable alternatives if negotiations fail. This strategy enhances leverage and increases the likelihood of achieving favourable outcomes.

*Example:* In trade negotiations, a country may develop alternative trade agreements with other partners to strengthen its BATNA and negotiate more effectively with its primary trading partners.

- **Interest-Based Negotiation:** Focusing on underlying interests rather than rigid positions allows diplomats to explore creative solutions and mutual gains. This approach encourages parties to collaborate on common goals while addressing underlying concerns.

*Example:* In peace negotiations, focusing on shared aspirations for stability and prosperity helps conflicting parties find common ground beyond immediate grievances, fostering sustainable peace agreements.

- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Adapting negotiation styles and strategies to respect cultural norms and values is essential for building trust and facilitating effective communication.

*Example:* When negotiating with Asian countries, understanding concepts of face-saving and hierarchical respect can influence negotiation tactics and outcomes positively.

## 2. Language for Persuasion and Compromise

- **Effective Communication:** Diplomats use diplomatic language to convey messages clearly, build trust, and manage relationships during negotiations. This includes maintaining diplomatic decorum and using respectful language.

*Example:* In nuclear disarmament talks, diplomats may emphasize the shared responsibility for global security,

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using language that acknowledges each party's commitment to peace and stability.

- **Persuasive Techniques:** Rhetorical strategies such as framing, storytelling, and emotional appeals can influence counterparts' perceptions and decisions, facilitating consensus-building.

*Example:* When negotiating humanitarian aid, diplomats may use personal stories of beneficiaries to highlight the urgency and moral imperative of assisting, appealing to humanitarian values.

- **Compromise and Concession:** Articulating concessions tactfully while safeguarding core interests is crucial in reaching mutually acceptable agreements. Diplomats use language that emphasizes shared benefits and fosters collaboration.

*Example:* In territorial disputes, diplomats may propose boundary adjustments that balance historical claims with contemporary geopolitical realities, framing compromises as steps toward regional stability.

### **3. Case Studies and Simulations**

- **Real-World Examples:** Analyzing historical and contemporary diplomatic negotiations (e.g., the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Camp David Accords) provides insights into successful strategies and diplomatic outcomes.

*Example:* Studying the Oslo Accords between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization illustrates the complexities of negotiating peace agreements and the role of mediation in achieving lasting reconciliation.

- **Simulation Exercises:** Engaging in role-playing scenarios where participants simulate diplomatic negotiations allows

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practice applying negotiation strategies and language skills in realistic settings.

*Exercise:* Conduct a simulation of trade negotiations where participants represent different countries, applying collaborative and competitive strategies to achieve favourable trade terms.

## Exercises

### 1. Exercise: BATNA Analysis

Choose a current international issue and analyze the BATNA for the countries involved. Develop strategies to strengthen each party's BATNA and predict how this might influence negotiation outcomes.

### 2. Exercise: Persuasive Language Techniques

Write a persuasive speech advocating for a diplomatic initiative (e.g., peacekeeping mission, economic partnership). Use rhetorical techniques to appeal to diverse stakeholders and gain support for your proposal.

### 3. Exercise: Mediation Role-Play

Divide participants into groups, assigning each group a hypothetical international conflict scenario (e.g., territorial dispute, humanitarian crisis, trade disagreement). Each group should include roles for mediator(s) and conflicting parties representing different countries or stakeholders.

**Objective:** This exercise aims to simulate the complexities of international mediation and negotiation, allowing participants to practice and refine their diplomatic skills in a controlled setting. It emphasizes collaborative problem-solving, cultural sensitivity, and effective communication as essential elements of successful mediation in diplomatic contexts.

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## **Instructions:**

### **1. Preparation:**

- a) Research the assigned conflict scenario, including historical context, key issues, and the parties' positions.
- b) Assign roles to participants, ensuring each group includes mediators and representatives from conflicting parties.
- c) Familiarize participants with negotiation and mediation strategies covered in Chapter 6.

### **2. Role-Play:**

- a) Conduct the mediation session where mediators facilitate dialogue and negotiations between conflicting parties.
- b) Encourage participants to apply negotiation strategies such as BATNA analysis, interest-based negotiation, and cultural sensitivity.
- c) Mediators should guide discussions toward identifying common interests, exploring compromises, and reaching a mutually acceptable agreement.

### **3. Debriefing:**

- a) After the role-play, facilitate a debriefing session where each group reflects on their negotiation experience.
- b) Discuss the effectiveness of different strategies used, challenges encountered, and lessons learned.
- c) Identify successful approaches and areas for improvement in applying negotiation and mediation skills.

### **4. Reflection:**

- a) Have participants individually reflect on their role-play experience, considering what they learned about negotiation dynamics, mediation techniques, and the complexities of international diplomacy.
- b) Encourage participants to apply insights gained from the exercise to real-world diplomatic scenarios they may encounter in their careers.

## **Q&A on Negotiation and Mediation**

**Q: How does BATNA enhance negotiation effectiveness?**

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**A:** BATNA provides leverage by offering alternatives if negotiations fail, empowering diplomats to negotiate from a position of strength and secure favourable outcomes.

**Q: What role does cultural sensitivity play in negotiation success?**

**A:** Cultural sensitivity fosters trust and effective communication by respecting cultural norms, values, and communication styles, facilitating mutual understanding and collaboration.

**Q: How can diplomats effectively use persuasive language during negotiations?**

**A:** Diplomats can use rhetorical strategies, emotional appeals, and storytelling to influence counterparts' perceptions, build consensus, and achieve mutually beneficial agreements.

**Q: Why are case studies and simulations valuable in diplomatic training?**

**A:** Case studies provide practical insights into successful negotiation strategies and outcomes, while simulations offer opportunities to practice and refine negotiation skills in a controlled environment.

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## CHAPTER 7 : MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Multilateral diplomacy plays a pivotal role in addressing global challenges and advancing collective interests through international organizations. This chapter comprehensively explores multilateral diplomacy, emphasizing the specialized language of negotiations, effective communication through reporting and briefing, and case studies illustrating the roles and dynamics of key international organizations such as the UN, EU, and ASEAN.



"WTO Public Forum 2016: Leaders discuss inclusive trade policies."

Understanding the language of multilateral negotiations is essential, as it involves a complex interplay of legal, political, and cultural factors. For instance, the negotiation of treaties requires a deep understanding of legal precedents and the ability to navigate

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non-legally binding instruments, which are often used to bridge gaps between differing national interests (Hill, 2023). The EU's influence in multilateral negotiations, such as those concerning the Basel Convention, highlights the importance of active engagement and adaptability in achieving successful outcomes. The EU's ability to propose acceptable compromises and engage in all negotiation forums is crucial for its influence, as seen in the management of plastic waste negotiations (Ohler, 2022). Similarly, the negotiation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) at the WHO demonstrates the complexity of multilateral negotiations, where traditional dialogues are supplemented by non-traditional coalition games and the involvement of the WHO Secretariat as a negotiating party (Guilbaud, 2023).

Reporting and briefing at international meetings are critical components of multilateral diplomacy, as they ensure transparency and accountability. The Iranian government's active dissemination of information related to its nuclear development and adherence to multilateral treaties, such as the NPT safeguards agreement, exemplifies effective reporting and briefing practices that contributed to the success of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) (Ibnu Qoyyim, 2022). The role of public diplomacy in multilateral settings, as seen in Russia's engagement within the UN, underscores the importance of promoting soft power and maintaining visibility through cultural, educational, and exchange initiatives (Chepurina & Kuznetsov, 2020).

The hierarchical nature of international diplomacy, often referred to as the 'international pecking order,' influences the dynamics of multilateral negotiations, as seen in the practices within NATO and the UN (Pouliot, 2016). The G77 + China's efforts in maintaining unity despite internal divisions and the challenges faced in bridging the gap between developed and developing countries in climate change negotiations further illustrate the complexities of multilateral diplomacy (Masters, 2016). The interdisciplinary approach proposed by Raftopoulos, which incorporates law, philosophy, politics, and linguistics, offers

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a holistic view of international negotiations and emphasizes the importance of understanding the horizontal normativity of international ordering (Raftopoulos, 2019)

Case studies of the UN, EU, and ASEAN reveal the diverse strategies and outcomes of multilateral diplomacy. For example, the EU's role in the UNGA negotiations on enhanced observer status highlights the challenges and successes of its diplomatic efforts (Schwarzkopf, 2021). Overall, multilateral diplomacy within international organizations is a multifaceted process that requires a deep understanding of legal frameworks, active engagement, effective communication, and the ability to navigate complex political landscapes.



"A sizeable international assembly convenes for diplomatic discussions."

### **1. Language of Multilateral Negotiations**

Multilateral negotiations require diplomats to navigate complex diplomatic landscapes where diverse nations converge to address global issues. The language used in these negotiations is



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characterized by:

- a) **Diplomatic Protocol:** Adhering to established rules of conduct and diplomatic etiquette to facilitate constructive dialogue and decision-making.
- b) **Consensus-Building:** Using language that promotes consensus among multiple stakeholders with diverse interests and priorities.
- c) **Multilateral Diplomatic Language:** Utilizing diplomatic jargon and formal expressions to convey positions, proposals, and compromises effectively.

*Example:* In climate change negotiations at the UN, diplomats employ language emphasizing shared responsibility, sustainable development goals, and commitments under the Paris Agreement to foster global cooperation.

## 2. Reporting and Briefing at International Meetings

Effective reporting and briefing skills are essential for diplomats representing their countries in international forums. Key aspects include:

- a) **Clear and Concise Communication:** Articulating positions, updates, and outcomes succinctly to inform and influence decision-makers.
- b) **Strategic Messaging:** Tailoring reports and briefings to align with national interests while promoting collaboration and consensus.
- c) **Timeliness and Accuracy:** Providing timely and accurate information to enhance transparency and credibility in multilateral settings.

*Example:* Diplomats representing a member state at the UN Security Council report on peacekeeping operations, emphasizing progress, challenges, and recommendations for enhancing mission effectiveness.

## 3. Case Studies: UN, EU, ASEAN

Examining case studies of prominent international organizations offers insights into their structures, decision-making processes,

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and diplomatic interactions:

- a) **United Nations (UN):** Analyzing peacekeeping missions, humanitarian interventions, and global governance initiatives within the UN framework.
- b) **European Union (EU):** Exploring EU policies, negotiations on trade agreements, and coordinated responses to regional challenges such as migration.
- c) **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN):** Studying ASEAN's role in regional diplomacy, economic integration efforts, and consensus-building among member states.

*Example:* The UN's response to the Syrian refugee crisis showcases multilateral efforts in humanitarian aid distribution, refugee resettlement, and regional stability initiatives.

## **Exercise**

### Simulated Multilateral Negotiation

**Objective:** Simulate a multilateral negotiation scenario involving representatives from different countries or regions within an international organization context (e.g., United Nations, European Union, ASEAN). This exercise aims to enhance participants' understanding and application of multilateral negotiation skills, diplomatic language, and strategic communication.

### **Instructions:**

#### **1. Preparation:**

- a) Divide participants into groups, assigning each group a country or regional bloc to represent.
- b) Research the assigned international organization, its structure, key issues on the agenda, and positions of member states or regions.
- c) Familiarize participants with diplomatic protocols, negotiation strategies, and the language commonly used in multilateral settings.

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## **2. Role Assignment:**

- a) Assign roles within each group, including diplomats, heads of state, foreign ministers, and technical advisors.
- b) Each participant should prepare to advocate for their country's or bloc's interests while considering broader objectives of cooperation and consensus-building.

## **3. Negotiation Simulation:**

- a) Conduct the negotiation simulation, where groups engage in discussions, present positions, and negotiate agreements on selected agenda items.
- b) Encourage participants to apply negotiation strategies such as coalition-building, compromise, and leveraging alliances to achieve collective goals.
- c) Emphasize the use of diplomatic language, formal expressions, and respectful communication to maintain decorum and foster constructive dialogue.

## **4. Debriefing and Analysis:**

- a) After the simulation, facilitate a debriefing session where groups reflect on their negotiation experience.
- b) Discuss the effectiveness of different negotiation strategies employed, challenges encountered, and lessons learned.
- c) Analyze the outcomes of the negotiation simulation in relation to real-world multilateral diplomacy, including implications for global cooperation and decision-making.

## **5. Reflection and Follow-up:**

- a) Have participants individually reflect on their role-play experience, identifying personal strengths and areas for improvement in multilateral negotiation skills.
- b) Discuss how insights gained from the exercise can be applied to real-world diplomatic scenarios within international organizations.

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- c) Consider follow-up activities, such as drafting resolutions or joint statements based on the negotiated agreements reached during the simulation.

### **Example Agenda Items:**

- a) Negotiating a resolution on climate change mitigation targets and funding mechanisms within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- b) Addressing regional security concerns and coordinating peacekeeping efforts within the UN Security Council in a conflict-affected region.
- c) Formulating a trade agreement or economic cooperation framework within the European Union to address trade barriers and promote economic integration.

### **Exercise Outcome:**

This exercise enables participants to practice and refine their skills in multilateral negotiation, strategic communication, and diplomacy within the context of international organizations. It emphasizes collaborative problem-solving, cultural sensitivity, and effective leadership in achieving consensus and advancing shared objectives on the global stage.

This simulated negotiation exercise provides a comprehensive and practical approach to learning about multilateral diplomacy and international organizations. It allows participants to engage actively in diplomatic roles, apply theoretical knowledge, and develop critical negotiation skills necessary for effective international cooperation. Please let me know if you have specific aspects you'd like to explore or if you need additional exercises!

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## **Q&A on Multilateral Diplomacy and International Organizations:**

### **Q: What is the significance of multilateral diplomacy in addressing global challenges?**

A: Multilateral diplomacy allows countries to pool resources, share responsibilities, and collectively address complex global issues such as climate change, peace and security, and economic development. It promotes cooperation and consensus-building among diverse nations with varying interests and priorities.

### **Q: How does diplomatic language differ in multilateral negotiations compared to bilateral negotiations?**

A: In multilateral negotiations, diplomatic language tends to be more formal, inclusive, and aimed at accommodating multiple perspectives and interests. It often involves consensus-building and the use of diplomatic jargon understood across diverse cultures and languages.

**Q: What key skills are needed for effective reporting and briefing at international meetings?** A: Effective reporting and briefing require clear and concise communication, the ability to synthesize complex information into actionable insights, and strategic messaging aligned with national interests. Timeliness, accuracy, and diplomatic tact are also crucial in presenting information to international audiences.

### **Q: How do international organizations like the UN, EU, and ASEAN facilitate multilateral diplomacy?**

A: International organizations provide platforms for member states to engage in dialogue, negotiate agreements, and coordinate collective actions on global and regional issues. They promote adherence to international norms, facilitate conflict resolution, and support sustainable development initiatives through multilateral cooperation.

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**Q: Can you explain the role of case studies in understanding multilateral diplomacy?**

**A:** Case studies offer practical insights into the functioning of international organizations, decision-making processes, and diplomatic interactions in real-world scenarios. They illustrate how multilateral negotiations, policies, and initiatives are implemented and their impact on global governance and international relations.

**Q: How can simulations and role-playing exercises enhance understanding of multilateral diplomacy?**

**A:** Simulations and role-playing exercises allow participants to experience the complexities of multilateral negotiations firsthand. They promote skill development in negotiation, consensus-building, and cultural sensitivity while providing a safe environment to practice strategic communication and leadership within international contexts.

**Q: What challenges are faced in multilateral diplomacy, and how can they be overcome?**

**A:** Challenges in multilateral diplomacy include divergent national interests, geopolitical tensions, and bureaucratic complexities within international organizations. Overcoming these challenges requires diplomatic skill, perseverance in building trust and consensus, and a commitment to dialogue and compromise among stakeholders.

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Illustration of English for journalism: a bustling newsroom with active journalists.



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## CHAPTER 8 : JOURNALISTIC ENGLISH

### **Journalistic English**

Journalistic English is pivotal in reporting news, shaping public opinion, and holding institutions accountable. This chapter explores the language used in journalism, focusing on its clarity, objectivity, and engagement with diverse audiences. It discusses the key elements of journalistic writing, such as headline writing, news reporting, feature writing, and editorial commentary. Journalists use English to convey information accurately and ethically, adhering to fairness, accuracy, and impartiality standards. This chapter highlights the importance of language in journalism for informing the public, promoting transparency, and fostering democratic discourse.

### **Definition and Scope**

Journalistic English encompasses the language used in various forms of media, including newspapers, magazines, broadcast news, online news portals, and social media platforms. It is characterized by its clarity, brevity, and objectivity, aiming to inform, educate, and sometimes entertain the audience. The scope extends to different types of journalism, such as investigative, opinion, feature, and sports journalism, each with its stylistic nuances and conventions (Halimatussa'diyah et al., 2022). For example, a news report on a recent election might begin with a clear and concise headline: "Candidate X Wins Presidential Election by Landslide." The body of the article would follow with the most crucial information presented first, adhering to the inverted pyramid structure common in news writing.

### **Historical Context**

The roots of journalistic English can be traced back to the early newspapers of the 17th century, which emerged in response to the

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public's growing demand for timely and reliable information (Crystal, 2003). Over the centuries, journalism evolved alongside technological advancements, from the advent of the printing press to the digital age. Each era brought changes to journalistic language, reflecting societal shifts and the changing landscape of media consumption (Hickey, 2017). Early newspapers like the "Gazette" in the 17th century used formal and elaborate language, which has since evolved into a more straightforward and accessible style in modern publications such as "The New York Times" or "The Guardian" (Hernández-Campoy, 2013).

### **Key Characteristics of Journalistic Language**

- 1. Clarity and Brevity:** Journalistic language is designed to be easily understood by a broad audience. It avoids jargon and complex sentences, opting for straightforward and concise wording. For example, instead of writing, "The financial institution experienced a substantial deficit," a journalist would write, "The bank reported a significant loss."
- 2. Objectivity and Neutrality:** Journalists strive to present facts without bias, maintaining a neutral tone to allow readers to form their own opinions. For instance, "The protest attracted thousands of participants," rather than "The protest, driven by unjustified anger, attracted thousands."
- 3. Inverted Pyramid Structure:** News articles often follow the inverted pyramid format, where the most important information appears at the beginning, followed by supporting details. An article about a natural disaster would start with the number of affected individuals and the extent of the damage, followed by quotes from officials and eyewitnesses, and conclude with background information.
- 4. Active Voice:** Active voice is preferred for its directness and clarity. For example, "The government announced new regulations," rather than "The government announced new regulations."
- 5. Use of Quotations:** Direct quotes from sources add credibility and a human element to stories. For instance, "We're doing

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everything we can to assist the affected families," said Mayor John Doe.

- 6. Timeliness:** Journalistic writing often emphasizes the immediacy of events, using the present or recent past tense. For example, "Rescue teams are currently on the scene," or "Rescue teams responded to the scene yesterday."

Journalistic language is rich in cultural elements, including idioms, customs, and historical references, necessitating a high level of intercultural awareness among translators to bridge the gap between different cultural contexts (Hernández-Campoy, 2013). The translation of journalistic texts must account for cultural discrepancies to ensure accurate and effective communication (Zare Behtash et al., 2017). Using presupposition triggers in journalistic texts, such as existential presuppositions and adverbial clauses, is a common technique to convey implicit information and construct meanings, which is crucial for journalists, translators, and linguists to understand (Carlson, 2022). The linguistic features of news headlines, including their structure and key points, are designed to capture readers' attention and convey essential information succinctly.

### **Modern Adaptations and Technological Influences**

The language also adapts to various sociolinguistic contexts, reflecting regional variations and the socio-cultural dynamics of its audience; regarding linguistic features, journalistic English favours active voice constructions, precise vocabulary, and a neutral tone to maintain objectivity and credibility. The influence of historical sociolinguistics is evident in how journalistic English has evolved to accommodate changes in language use and societal norms over time (Zare Behtash et al., 2017).

Furthermore, the philosophical underpinnings of language and knowledge, as discussed in medieval and modern contexts, highlight the role of journalistic English in shaping public discourse and reflecting collective beliefs and values. Integrating technology and digital media has also transformed journalistic

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English, introducing new forms of expression and interaction, such as multimedia storytelling and social media engagement. Developing comprehensive annotation schemes for quantifier scope and other linguistic elements in computational linguistics has further enhanced journalistic English's precision and analytical capabilities in the digital age (Georgieva et al., 2024). Journalistic English is a dynamic and adaptive form of communication that continues to evolve in response to technological advancements, cultural shifts, and the ever-changing landscape of global media.

### **Key Characteristics and Differences: Diplomatic and Journalistic English**

This chapter also explores the key characteristics and differences between diplomatic and journalistic English. While both fields require clear communication, they diverge in their objectives, audiences, and styles of language use. Diplomatic language tends to be formal, structured, and often steeped in protocol and international law. In contrast, journalistic language is characterized by its immediacy, clarity, and ability to engage and inform a broad readership. Understanding these differences is crucial for professionals aiming to excel in either field, as it shapes how information is conveyed, interpreted, and received in diplomatic and journalistic contexts.

### **Exercises and Questions**

#### **Exercise 1: Identifying Diplomatic and Journalistic Language**

Read the following excerpts and identify whether each is an example of diplomatic or journalistic English. Explain your reasoning.

1. "The government of X expresses its profound concern over the recent developments and urges all parties to return to dialogue to resolve the conflict peacefully."
2. "In a shocking turn of events, the ruling party faced a massive defeat in yesterday's elections, leading to widespread celebrations in the streets."

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## Exercise 2: Analyzing Diplomatic Communication

Analyze the following diplomatic note and identify the key elements that contribute to its formal structure and clarity.

"Diplomatic Note: The Embassy of Country Y presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Country Z and has the honor to refer to the recent discussions on bilateral trade agreements. The Embassy wishes to emphasize the importance of adhering to the agreed-upon timelines and protocols to ensure the successful implementation of these agreements."

## Exercise 3: Writing Journalistic Headlines

Create engaging and concise headlines for the following news stories:

1. A major breakthrough in renewable energy technology.
2. A controversial decision by the Supreme Court affecting immigration policies.

## Questions for Discussion:

1. How do diplomatic and journalistic communication objectives differ, and how do these objectives influence language use in each field?
2. What challenges do translators face when converting diplomatic and journalistic texts from one language to another?
3. In what ways do cultural factors influence the effectiveness of diplomatic and journalistic communication?

## Q&A Journalistic English

### Q: What role does Journalistic English play in society?

A: Journalistic English is pivotal in reporting news, shaping public opinion, and holding institutions accountable. It informs the public, promotes transparency, and fosters democratic discourse.

### Q: What are the main elements of journalistic writing?

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**A:** The key elements of journalistic writing include headline writing, news reporting, feature writing, and editorial commentary. Journalists use these elements to convey information accurately and ethically, adhering to fairness, accuracy, and impartiality standards.

### **Q: What is the scope of Journalistic English?**

**A:** Journalistic English encompasses the language used in various forms of media, including newspapers, magazines, broadcast news, online news portals, and social media platforms. It aims to inform, educate, and sometimes entertain the audience across different types of journalism, such as investigative, opinion, feature, and sports journalism.

### **Q: How has Journalistic English evolved historically?**

**A:** The roots of journalistic English date back to the early newspapers of the 17th century. Over time, it evolved alongside technological advancements, from the advent of the printing press to the digital age. Figures like Samuel Johnson in the 18th century helped establish a standardized form of English foundational for journalistic practices. The global spread of English further cemented its role in journalism.

### **Q: What are the key characteristics of Journalistic English?**

**A:**

- 1. Clarity and Brevity:** Designed to be easily understood by a broad audience, avoiding jargon and complex sentences. *Example:* "The bank reported a significant loss" instead of "The financial institution experienced a substantial deficit."
- 2. Objectivity and Neutrality:** Presenting facts without bias to allow readers to form their own opinions. *Example:* "The protest attracted thousands of participants" instead of "The protest, driven by unjustified anger, attracted thousands."
- 3. Inverted Pyramid Structure:** The most important information appears at the beginning, followed by supporting details.

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*Example:* An article about a natural disaster would start with the number of affected individuals and the extent of the damage.

4. **Active Voice:** Preferred for its directness and clarity. *Example:* "The government announced new regulations" instead of "New regulations were announced by the government."
5. **Use of Quotations:** Adds credibility and a human element to stories. *Example:* "We're doing everything we can to assist the affected families," said Mayor John Doe.
6. **Timeliness:** Emphasizes the immediacy of events, using the present or recent past tense. *Example:* "Rescue teams are currently on the scene."

**Q: How does Journalistic English adapt to cultural and sociolinguistic contexts?**

**A:** Journalistic language reflects regional variations and the socio-cultural dynamics of its audience. It includes cultural elements such as idioms, customs, and historical references, requiring intercultural awareness for effective communication.

**Q: What impact has technology had on Journalistic English?**

**A:** Integrating technology and digital media has transformed journalistic English, introducing new forms of expression and interaction, such as multimedia storytelling and social media engagement. Computational linguistics and annotation schemes have enhanced its precision and analytical capabilities in the digital age.

**Q: How do diplomatic and journalistic English differ?**

**A:** Diplomatic and journalistic English differ in objectives, audiences, and styles. Diplomatic language is formal, structured, and steeped in protocol and international law, while journalistic language is characterized by immediacy, clarity, and the ability to engage and inform a broad readership. Understanding these differences is crucial for professionals in either field.

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## CHAPTER 9 : NEWS WRITING AND REPORTING

News writing and reporting are fundamental aspects of journalism that involve various techniques and structures to communicate information to the audience effectively. The inverted pyramid is one of the most traditional and widely used structures in news writing. This method presents the most critical information at the beginning of the article, followed by supporting details in descending order of importance. This ensures that readers receive the essential facts upfront, which is particularly useful in fast-paced news environments where readers may not read the entire article (Putri, 2022; Walters, 2017).



Journalists conducting an interview

Writing leads, and headlines is another crucial element in news reporting. Leads are designed to grab the reader's attention and provide a concise summary of the most important aspects of the story. Effective leads often include the news event's who, what, when, where, why, and how, although some variations may focus



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on the most compelling elements to draw readers in. Headlines, conversely, must be catchy and informative, encapsulating the essence of the story in a few words to entice readers to delve deeper into the article (Putri, 2022; Walters, 2017).

Reporting techniques and the use of sources are also vital in news writing. Journalists rely on various sources to gather accurate and comprehensive data for their stories. The selection and attribution of these sources are critical, as they lend credibility and depth to the reporting. Recent advancements in data annotation and source prediction models have enhanced journalists' ability to identify and utilize relevant sources effectively, thereby improving the overall quality of news articles (Alexander et al., 2023; "Research on Narrative Techniques in News Writing," 2023).

Additionally, the narrative style of news writing has gained popularity, blending factual reporting with engaging storytelling elements to create a more immersive reading experience. This approach balances authenticity with appeal, making the news more relatable and interesting to the audience. News texts' stylistic and organizational properties are influenced by their social contexts and communicative purposes, which can vary significantly across different cultures and languages. For instance, Iranian Farsi/Persian-language journalism exhibits a unique style and structure that reflects Iran's cultural, political, and religious conditions, differing from the typical inverted pyramid structure seen in English-language journalism (Udoh et al., 2017).

Semantic accuracy is another critical aspect of news writing, as misusing words and expressions can lead to confusion and misinterpretation. Ensuring the intended meaning is clearly conveyed to the audience is essential for effective communication. In the educational context, teaching news writing involves training students to adapt to various writing styles required for different media platforms, such as print, broadcast, and social media, to prepare them for the dynamic demands of modern journalism. Overall, the integration of traditional techniques, narrative elements, and advanced technological tools in news writing and

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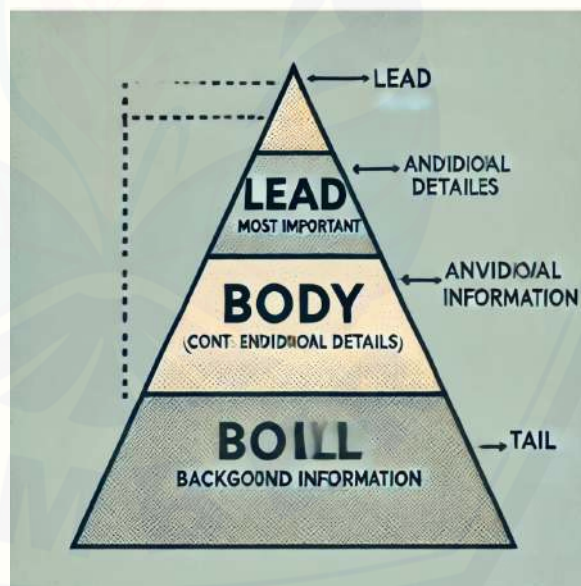
reporting continues to evolve, enhancing the way journalists convey information to their audiences (Alexander et al., 2023; Makki & White, 2018; "Research on Narrative Techniques in News Writing," 2023; Udoh et al., 2017; Walters, 2017).

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### Inverted Pyramid Structure

The inverted pyramid structure is used in journalism to present information in order of importance. This structure allows readers to get the most crucial details initially, with less critical information following. The main components are:

1. **Lead:** The most important information, usually covering who, what, when, where, why, and how. This should grab the reader's attention immediately.
2. **Body:** Additional details that elaborate on the lead, providing supporting information, evidence, and quotes.
3. **Tail:** Background information and other interesting details that are not essential to the story.



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This structure is particularly effective for news articles, where readers may only skim the beginning and still understand the main points.

## Writing Leads and Headlines

### Leads

- **Types of Leads:**
  - **Summary Lead:** Provides a concise summary of the story's key points.
  - **Anecdotal Lead:** Begins with a short story or anecdote to engage the reader.
  - **Question Lead:** Opens with a question to pique curiosity.
  - **Quotation Lead:** Starts with a compelling quote relevant to the story.

### Tips for Writing Effective Leads:

- Be concise and to the point.
- Include the most crucial information.
- Use active voice and strong verbs.
- Ensure the lead is engaging and interesting.

### Headlines

- **Types of Headlines :**
  - **Straight News Headline:** Provides a straightforward summary of the news.
  - **Feature Headline:** More creative, often using wordplay or a pun.
  - **Question Headline:** Poses a question to draw readers in.
  - **Command Headline:** Directs the reader to take action or notice something important.
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### Tips for Writing Effective Headlines:

- Keep it short and punchy.
- Use strong, active verbs.
- Make it informative and intriguing.
- Ensure it accurately reflects the content of the article.

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## Reporting Techniques and Sources

### Reporting Techniques:

- **Interviews:** Gathering information from people directly involved or experts in the field. This can be done in person, over the phone, or via email.
- **Observation:** Witnessing events or situations firsthand to provide accurate, detailed descriptions.
- **Document Analysis:** Reviewing documents, records, and other written materials to extract relevant information.
- **Surveys and Polls:** Collecting data from a group of people to gauge public opinion or gather statistics.

### Types of Sources:

- **Primary Sources:** Directly involved or witness to the events (e.g., interviewees, original documents).
- **Secondary Sources:** Provide analysis, commentary, or summary of primary sources (e.g., academic papers, articles).
- **Tertiary Sources:** Compile and summarize information from primary and secondary sources (e.g., encyclopedias, textbooks).

### Evaluating Sources:

- **Credibility:** Assess the reliability and expertise of the source.
- **Accuracy:** Verify the information against other credible sources.
- **Bias:** Consider any potential bias or agenda affecting the source's objectivity.
- **Timeliness:** Ensure the information is up-to-date and relevant to the story.

## Exercise

### Exercise 1: Writing Leads

Write leads for the following scenarios. Try to use different types of leads (summary, anecdotal, question, and quotation).

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1. A local high school won the state basketball championship for the first time in 20 years.
2. The city council has approved a new park that will be built downtown.
3. A popular restaurant in your city is closing after 50 years in business.
4. A local scientist has discovered a new species of insect in a nearby forest.

## Exercise 2: Crafting Headlines

Create headlines for the following news stories. Aim for brevity, clarity, and engagement.

1. A major snowstorm is expected to hit the city tomorrow, causing school closures and travel disruptions.
2. A well-known actor has donated a significant sum to a local animal shelter.
3. A new study reveals that the city's air quality has significantly improved over the past decade.
4. A local bakery wins a national award for its famous chocolate cake.

## Exercise 3: Reporting Techniques

For each scenario, identify the best reporting techniques and types of sources you would use to gather information.

1. A fire broke out in a downtown apartment building. Report on the cause and impact of the fire.
2. The local government is implementing a new recycling program. Report on how it will work and what residents need to know.
3. A new tech startup in your city has developed an innovative app. Report on the app's features and the company's future plans.

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4. A community organization is hosting a charity event to raise money for a local hospital. Report on the event's purpose and expected outcomes.

#### **Exercise 4: Evaluating Sources**

Evaluate the credibility, accuracy, bias, and timeliness of the following sources for a news story on climate change:

1. A peer-reviewed scientific journal article was published last year.
2. An opinion piece written by a well-known environmental activist.
3. A news article from a reputable national newspaper was published this week.
4. A blog post by a local resident who is passionate about environmental issues.

#### **Exercise 5: Inverted Pyramid Structure**

Write a short news article using the inverted pyramid structure for the following scenario:

**Scenario:** The mayor announced a new initiative to combat homelessness in the city. The initiative includes increased funding for shelters, job training programs, and mental health services. The goal is to reduce homelessness by 30% over the next five years.

#### **Q&A: News Writing and Reporting**

**Q: What is the inverted pyramid structure in news writing?**

**A:** The inverted pyramid structure presents information in order of importance, starting with the most critical details. This ensures readers get the essential facts upfront, which is useful in fast-paced news environments

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**Q: What are the main components of the inverted pyramid structure?**

**A:** The main components are the lead (most important information), the body (additional details and supporting information), and the tail (background information and other interesting details).

**Q: What are the different types of leads in news writing?**

**A:** Types of leads include summary leads (concise summary of key points), anecdotal leads (short story or anecdote), question leads (opens with a question), and quotation leads (starts with a compelling quote).

**Q: What are some tips for writing effective leads?**

**A:** Effective leads should be concise, include crucial information, use active voice and strong verbs, and be engaging and interesting.

**Q: What are the different types of headlines in news writing?**

**A:** Types of headlines include straight news headlines (straightforward summary), feature headlines (creative, often using wordplay), question headlines (poses a question), and command headlines (directs action or attention).

**Q: What are some tips for writing effective headlines?**

**A:** Effective headlines should be short and punchy, use strong, active verbs, be informative and intriguing, and accurately reflect the article's content.

**Q: What are some key reporting techniques journalists use?**

**A:** Key reporting techniques include conducting interviews, observing events firsthand, analyzing documents, and conducting surveys and polls.

**Q: What types of sources do journalists use, and how are they evaluated?**

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**A:** Journalists use primary sources (directly involved), secondary sources (provide analysis), and tertiary sources (compile and summarize information). Sources are evaluated for credibility, accuracy, bias, and timeliness.

**Q: How has the narrative style of news writing evolved?**

**A:** The narrative style blends factual reporting with storytelling to create an immersive reading experience, making news more relatable and interesting.

**Q: Why is semantic accuracy important in news writing?**

**A:** Semantic accuracy is crucial to avoid confusion and misinterpretation, ensuring the intended meaning is conveyed effectively.

**Q: What does teaching news writing involve in an educational context?**

**A:** Teaching news writing involves training students to adapt to different writing styles for various media platforms, preparing them for modern journalism's demands.

**Q: How are traditional techniques, narrative elements, and technological tools integrated into modern news writing and reporting?**

**A:** Integrating traditional techniques, narrative elements, and technological tools enhances how journalists convey information, improving the overall quality and engagement of news articles.



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## CHAPTER 10 : FEATURE WRITING AND INTERVIEWS

Feature writing is a distinctive form of journalism that blends news with opinion and storytelling, often focusing on human interest and employing evocative language to captivate readers. These articles, typically shorter and edited rather than peer-reviewed, bridge academic research with practical insights, encouraging discussion and fostering local branding (Cahoy et al., 2023; Trihastutie, 2024). Evolving alongside multimedia tools and



online platforms, feature writers must adapt their storytelling to engage diverse audiences in today's dynamic journalistic landscape (Matthew, 2020; Ricketson & Graham, 2018).

Conducting interviews, particularly semi-structured ones, is essential in feature writing for exploring ideas deeply while maintaining flexibility. This approach proves invaluable in fields like pharmacy services research, enabling comprehensive qualitative data gathering (Adeoye-Olatunde & Olenik, 2021). Human interest stories, rich in emotional detail and personal perspective, resonate deeply with readers by tapping into universal values and aspirations (Setyorini & Dawud Dawud,

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2020). These narratives often convey hopes for the future and moments of happiness, making them both relatable and impactful (Setyorini & Dawud Dawud, 2020)

Feature writing encompasses various story shapes, such as profiles, trends, and advocacy pieces, each demanding meticulous research, ethical considerations, and compelling storytelling (Aamidor, 2014). Integrating updated examples and critical analysis enriches these narratives, ensuring they inform and engage across different media platforms (Aamidor, 2014). Moreover, writing assistance systems aid in maintaining consistency and quality in feature articles, aligning with evolving journalistic standards (Huang, 2019).

The subjective and creative nature of feature writing contrasts sharply with the formal tone of technical papers, making it more accessible and entertaining to a broader audience (Pagliawan, 2017). Overall, feature writing's blend of narrative techniques, interview methodologies, and human-interest elements offers a compelling approach to informing, entertaining, and inspiring readers in today's media landscape.

## **Feature Writing and Interviews**

### **Structure of Feature Articles**

Feature articles, distinct from traditional news stories, delve deeply into subjects, offering nuanced insights and engaging narratives:

#### **1. Introduction (Lead):**

- a) **Hook:** Engaging openings like anecdotes, vivid descriptions, compelling quotes, or intriguing questions.
  - **Example Hook:** "When Jane Doe lost her job during the pandemic, she didn't just face unemployment—she faced homelessness. But instead of giving up, Jane transformed her life in ways she never imagined."
- b) **Thesis:** Introduces the main theme or angle, setting the stage for in-depth exploration.

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- **Example Thesis:** "This article explores the remarkable journey of individuals like Jane who have turned personal crises into opportunities for growth and change."

## 2. Body:

- a) **Background Information:** Provides essential context and historical data.
  - Example: "The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented economic turmoil, with millions losing their jobs. For many, the impact was immediate and devastating."
- b) **Main Points:** Develop key ideas logically with quotes and examples.
  - Example: "Jane's story is not unique. Across the country, countless individuals have found creative ways to adapt. According to a recent study by XYZ University, 35% of people who lost their jobs started their own businesses."
- c) **Subsections:** Organise content into manageable sections.
  - Example Subheading: "The Road to Recovery" "Jane's journey began with a simple idea: making homemade face masks. What started as a small project soon became a thriving online business."

## 3. Conclusion:

- a) **Summary:** Recapitulates key points.
  - **Example Summary:** "Jane's story is a testament to resilience and innovation in the face of adversity."
- b) **Resolution or Call to Action:** Concludes thoughtfully on the topic's implications.
  - **Example Call to Action:** "Her journey inspires others to find strength in difficult times and explore new paths to success."

## Conducting and Reporting Interviews

Interviews are pivotal in feature writing, offering firsthand insights and personal stories; include steps:

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### **1. Preparation:**

- a) Thorough research ensures informed questioning.
- b) Open-ended questions encourage detailed responses.
- c) Setting the scene fosters a comfortable interview environment.
  - **Example Research:** "Before interviewing Jane, the journalist researched the economic impact of the pandemic and the rise of small businesses."
  - **Example Question Planning:** "What motivated you to start making face masks? Can you describe the moment you realized your business was taking off?"

### **2. Conducting the Interview:**

- a) Building rapport through casual conversation.
  - **Example Building Rapport:** "The interview began with light conversation about Jane's favorite hobbies, easing her into the more personal questions."
- b) Active listening and probing questions deepen understanding.
  - **Example Active Listening:** "Jane mentioned her grandmother taught her to sew. The journalist followed up with, 'Can you tell me more about how your grandmother influenced your life?'"
- c) Accurate recording preserves nuances.
  - **Example Recording:** "The interview was recorded with Jane's permission, and detailed notes were taken."

### **3. Reporting the Interview:**

- a) Precise transcription captures context.
  - **Example Transcription:** "Jane said, 'I never thought something so simple could change my life. My grandmother always told me, "When life gets tough, get tougher." That advice stuck with me.'"
- b) Selecting impactful quotes enhances narrative depth.

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- **Example Selecting Quotes:** "Jane's quote about her grandmother provided a powerful emotional connection to the story."
- c) Seamless integration of quotes enriches storytelling.
- **Example Integrating Quotes:** "Jane's business grew quickly. 'I never thought something so simple could change my life,' she said, recalling her grandmother's advice to 'get tougher' when life is tough."



Feature writing and interviews in a cozy café setting.

## Human Interest Stories

Human interest stories focus on personal experiences, emotions, and broader societal implications:

### 1. Identifying a Compelling Subject:

- a) Unique experiences resonate deeply.
  - **Example Unique Experience:** "Jane's transition from job loss to successful entrepreneur during the pandemic is a compelling and inspirational story."
- b) Broader relevance connects with diverse audiences.

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- **Example Broader Relevance:** "Her story reflects a larger trend of resilience and innovation during economic hardships."

### 2. Developing the Narrative:

c) Character development provides context.

- **Example Character Development:** "Jane, a 35-year-old single mother, faced numerous challenges. Her determination and creativity, however, set her apart."

d) Emotional engagement draws readers into the story.

- **Example Emotional Engagement:** "She vividly described the fear of being unable to support her children and the joy of seeing her first batch of masks sell out online."

### 3. Highlighting the Broader Impact:

e) Connections to more significant issues add depth.

- **Example Connecting to Larger Issues:** "Jane's story sheds light on the broader economic shifts caused by the pandemic and the rise of home-based businesses."

f) Inspiring action or reflection encourages reader engagement.

- **Example Inspiring Action or Reflection:** "Jane's journey is a reminder that there is an opportunity in every crisis. Her story encourages others to look for new paths and solutions during challenging times."

## Exercise

### Exercise: Feature Writing and Interviewing

#### Part 1: Feature Writing

Imagine you are tasked with writing a feature article for a magazine about individuals who have overcome significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic to create positive change in their lives. Use the structure of a feature article to outline and write a draft. Consider the following steps:

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## 1. Choose a Compelling Subject:

- Select a person or group of people who have faced adversity (e.g., job loss, health challenges) during the pandemic and have turned their experience into an opportunity for growth or innovation.

## 2. Research and Interview Preparation:

- Conduct background research on the economic impact of the pandemic and trends in entrepreneurship or personal resilience.
- Prepare a list of interview questions that delve into the personal journey, challenges faced, and successes your chosen subject(s) achieved.

## 3. Conducting the Interview:

- Arrange and conduct an interview with your chosen subject(s), focusing on their personal experiences, emotions, and the transformative moments that shaped their journey.
- Take detailed notes or record the interview with permission.

## 4. Writing the Feature Article:

- Write a compelling introduction (lead) that hooks the reader and introduces the main theme or angle of the article.
- Develop the body of the article, including background information, main points supported by quotes and examples from the interview, and relevant statistics or data.
- Craft a conclusion summarising the key points and leaving the reader with a memorable takeaway or reflection.

## Part 2: Conducting and Reporting Interviews

After outlining your feature article, focus on the interview process itself:

### 1. Interview Preparation:

- Review your list of interview questions. Are they open-ended and designed to elicit detailed responses?
- Consider the setting and atmosphere for the interview. How will you build rapport with your interviewee(s)?

### 2. Conducting the Interview:

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- Practice conducting a mock interview based on your prepared questions.
- Focus on active listening and follow-up questions to deepen your understanding of the interviewee's experiences.

### **3. Reporting the Interview:**

- Transcribe your mock interview or write a summary that captures the essence of the conversation.
- Select key quotes or insights that you would integrate into your feature article to enhance the narrative and emotional resonance.

### **Reflection**

After completing the exercise, reflect on the following questions:

1. How did the structure of the feature article help organize your thoughts and shape the narrative?
2. What challenges did you encounter during the interview process, and how did you address them?
3. What did you learn about effective interviewing techniques and the importance of storytelling in feature writing?

### **Q&A on Feature Writing, Interviews, and Human-Interest Stories**

#### **Q: What distinguishes feature writing from traditional news reporting?**

A: Feature writing blends news with opinion and storytelling, often focusing on human interest. It employs evocative language to engage readers deeply, making it more informative and emotionally compelling.

#### **Q: How do feature articles contribute to bridging academic research with practical insights?**

A: Feature articles are typically shorter and edited, not peer-reviewed, which makes them accessible for discussing complex topics in a way that engages a broader audience, fostering local branding and encouraging dialogue.



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**Q: How has feature writing evolved in response to multimedia tools and online platforms?**

**A:** Evolving alongside multimedia and digital platforms, feature writers must adapt their storytelling to engage diverse audiences in today's dynamic journalistic landscape. This adaptation ensures their stories remain relevant and compelling.

**Q: Why are semi-structured interviews crucial in feature writing?**

**A:** Semi-structured interviews allow for deep exploration of ideas while maintaining flexibility, which is essential for capturing nuanced personal stories and insights. This approach is invaluable in fields like pharmacy services research, enhancing qualitative data gathering.

**Q: What makes human interest stories resonate deeply with readers?**

**A:** Human interest stories are rich in emotional detail and personal perspective, tapping into universal values and aspirations. They often convey themes like resilience and hope, making them relatable and impactful.

**Q: What are some common types of feature articles?**

**A:** Feature articles can take various forms, such as profiles, trends, and advocacy pieces. Each type requires meticulous research, ethical considerations, and compelling storytelling to convey its message effectively.

**Q: How do updated examples and critical analysis enrich feature writing?**

**A:** Integrating updated examples and critical analysis into feature writing enhances the depth and relevance of narratives, ensuring they inform and engage across different media platforms.

**Q: How do writing assistance systems contribute to maintaining**

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**quality in feature articles?**

**A:** Writing assistance systems help maintain consistency and quality in feature articles by standardizing form and structure, aligning with evolving journalistic standards.

**Q: How does the creative nature of feature writing differ from technical papers?**

**A.** Feature writing's subjective and creative approach contrasts sharply with the formal tone of technical papers, making it more accessible and entertaining to a broader audience.

**Q: What role do feature articles play in informing, entertaining, and inspiring readers?**

**A:** Feature articles, with their blend of narrative techniques, interview methodologies, and human interest elements, offer a compelling approach to connecting with readers, enriching their understanding, and inspiring reflection in today's media landscape.

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## CHAPTER 11: OPINION WRITING AND EDITORIALS

Opinion writing and editorials are crucial in shaping public discourse and influencing political and social landscapes. Bina Venkataraman emphasizes that great opinion journalism should provoke readers to think differently, engage directly with counterarguments, and balance values and trade-offs. This approach ultimately serves as a meaningful public service backed by rigorous reporting and thoughtful analysis (Venkataraman, 2022). Unlike other journalistic formats, editorials represent a newspaper's collective voice and are strategically placed to influence public opinion and political debate. They are particularly persuasive during elections, where newspapers often declare support for specific candidates or parties, aiming to sway voter opinions and political outcomes (Firmstone, 2019).

Despite their significance, editorial journalism remains under-researched, with a limited understanding of the routines and practices of editorial journalists and the organization of editorial opinions within newspapers. The influence of editorials extends beyond readers to impact internal news agendas, coverage in other media, and political or policy agendas, positioning newspapers as active political actors (Firmstone, 2019). The educational value of opinion essays is also notable. For instance, Arief Pamuji's research found that using opinion essays in teaching significantly enhances students' writing achievements by encouraging them to explore diverse ideas and perspectives (Pamuji, 2022). This method can be particularly effective in academic settings, helping students articulate their thoughts more coherently and persuasively.

Editorials and opinion pieces shape public and political discourse and are powerful educational tools. The editorial contributions from various authors, including M. A. Gómez-Botero, Maurício Tavares da Mota, Allene Carvalho Lage, Johannes Wahl, Klaus Rummeler, Claudinei Rodrigues de Aguiar, and I. Schell-Kiehl, further underscore the importance of editorial journalism in fostering informed public debate and contributing to

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the democratic process (Firmstone, 2019; Pamuji, 2022; Venkataraman, 2022). As the media landscape evolves, the challenges and opportunities for editorial journalism continue to grow, necessitating ongoing research and adaptation to maintain its relevance and impact in the digital age.

### **Writing Persuasive Editorials**

#### **Choose a Clear Position**

- 1. Select a topic you are passionate about:**
  - For example, if you are passionate about climate change, choose a specific aspect like renewable energy adoption.
- 2. Clearly state your position from the outset:**
  - Begin with a strong thesis statement, such as "Renewable energy is the key to combating climate change."

#### **Research Thoroughly**

- 1. Gather credible sources to support your argument:**
  - Use scientific studies, government reports, and expert opinions to back your claims.
- 2. Understand opposing viewpoints to address counterarguments effectively:**
  - Research arguments against renewable energy to refute them effectively in your piece.

#### **Know Your Audience**

- 1. Tailor your language and content to resonate with your target readers:**
  - If writing for a general audience, avoid technical jargon and use clear, accessible language.
- 2. Consider the values and interests of your audience:**
  - Highlight how renewable energy can create jobs and reduce energy costs to appeal to economically minded readers.

#### **Use Strong Evidence**

- 1. Use facts, statistics, expert opinions, and real-life examples:**

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- Cite examples like Germany's successful transition to renewable energy sources.
- 2. Ensure your evidence is relevant and up-to-date:**
    - Refer to the latest data on renewable energy efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

## Structure and Argumentation

### Introduction

- 1. Start with a hook to grab attention:**

- Begin with a startling fact, such as "By 2050, fossil fuels could be a thing of the past."

- 2. Clearly state your thesis or main argument:**

- "Transitioning to renewable energy is essential for sustainable development."

### Body Paragraphs

- 1. Present your arguments in a logical order:**

- Discuss the environmental benefits first, followed by economic advantages.

- 2. Each paragraph should focus on a single point supporting your thesis:**

- Use topic sentences like "Renewable energy reduces greenhouse gas emissions."

- 3. Provide evidence and examples to back up each point:**

- Include data showing the decline in solar and wind energy costs.

- 4. Address and refute counterarguments to strengthen your position:**

- Acknowledge concerns about renewable energy reliability and counter with advancements in energy storage technology.

### Conclusion

- 1. Summarize your main points and restate your thesis:**

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- Recap the environmental and economic benefits of renewable energy.
- 2. End with a strong closing statement or a call to action:**
  - "It's time to invest in our future by embracing renewable energy."
- 3. Leave the reader with something to think about:**
  - "Imagine a world where clean energy powers our lives and preserves our planet."

## **Ethical Considerations**

- 1. Accuracy and Honesty:**
  - Ensure all information is accurate and verifiable.
  - Avoid misrepresenting facts or taking quotes out of context.
- 2. Respect for Opposing Views:**
  - Acknowledge and respect differing opinions.
  - Avoid ad hominem attacks and focus on the issues.
- 3. Avoiding Plagiarism:**
  - Always give credit to original sources.
  - Paraphrase appropriately and use quotations when necessary.
- 4. Transparency:**
  - Disclose any potential conflicts of interest.
  - Be clear about your perspective and any biases you might have.
- 5. Responsibility:**
  - Consider the impact of your words on individuals and communities.
  - Aim to contribute positively to public discourse.

By adhering to these guidelines, you can craft compelling, ethical, and well-structured opinion pieces that effectively convey your viewpoint and engage your readers.

Exercise:

**Exercise:** Writing a Persuasive Editorial

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## **Objective:**

Write a persuasive editorial on a current social or political issue. Use the provided guidelines to structure your piece, ensuring clear argumentation, strong evidence, and ethical considerations.

## **Topic Options (Choose one or select your own):**

1. Climate Change and Renewable Energy
2. The Role of Social Media in Modern Politics
3. Education Reform in Your Country
4. The Impact of Immigration on National Economies
5. The Importance of Mental Health Awareness

## **Guidelines:**

### **1. Choose a Clear Position:**

- Select a topic you are passionate about.
- Clearly state your position from the outset.

### **2. Research Thoroughly:**

- Gather credible sources to support your argument.
- Understand opposing viewpoints to address counterarguments effectively.

### **3. Know Your Audience:**

- Tailor your language and content to resonate with your target readers.
- Consider the values and interests of your audience.

### **4. Use Strong Evidence:**

- Use facts, statistics, expert opinions, and real-life examples.
- Ensure your evidence is relevant and up-to-date.

## **Structure and Argumentation:**

### **1. Introduction:**

- Start with a hook to grab attention (e.g., a startling fact, a question, or a quote).
- Clearly state your thesis or main argument.

### **2. Body Paragraphs:**

- Present your arguments in a logical order.

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- Each paragraph should focus on a single point supporting your thesis.
  - Use topic sentences to introduce the main idea of each paragraph.
  - Provide evidence and examples to back up each point.
  - Address and refute counterarguments to strengthen your position.
- 3. Conclusion:**
- Summarize your main points and restate your thesis.
  - End with a strong closing statement or a call to action.
  - Leave the reader with something to think about.

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### **Example:**

**Topic:** The Role of Social Media in Modern Politics



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**Introduction:** "Social media has revolutionized how we communicate, but its role in modern politics is a double-edged sword. While platforms like Twitter and Facebook provide unprecedented access to political discourse, they amplify misinformation and deepen political divides."

### Body Paragraphs:

- **Paragraph 1 (Support for Social Media in Politics):** "Social media empowers citizens by giving them a voice and enabling real-time engagement with political leaders. For instance, during the Arab Spring, platforms like Twitter were instrumental in organizing protests and disseminating information."
- **Paragraph 2 (Challenges and Misinformation):** "However, the rise of 'fake news' and echo chambers on social media platforms has had detrimental effects on public trust in media and democracy. A study by MIT found that false news spreads six times faster than the truth on Twitter."
- **Paragraph 3 (Balancing Benefits and Risks):** "To harness the benefits of social media while mitigating its risks, we must implement stronger regulations on misinformation and encourage digital literacy. Educating users to critically evaluate online content is crucial for a healthy democracy."

### Conclusion:

"In conclusion, while social media has transformed political engagement, we must carefully consider its challenges. By promoting digital literacy and enforcing stricter regulations on misinformation, we can ensure that social media remains a tool for positive political change." Now, try writing your own editorial based on the guidelines and structure provided.

### Q & A on Opinion Writing and Editorials

**Q: What role do opinion writing and editorials play in public discourse?**

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A: They shape public discourse and influence political and social landscapes by provoking readers to think differently, engage with counterarguments, and balance values and trade-offs.

**Q: How does Bina Venkataraman describe great opinion journalism?**

A: It should provoke thought, engage with counterarguments, and balance values, serving as a meaningful public service backed by rigorous reporting and analysis.

**Q: What distinguishes editorials from other journalistic formats?**

A: Editorials represent the collective voice of a newspaper and are strategically placed to influence public opinion and political debate, especially during elections.

**Q: How do editorials influence beyond their readers?**

A: They impact internal news agendas, other media coverage, and political or policy agendas, positioning newspapers as active political actors.

**Q: Why is thorough research important in writing a persuasive editorial?**

A: To gather credible sources and understand opposing viewpoints, allowing effective refutation of counterarguments.

**Q: How can you ensure your editorial resonates with your audience?**

A: Tailor language and content to the audience's values and interests, avoid technical jargon, and highlight relevant benefits.

## CHAPTER 12 : INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM



Investigative journalism (IJ) encompasses a multifaceted approach involving meticulous research, in-depth report writing, and navigating complex legal and ethical landscapes. The initial phase of IJ hinges on rigorous research and data collection, often involving extensive fieldwork, interviews, and the application of advanced data journalism techniques. In Indonesia, Narasi TV employs data journalism practices such as gathering, verifying, analyzing, and visualizing data, using open-source intelligence (OSINT) methods to produce investigative news videos (Intan Fajarlie & Muda Z. Monggilo, 2023). Similarly, IJ methodologies in the Arab world emphasize originating ideas, formulating hypotheses, creating systematic action plans, conducting fieldwork, and publishing comprehensive reports (Almabrouk et al., 2023).

Crafting in-depth investigative reports demands creativity and a structured approach. Journalists in this field excel in decision-making, storytelling, report planning, and data analysis to surpass automated processes in today's digital era (Almabrouk et al., 2023). This creative process parallels other journalistic forms, highlighting its dynamic and enduring relevance (Fulton, 2022). Investigative journalism frequently uncovers corruption, analyzes governmental policies, and reveals economic, political, and

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cultural trends. For instance, Tempo magazine critically analyzed corruption among tax officials through discourse analysis (Suprianto et al., 2023).

Legal and ethical considerations are paramount in IJ, particularly concerning conflicts with trade secrets. Laws like Germany's GeschGehG and the EU Trade Secrets Directive underscore the legal ramifications for media, necessitating a delicate balance between investigative research and trade secret protection (Dobler, 2023). Ethical concerns extend to IJ's role in social justice movements, where data-driven investigations have exposed environmental injustices, sexual assaults, and civil rights violations (Coatney, 2022). In the United States, the historical impact of IJ on political and social change is profound, with journalists uncovering misconduct by businesses and government officials (Applegate, 2023).

Organizations such as Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) have institutionalized IJ, promoting collaboration and supporting nonprofit IJ entities globally (Aucoin, 2022). In sports journalism, investigative reporting remains pivotal in revealing corruption, match-fixing, and doping scandals despite challenges posed by digital newsroom transformations (Aucoin, 2022). Overall, investigative journalism is a crucial practice amalgamating thorough research, creative storytelling, and unwavering adherence to legal and ethical standards to unearth truths and hold powerful entities accountable.

Here's a breakdown of key aspects:

### **Research and Data Collection**

- 1. Sources and Interviews:** Investigative journalists rely on a variety of sources, including whistleblowers, confidential informants, experts, and official documents. Conducting interviews and cultivating sources are crucial skills.
- 2. Document Analysis:** This involves combing through public records, government documents, financial statements, and other sources to uncover discrepancies or patterns that indicate potential wrongdoing or significant stories.

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3. **Digital Research:** Utilizing online databases, social media analysis, and digital tools to trace connections, verify information, and uncover hidden information.

## Writing In-Depth Investigative Reports

1. **Structuring the Report:** Investigative reports typically follow a structured approach: starting with a compelling lead, providing context, presenting evidence, and concluding with implications or recommendations.
2. **Narrative Skills:** Crafting a compelling narrative that engages readers while presenting complex information clearly and accurately.
3. **Multimedia Elements:** Incorporating visuals, data visualizations, and multimedia elements to enhance understanding and impact.

## Legal and Ethical Issues

1. **Accuracy and Verification:** Ensuring all facts are rigorously checked and verified to uphold journalistic standards.
2. **Privacy and Confidentiality:** Handling sensitive information ethically, protecting sources, and respecting privacy laws.
3. **Legal Challenges:** Understanding defamation laws, freedom of information laws, and potential legal risks associated with investigative reporting.
4. **Ethical Considerations:** Balancing the public interest with potential harm, minimizing harm to sources, and maintaining independence and impartiality.

Investigative journalism plays a critical role in democracy by uncovering corruption, injustices, and societal issues that may otherwise go unnoticed. It requires a combination of persistence, scepticism, ethical rigour, and storytelling skills to bring important stories to light.

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## **Example: Panama Papers Investigation**

**Research and Data Collection:** The Panama Papers investigation, initiated by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) in 2015, involved a massive leak of 11.5 million documents from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca. Journalists analyzed these documents over a year, uncovering how wealthy individuals, politicians, and public figures worldwide used offshore accounts to evade taxes and launder money.

**Writing In-Depth Investigative Reports:** Journalists from over 100 media organizations collaborated to analyze the data and write comprehensive reports. They structured their findings into detailed narratives that exposed specific cases of tax evasion, corruption, and financial misconduct. These reports were published simultaneously worldwide, maximizing impact and accountability.

**Legal and Ethical Issues:** The investigation raised legal and ethical questions regarding privacy, data protection, and the role of journalism in exposing confidential information. Journalists adhered to rigorous verification standards to ensure accuracy while navigating legal challenges, such as potential defamation risks and the need to protect sources.

**Impact:** The Panama Papers investigation had profound global repercussions. It led to the resignations of political leaders, regulatory investigations, and policy reforms in multiple countries. It demonstrated the power of investigative journalism in holding the powerful accountable and stimulating public debate on financial transparency and tax justice.

This example underscores how investigative journalism combines meticulous research, ethical considerations, and impactful storytelling to uncover hidden truths and catalyze societal change.

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## Exercise

**Exercise:** Writing an Investigative Journalism Piece

**Objective:** To develop research skills, analyze data, and write an in-depth investigative report.

**Scenario:** You are investigating allegations of environmental pollution by a local industrial plant that residents suspect is affecting their health and environment.

### Steps to Complete the Exercise:

#### 1. Research and Data Collection:

- Gather information from local residents, community groups, and environmental activists about their concerns and experiences.
- Obtain official records from environmental agencies regarding the plant's compliance history, pollution permits, and inspection reports.
- Conduct interviews with experts in environmental science and public health to understand the potential impacts of pollution on the community.

#### 2. Document Analysis:

- Analyze public records and air and water quality data near the industrial plant.
- Review company filings and financial statements to understand its operations and regulatory compliance.
- Look for patterns or discrepancies in the data that may indicate environmental violations or health risks.

#### 3. Writing the Report:

- **Introduction:**
  - Start with a compelling lead that grabs the reader's attention and introduces the issue.

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- Provide background information on the industrial plant and the community affected.
  - **Body:**
    - Present the findings from your research and data analysis in a clear and structured manner.
    - Describe the concerns raised by residents and experts, including specific examples or incidents.
    - Discuss the regulatory framework and any potential lapses or violations discovered.
  - **Conclusion:**
    - Summarize the key findings and their implications for the community and the environment.
    - Include recommendations for regulatory authorities or the company to address the concerns raised.
    - End with a thought-provoking statement that emphasizes the importance of environmental stewardship and public health.
- 4. Ethical Considerations:**
- Ensure all information presented is accurate, verified, and presented fairly.
  - Protect the identities of sources who wish to remain confidential.
  - Consider potential legal implications and adhere to journalistic ethics throughout the reporting process.
- 5. Review and Refinement:**
- Edit and revise your draft to improve clarity, coherence, and impact.
  - Seek feedback from peers or mentors to strengthen your investigative report.

**Outcome:** A well-researched and compelling investigative journalism piece that highlights environmental concerns, informs the public, and encourages action towards environmental protection and accountability.

This exercise will help you practice the skills needed for investigative journalism, including research, data analysis, ethical



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considerations, and impactful storytelling.

## **Q&A on Investigative Journalism**

### **Q: What is investigative journalism (IJ)?**

**A:** Investigative journalism (IJ) is a form of journalism that involves meticulous research, in-depth report writing, and navigating complex legal and ethical landscapes. It often uncovers corruption, analyzes governmental policies, and reveals economic, political, and cultural trends through rigorous research and data collection, extensive fieldwork, interviews, and advanced data journalism techniques.

### **Q: What are the key steps in the initial investigative journalism phase?**

**A:** The initial phase of investigative journalism includes rigorous research and data collection, extensive fieldwork, conducting interviews, and applying advanced data journalism techniques. For instance, Narasi TV in Indonesia employs data journalism practices such as gathering, verifying, analyzing, and visualizing data using open-source intelligence (OSINT) methods to produce investigative news videos.

### **Q: How do investigative journalists in the Arab world approach their work?**

**A:** In the Arab world, investigative journalism methodologies emphasize originating ideas, formulating hypotheses, creating systematic action plans, conducting fieldwork, and publishing comprehensive reports.

### **Q: What skills are essential for crafting in-depth investigative reports?**

**A:** Essential skills for crafting in-depth investigative reports include creativity and a structured approach in decision-making

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and storytelling, report planning, data analysis, and the ability to exceed automated processes in today's digital era.

**Q: How has investigative journalism been used to uncover corruption?**

**A:** Investigative journalism frequently uncovers corruption by conducting thorough investigations and analyses. For example, Tempo magazine critically analyzed corruption among tax officials using discourse analysis, revealing significant wrongdoing and holding officials accountable.

**Q: What legal and ethical considerations are paramount in investigative journalism?**

**A:** Key legal and ethical considerations in investigative journalism include conflicts with trade secrets and adherence to laws like Germany's GeschGehG and the EU Trade Secrets Directive, ensuring accuracy and verification of all facts, handling sensitive information ethically, protecting sources and respecting privacy laws, understanding defamation laws and freedom of information laws, and balancing public interest with potential harm.

**Q: How does investigative journalism contribute to social justice movements?**

**A:** Investigative journalism contributes to social justice movements by conducting data-driven investigations that expose environmental injustices, sexual assaults, and civil rights violations. This role underscores its importance in advocating for societal change and holding powerful entities accountable.

**Q: How have organizations like Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) institutionalized investigative journalism?**

**A:** Organizations like Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) have institutionalized investigative journalism by promoting collaboration among journalists and supporting nonprofit investigative journalism entities globally. These organizations

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provide resources, training, and platforms for investigative journalists to share their work and methodologies.

**Q: What is the impact of investigative journalism on sports journalism?**

**A:** In sports journalism, investigative reporting remains pivotal in uncovering corruption, match-fixing, and doping scandals. Despite challenges posed by digital newsroom transformations, investigative sports journalism plays a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of sports and holding those involved accountable.

**Q: Can you provide an example of a significant investigative journalism project and its impact?**

**A:** An example of a significant investigative journalism project is the Panama Papers investigation, initiated by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) in 2015. This investigation involved analyzing a massive leak of 11.5 million documents from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, uncovering how wealthy individuals, politicians, and public figures worldwide used offshore accounts to evade taxes and launder money. The investigation led to the resignations of political leaders, regulatory investigations, and policy reforms in multiple countries, demonstrating the power of investigative journalism in holding the powerful accountable and stimulating public debate on financial transparency and tax justice.

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## CHAPTER 13: MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM

Multimedia journalism has evolved significantly in the digital era, emphasizing the integration of text, audio, and video to create immersive news stories. Experts like Jeffery DeViscio stress the importance of mastering these multimedia skills for compelling storytelling (DeViscio, 2022). For example, the New York Times "Snow Fall" story uses text, images, video, and animations to enhance reader engagement (Van Krieken, 2018). Educational programs, such as the "International News Production" track at Moscow's High School of Economics Media Institute, prepare students for visual journalism and data storytelling, aligning with industry demands (Dmitriev & Hejase, 2023). However, a gap remains between journalism education and industry needs, particularly evident in China, where graduates often lack practical multimedia skills (Zhang, 2022).



Modern multimedia newsroom with journalists editing videos, recording podcasts, and writing articles, highlighting the dynamic nature of multimedia journalism.

Digital media's influence has transformed newsrooms, enabling dynamic information exchange and social interaction

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(Demina & Shkondin, 2023). Social media and blogging have revolutionized journalism, empowering audiences in content production and combating misinformation (Anthony, 2021). Television news has adapted with dense digital content and innovative event coverage (Babiker Ahmed Ali, 2022). Adapting multimedia stories for diverse cultural contexts, as shown by Theguardian.com and Eldiario.es, highlights the importance of cultural sensitivity in storytelling (Hernández Guerrero, 2022). Classroom projects like audio slideshows in online journalism courses prepare students for digital media careers (Song, 2018).

Multimedia journalism has transformed how news and stories are presented in the digital age, incorporating various forms of media to engage and inform audiences effectively. Here's an exploration of key aspects:

## Writing for Digital Media

- 1. Adapting to Online Platforms:** Multimedia journalism involves writing content tailored for digital platforms such as websites, mobile apps, and social media. This often requires concise, engaging writing styles that cater to online reading habits.
- 2. SEO and Online Visibility:** Understanding search engine optimization (SEO) principles to ensure content ranks well in online searches, increasing visibility and readership.
- 3. Interactive Content:** Creating interactive elements like quizzes, polls, and clickable graphics to enhance reader engagement and interaction.

## Integrating Text, Audio, and Video

- 1. Text-Based Journalism:** Writing articles, features, and opinion pieces that convey information clearly and compellingly.
- 2. Audio Journalism (Podcasts):** Producing and hosting podcasts to deliver news, interviews, and storytelling in an audio format that is accessible on demand.

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- 3. Video Journalism:** Creating video reports, documentaries, and news segments that visually illustrate stories and capture real-time events.

### **Social Media and Blogging**

- 1. Social Media Journalism:** Utilizing platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to distribute news updates, engage with audiences, and source stories.
- 2. Blogging:** Writing blog posts to delve deeper into topics, express opinions, and provide analysis beyond traditional news formats.
- 3. User-Generated Content:** Curating and integrating user-generated content from social media into journalistic coverage, enhancing authenticity and diversity of perspectives.

### **Impact and Challenges**

- 1. Audience Reach:** Multimedia journalism expands audience reach globally, leveraging the accessibility and shareability of digital content.
- 2. Ethical Considerations:** Maintaining journalistic integrity and accuracy while navigating the speed and immediacy of digital platforms.
- 3. Technological Advancements:** Embracing new technologies like virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) to create immersive storytelling experiences.

Multimedia journalism continues to evolve, influencing how news is consumed and shaping the future of storytelling in a digital landscape. It blends traditional journalistic principles with innovative digital tools to engage, inform, and empower audiences worldwide.

### **Exercise**

#### **Exercise: Creating a Multimedia Journalism Story**

**Objective:** To practice integrating text, audio, and video elements

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to create an engaging and immersive multimedia journalism story.  
**Scenario:** You are tasked with creating a multimedia news story about an environmental issue affecting your local community. Choose an issue such as pollution, deforestation, or climate change adaptation.

## Steps to Complete the Exercise:

### 1. Research and Reporting:

- Conduct thorough research on the chosen environmental issue, gathering data, expert opinions, and community perspectives.
- Interview local residents, activists, scientists, and government officials to understand different viewpoints and impacts.

### 2. Multimedia Elements:

- **Text:** Write a compelling narrative that outlines the issue, its causes, and potential solutions. Ensure clarity and engagement suitable for online readership.
- **Audio:** Record interviews with key stakeholders to capture their voices and insights. Consider using ambient sounds or background music to enhance the audio experience.
- **Video:** Capture visual footage of affected areas, interviews with community members, and demonstrations of the issue's impact. Edit the video to create a cohesive storyline.
- **Graphics/Animations:** Create infographics or animations to visualize data, statistics, and processes related to the environmental issue.

### 3. Integration and Presentation:

- Integrate all multimedia elements into a cohesive story. Ensure each component complements and enhances the overall narrative.
- Consider the platform for publication (e.g., website, social media). Optimize multimedia elements for online viewing and interaction.

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- Aim for a balanced presentation of information, using multimedia to convey complex ideas effectively and engage diverse audiences.

### **4. Ethical Considerations:**

- Maintain accuracy and fairness in reporting, verifying facts and attributing sources appropriately.
- Respect privacy and consent when using interviews or footage of individuals.
- Adhere to journalistic standards and ethical guidelines throughout the production process.

### **5. Review and Feedback:**

- Review your multimedia story for coherence, clarity, and impact.
- Seek feedback from peers or mentors to improve storytelling techniques and multimedia integration.

**Outcome:** A comprehensive multimedia journalism story that effectively informs and engages audiences on the chosen environmental issue, utilizing text, audio, video, and visual elements to create a compelling narrative.

This exercise will help you practice integrating multimedia elements to tell impactful stories, preparing you for the dynamic world of digital journalism.

### **Q&A on Multimedia Journalism**

**Q: What is multimedia journalism, and why is it important in today's media landscape?**

**A:** Multimedia journalism involves integrating various forms of media, such as text, audio, video, and graphics, to tell compelling and immersive stories. It is crucial in today's media landscape because it caters to diverse audience preferences for consuming information. By combining different media formats, multimedia journalism enhances engagement, facilitates a deeper



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understanding of complex issues, and accommodates the interactive nature of digital platforms.

**Q: How does multimedia journalism differ from traditional journalism?**

**A:** Traditional journalism typically relies on written text or broadcast formats to convey news and information. In contrast, multimedia journalism expands storytelling capabilities by incorporating audiovisual elements. It allows journalists to present news stories through words and images, videos, sound bites, and interactive features, creating a more dynamic and engaging experience for audiences.

**Q: What are some examples of effective multimedia journalism projects?**

**A:** Projects like the New York Times' "Snow Fall" story exemplify effective use of multimedia. It combines text, images, videos, and animations to vividly reconstruct a narrative, enhancing reader immersion. Similarly, podcasts that integrate interviews, ambient sounds, and archival footage provide rich audio storytelling experiences. Social media platforms also serve as effective channels for multimedia journalism, allowing for real-time updates, audience interaction, and the integration of user-generated content.

**Q: How can aspiring journalists develop skills in multimedia journalism?**

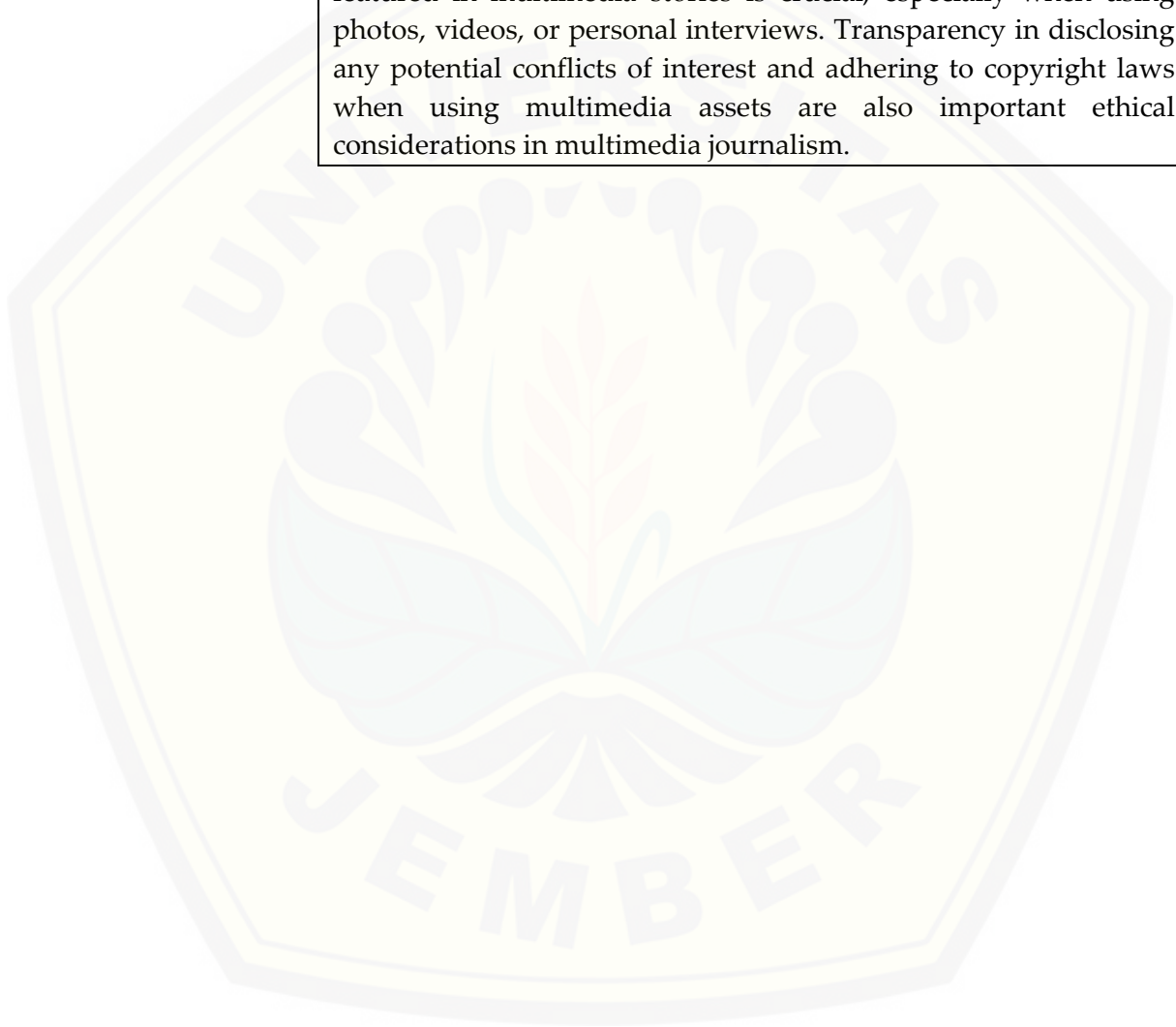
**A:** Aspiring journalists can develop skills in multimedia journalism through hands-on practice and training. They should familiarize themselves with multimedia tools and software for content creation, such as video editing programs, audio recording equipment, and graphic design software. Seeking internships or freelance opportunities that involve multimedia storytelling can provide practical experience. Additionally, attending workshops, online courses, and seminars focused on multimedia journalism techniques and best practices can help build proficiency in this

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field.

**Q5: What ethical considerations should multimedia journalists keep in mind?**

**A:** Multimedia journalists must uphold ethical standards while producing content across different media formats. They should ensure accuracy in reporting by verifying information from reliable sources. Respecting the privacy and consent of individuals featured in multimedia stories is crucial, especially when using photos, videos, or personal interviews. Transparency in disclosing any potential conflicts of interest and adhering to copyright laws when using multimedia assets are also important ethical considerations in multimedia journalism.



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## CHAPTER 14 : COVERING INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Covering international news is complex, presenting journalists with challenges and opportunities rooted in cultural sensitivity, contextual understanding, and reporting from conflict zones. Journalists navigate these complexities by employing "proximation strategies" to bridge distant realities with their audiences (Kopytowska, 2015). The framing of news, selection of sources, and narrative analysis significantly shape media representation and audience perception (Moon, 2019). Social media accelerates information dissemination and diversifies voices in conflict reporting yet complicates verification and context setting (Sacco & Bossio, 2015).

Based on the Geneva Conventions, legal protections for journalists in conflict zones theoretically safeguard their work but often fall short in practice, exposing them to substantial risks. Terminologies like "grey zone" and "hybrid war" deepen analytical reporting, especially in intricate conflicts such as the Russian-Ukrainian war (Kovalska, 2023). Media ownership influences



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coverage, impacting how international conflicts are portrayed (Baum & Zhukov, 2019). Cultural strategies such as "culture peg" and "culture link" aim to contextualize foreign stories for home audiences but can distort understanding of other cultures (Tanikawa, 2017).

Cultural context significantly influences the reception of international news; studies show Western audiences appreciate foreign cultural content more when presented with contextual information (Chilvers et al., 2024). In low- and middle-income countries, international news outlets increasingly use smartphone platforms and chat apps to reach younger, often semi-literate audiences, though the effectiveness of these approaches is still being studied. The "domestication" effect in global journalism, exemplified in Chinese media's coverage of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, illustrates how news is tailored to fit domestic frames, complicating global understanding (Ji et al., 2024).

Covering international news presents journalists with unique challenges and opportunities, demanding cultural sensitivity, contextual understanding, and courage when reporting from conflict zones. Here's an exploration of these key aspects:

### **Challenges and Opportunities**

- 1. Logistical Challenges:** Reporting on international news often involves logistical hurdles such as language barriers, unfamiliar environments, and access to reliable sources. Journalists must navigate these challenges to gather accurate information and provide comprehensive coverage.
- 2. Political and Legal Constraints:** Journalists may face censorship, restrictions on movement, or legal repercussions in authoritarian regimes or conflict zones. Balancing the need for truth with personal safety and legal considerations requires careful navigation.
- 3. Time and Resource Management:** International reporting requires effective time management and resource allocation due to the vast distances and complexities involved. Journalists

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must prioritize stories and optimize resources to cover diverse global events.

4. **Opportunities for Impact:** International news coverage offers opportunities to highlight global issues, amplify marginalized voices, and foster cross-cultural understanding. It allows journalists to inform global audiences and influence public opinion on critical global matters.

### **Cultural Sensitivity and Context**

1. **Understanding Cultural Nuances:** Cultural sensitivity is paramount when reporting on international news. Journalists must understand local customs, traditions, and societal norms to avoid misinterpretation or offense in their reporting.
2. **Contextual Analysis:** Providing context is essential to help audiences grasp the complexities of international events. Historical background, political dynamics, and socio-economic factors shape news stories and influence their impact.
3. **Language Proficiency:** Proficiency in local languages enhances a journalist's ability to communicate effectively with sources and understand nuances that might be lost in translation. It facilitates deeper insights and more accurate reporting.

### **Reporting from Conflict Zones**

1. **Safety and Security:** Reporting from conflict zones poses significant risks to journalists' safety. Threats may include violence, kidnapping, or becoming caught in crossfire. Journalists must prioritize safety protocols and assess risks before entering volatile areas.
2. **Ethical Dilemmas:** Journalists face ethical dilemmas when reporting from conflict zones, such as maintaining impartiality amidst intense emotions, verifying information in chaotic situations, and protecting sources' identities and safety.
3. **Impactful Reporting:** Despite risks, reporting from conflict zones allows journalists to shed light on humanitarian crises, human rights abuses, and geopolitical tensions. Their reports can influence international responses, humanitarian aid, and peace negotiations.

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Covering international news requires journalists to balance courage with caution, cultural sensitivity with accuracy, and ethical principles with the pursuit of truth. It remains a critical avenue for informing global audiences, fostering empathy across borders, and advocating for justice and accountability on the world stage.

### **Exercise**

#### **Exercise: International News Reporting**

**Objective:** To simulate the challenges and strategies involved in reporting on international news, emphasizing cultural sensitivity, contextual understanding, and safety considerations in conflict zones.

**Scenario:** You are a journalist assigned to cover a developing international crisis involving political unrest and humanitarian issues in a conflict zone. Your task is to prepare a comprehensive news report incorporating cultural context, contextual analysis, and ethical considerations.

#### **Steps to Complete the Exercise:**

##### **1. Research and Preparation:**

- Conduct extensive research on the conflict zone's political history, socio-economic factors, and cultural dynamics.
- Identify key stakeholders, local experts, and community members to interview for diverse perspectives.
- Gather reliable sources of information, including official reports, local media coverage, and humanitarian organizations' statements.

##### **2. Field Reporting:**

- Simulate field reporting by imagining interviews with local residents, activists, government officials, and humanitarian workers.

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- Gather firsthand accounts, testimonies, and visual evidence (if applicable) to enrich your reporting.
- Navigate language barriers and cultural sensitivities to ensure respectful and accurate communication with sources.

### **3. Contextual Analysis:**

- Provide contextual analysis by outlining the crisis's historical background, political developments, and socio-economic impacts.
- Highlight how these factors shape current events and affect local communities.
- Use multimedia elements (text, images, maps) to enhance the audience's understanding of the situation visually.

### **4. Ethical Considerations:**

- Address ethical dilemmas such as maintaining impartiality, protecting sources' identities, and verifying information in a volatile environment.
- Consider the potential impact of your reporting on local communities and international audiences.
- Ensure compliance with journalistic ethics and legal considerations specific to reporting in conflict zones.

### **5. Drafting the News Report:**

- Write a detailed news report synthesising your research, interviews, and contextual analysis.
- Structure the report to include an introduction, background information, key interview findings, and an analysis of the crisis's implications.
- Craft compelling headlines and lead paragraphs to capture the audience's attention and convey the urgency of the situation.

### **6. Reflection and Feedback:**

- Reflect on the challenges faced during the exercise, including cultural barriers, ethical dilemmas, and logistical hurdles.

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- Seek feedback from peers or instructors to evaluate the effectiveness of your reporting in conveying the complexities of the international crisis.
- Identify areas for improvement regarding research, reporting techniques, and ethical decision-making.

**Outcome:** A simulated news report demonstrating your ability to navigate cultural complexities, provide contextual analysis, and uphold ethical standards while reporting an international crisis. This exercise prepares you for real-world challenges in international journalism, emphasizing the importance of sensitivity, accuracy, and ethical integrity in global reporting.

### **Q & A on International News Reporting**

**Q: What are the key challenges journalists face when reporting on international news?**

**A:** Journalists encounter various challenges, including navigating language barriers, unfamiliar environments, and access to reliable sources. They also must manage political and legal constraints, such as censorship and safety risks in conflict zones. Balancing these challenges while maintaining accuracy and ethical standards is crucial in international reporting.

**Q: How does cultural sensitivity impact international news reporting?**

**A:** Cultural sensitivity is essential in international news reporting to avoid misinterpretation or offence. Journalists must understand local customs, traditions, and societal norms to convey stories from diverse cultural perspectives accurately. It helps build trust with sources and enhances the credibility of the reporting among global audiences.

**Q: What strategies can journalists use for effective contextual analysis in international news reports?**



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**A:** Journalists can provide effective contextual analysis by researching the historical, political, and socio-economic factors influencing the story. They should outline how these factors shape current events and impact local communities. Using multimedia elements, such as maps and visuals, can also enhance the audience's understanding of the situation.

**Q: What ethical considerations are important when reporting from conflict zones?**

**A:** Reporting from conflict zones requires journalists to navigate ethical dilemmas such as maintaining impartiality, protecting sources' identities, and verifying information amidst chaos. They must prioritize safety protocols, respect the dignity of affected individuals, and consider the potential impact of their reporting on local communities and global audiences.

**Q5: How can journalists balance the urgency of reporting from conflict zones with ensuring accuracy and ethical integrity?**

**A:** Journalists can balance urgency with accuracy and ethics by prioritizing verified information over speed. They should corroborate sources and cross-check facts to avoid misinformation. Upholding journalistic principles such as transparency, fairness, and accountability is crucial in responsibly portraying the complexities of conflict zones.

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## **Part 3: Practical Applications**

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## CHAPTER 15 : CASE STUDY IN DIPLOMACY

### **Understanding Recent Diplomatic Case Studies**

In international relations, diplomatic engagements shape global politics, influence economic landscapes, and impact humanitarian efforts. Analyzing recent diplomatic case studies provides valuable insights into how nations navigate complex geopolitical challenges, negotiate agreements, and address transnational issues. Each case study selected offers a window into the intricacies of diplomatic language, strategies employed, and the enduring lessons learned that shape contemporary international relations.

These case studies highlight diverse diplomatic challenges and responses from the Iran Nuclear Deal to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the normalization of relations between Israel and UAE/Bahrain to the complexities of the Rohingya crisis and the U.S.-China trade conflict. They illustrate the dynamic interplay of political interests, economic considerations, and humanitarian concerns that define modern diplomacy.

Through careful analysis of historical events, the language used by diplomats, strategies deployed, and the broader lessons gleaned, readers can better understand how diplomacy shapes global affairs. These case studies serve as critical lenses to explore the complexities of international negotiations, the impact of diplomatic decisions on regional stability, and the evolving role of diplomacy in addressing pressing global issues.

In this exercise, we explore these recent diplomatic case studies to uncover the nuances of international relations, examine diplomatic successes and failures, and extract valuable lessons that inform our understanding of contemporary global diplomacy.

Here are five recent case studies in diplomacy that illustrate the analysis of historical events, the language and strategies used, and the lessons learned:

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## **Diplomatic Simulation / Role Play Exercises: Addressing Five Contemporary Cases**

### **Objective**

To engage participants in simulated diplomatic negotiations, focusing on five recent and high-profile international issues. The exercises aim to develop negotiation skills, enhance understanding of diplomatic strategies, and foster collaboration among participants.

### **Exercise 1: Disputes in the South China Sea**

#### **Scenario**

Participants represent countries and organizations involved in the territorial disputes in the South China Sea. The goal is to negotiate a resolution that addresses sovereignty claims, ensures freedom of navigation, and promotes regional cooperation.

#### **Roles**

1. Chinese Diplomat
2. Philippine Government Representative
3. Vietnamese Government Representative
4. Malaysian Government Representative
5. Indonesian Government Representative
6. United States Diplomat
7. ASEAN Representative
8. International Maritime Organization (IMO) Representative
9. Environmental NGO Advocate

#### **Instructions**

##### **1. Preparation:**

- Each participant receives a brief on their role, including their country's or organization's position on the South China Sea disputes, key interests, and potential compromises.
- Participants research their roles and relevant international laws and agreements (e.g., UNCLOS).

##### **2. Opening Statements:**

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- Each participant delivers a 2-minute opening statement outlining their position on the South China Sea disputes and key concerns.

### **3. Initial Negotiations:**

- Participants engage in a round of bilateral or small-group discussions to explore common ground and identify major points of contention.
- This phase lasts 20 minutes.

### **4. Plenary Session:**

- All participants come together for a plenary session to present preliminary agreements and unresolved issues.
- A facilitator helps guide the discussion and keeps track of agreements and disagreements.

### **5. Focused Negotiations:**

- Participants break into smaller groups to tackle specific issues identified in the plenary session (e.g., territorial claims, freedom of navigation, environmental protection).
- Each group works on drafting proposals and compromises.
- This phase lasts 30 minutes.

### **6. Final Plenary Session:**

- Groups present their proposals and compromises.
- Participants discuss and negotiate to finalize a comprehensive agreement.
- The facilitator assists in mediating disputes and ensuring all voices are heard.

### **7. Agreement and Reflection:**

- Participants aim to reach a final agreement that addresses the key concerns of all parties and promotes regional stability.
- If an agreement is reached, it is documented and shared with the group.
- Participants reflect on the exercise, discussing what worked, what didn't, and what they learned about maritime diplomacy.

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## Exercise 2: Climate Change and the Paris Agreement

### Scenario

Participants represent different countries and organizations involved in negotiating updates to the Paris Agreement. The goal is to strengthen commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while addressing the concerns of developing nations.

### Roles

1. United States Diplomat
2. Chinese Diplomat
3. European Union Representative
4. Indian Government Representative
5. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Representative
6. Oil-Producing Country Representative
7. Environmental NGO Advocate
8. UNFCCC Facilitator

### Instructions

#### 1. Preparation:

- Each participant receives a brief on their role, including their country's or organization's position on climate change, economic priorities, and potential compromises.
- Participants research their roles and relevant climate policies.

#### 2. Opening Statements:

- Each participant delivers a 2-minute opening statement outlining their position on the Paris Agreement and key concerns.

#### 3. Initial Negotiations:

- Participants engage in a round of bilateral or small-group discussions to explore common ground and identify major points of contention.
- This phase lasts 20 minutes.

#### 4. Plenary Session:

- All participants come together for a plenary session to present preliminary agreements and unresolved issues.

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- A facilitator helps guide the discussion and keeps track of agreements and disagreements.

### **5. Focused Negotiations:**

- Participants break into smaller groups to tackle specific issues identified in the plenary session (e.g., funding for adaptation, emission reduction targets, technology transfer).
- Each group works on drafting proposals and compromises.
- This phase lasts 30 minutes.

### **6. Final Plenary Session:**

- Groups present their proposals and compromises.
- Participants discuss and negotiate to finalize an updated agreement.
- The facilitator assists in mediating disputes and ensuring all voices are heard.

### **7. Agreement and Reflection:**

- Participants aim to reach a final agreement that strengthens climate commitments while addressing economic and developmental concerns.
- If an agreement is reached, it is documented and shared with the group.
- Participants reflect on the exercise, discussing what worked, what didn't, and what they learned about climate diplomacy.

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## **Exercise 3: Cybersecurity and International Cooperation**

### **Scenario**

Participants represent countries and organizations involved in addressing global cybersecurity threats. The goal is to negotiate a framework for international cooperation that enhances cybersecurity, addresses cybercrime, and promotes the responsible use of cyberspace.

### **Roles**

1. United States Cybersecurity Official
2. Chinese Cybersecurity Official
3. European Union Cybersecurity Representative



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4. Russian Cybersecurity Official
5. Indian Cybersecurity Official
6. International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Representative
7. Private Sector Representative (e.g., Tech Company Executive)
8. Cybersecurity NGO Advocate
9. Interpol Cybercrime Unit Representative

## **Instructions**

### **1. Preparation:**

- Each participant receives a brief on their role, including their country's or organization's position on cybersecurity, key concerns, and potential compromises.
- Participants research their roles and relevant cybersecurity frameworks and agreements.

### **2. Opening Statements:**

- Each participant delivers a 2-minute opening statement outlining their position on cybersecurity threats and key concerns.

### **3. Initial Negotiations:**

- Participants engage in a round of bilateral or small-group discussions to explore common ground and identify major points of contention.
- This phase lasts 20 minutes.

### **4. Plenary Session:**

- All participants come together for a plenary session to present preliminary agreements and unresolved issues.
- A facilitator helps guide the discussion and keeps track of agreements and disagreements.

### **5. Focused Negotiations:**

- Participants break into smaller groups to tackle specific issues identified in the plenary session (e.g., cybercrime, data protection, cyber warfare norms).
- Each group works on drafting proposals and compromises.
- This phase lasts 30 minutes.

### **6. Final Plenary Session:**

- Groups present their proposals and compromises.

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- Participants discuss and negotiate to finalize a comprehensive cybersecurity cooperation framework.
- The facilitator assists in mediating disputes and ensuring all voices are heard.

### **7. Agreement and Reflection:**

- Participants aim to reach a final agreement that enhances international cybersecurity cooperation.
- If an agreement is reached, it is documented and shared with the group.
- Participants reflect on the exercise, discussing what worked, what didn't, and what they learned about cybersecurity diplomacy.

## **Exercise 4: Trade Dispute Resolution**

### **Scenario**

Participants represent countries involved in a trade dispute that has resulted in tariffs and retaliatory measures. The goal is to negotiate a trade agreement that reduces tariffs, increases market access, and protects intellectual property rights.

### **Roles**

1. United States Trade Representative
2. Chinese Trade Representative
3. European Union Trade Commissioner
4. Indian Trade Minister
5. WTO Mediator
6. Multinational Corporation Representative
7. Labor Union Leader
8. Consumer Advocacy Group Representative

### **Instructions**

#### **1. Preparation:**

- Each participant receives a brief on their role, including their country's or organization's position on trade issues, economic priorities, and potential compromises.
- Participants research their roles and relevant trade policies.

#### **2. Opening Statements:**

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- Each participant delivers a 2-minute opening statement outlining their position on the trade dispute and key concerns.

### **3. Initial Negotiations:**

- Participants engage in a round of bilateral or small-group discussions to explore common ground and identify major points of contention.
- This phase lasts 20 minutes.

### **4. Plenary Session:**

- All participants come together for a plenary session to present preliminary agreements and unresolved issues.
- A mediator helps guide the discussion and keeps track of agreements and disagreements.

### **5. Focused Negotiations:**

- Participants break into smaller groups to tackle specific issues identified in the plenary session (e.g., tariff reductions, intellectual property protections, labor standards).
- Each group works on drafting proposals and compromises.
- This phase lasts 30 minutes.

### **6. Final Plenary Session:**

- Groups present their proposals and compromises.
- Participants discuss and negotiate to finalize a trade agreement.
- The mediator assists in mediating disputes and ensuring all voices are heard.

### **7. Agreement and Reflection:**

- Participants aim to reach a final trade agreement that addresses the key concerns of all parties.
- If an agreement is reached, it is documented and shared with the group.
- Participants reflect on the exercise, discussing what worked, what didn't, and what they learned about trade diplomacy.

## **Exercise 5: Humanitarian Intervention and Refugee Crisis**

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### **Scenario**

Participants represent countries and organizations involved in addressing a humanitarian crisis in a conflict zone. The goal is to develop a coordinated response that provides humanitarian aid, supports refugees, and ensures regional stability.

### **Roles**

1. UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative
2. Host Country Government Representative
3. Conflict Country Government Representative
4. Major Donor Country Representative (e.g., United States, European Union)
5. NGO Representative
6. Neighboring Country Representative
7. Regional Organization Representative (e.g., African Union)
8. International Red Cross Representative

### **Instructions**

#### **1. Preparation:**

- Each participant receives a brief on their role, including their country's or organization's position on the humanitarian crisis, key concerns, and potential solutions.
- Participants research their roles and relevant humanitarian policies and frameworks.

#### **2. Opening Statements:**

- Each participant delivers a 2-minute opening statement outlining their position on the humanitarian crisis and key concerns.

#### **3. Initial Negotiations:**

- Participants engage in a round of bilateral or small-group discussions to explore common ground and identify major points of contention.
- This phase lasts 20 minutes.

#### **4. Plenary Session:**

- All participants come together for a plenary session to present preliminary agreements and unresolved issues.
- A facilitator helps guide the discussion and keeps track of agreements and disagreements.

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## **5. Focused Negotiations:**

- Participants break into smaller groups to tackle specific issues identified in the plenary session (e.g., funding for aid, refugee resettlement, security concerns).
- Each group works on drafting proposals and compromises.
- This phase lasts 30 minutes.

## **6. Final Plenary Session:**

- Groups present their proposals and compromises.
- Participants discuss and negotiate to finalize a coordinated humanitarian response.
- The facilitator assists in mediating disputes and ensuring all voices are heard.

## **7. Agreement and Reflection:**

- Participants aim to reach a final agreement that addresses the key concerns of all parties and provides effective humanitarian assistance.
- If an agreement is reached, it is documented and shared with the group.
- Participants reflect on the exercise, discussing what worked, what didn't, and what they learned about humanitarian diplomacy.

## **Debriefing Questions for All Exercises**

1. What strategies were most effective in reaching a compromise?
2. How did the role-playing exercise change your understanding of the complexities of diplomatic negotiations?
3. What were the biggest challenges in balancing national interests with international cooperation?
4. How did non-traditional actors influence the negotiation process?
5. What lessons can be applied to real-world diplomatic scenarios?

These exercises aim to help participants develop a nuanced understanding of contemporary diplomacy and enhance their negotiation and conflict-resolution skills in various contexts.

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## **CHAPTER 16: CASE STUDIES IN JOURNALISM**

Journalism is crucial in informing the public, shaping opinions, and holding power to account. In an era of rapid information dissemination and complex global issues, understanding the intricacies of journalism is more important than ever. This collection of case studies is designed to delve deep into the world of journalism, exploring how major news stories are crafted, the techniques and language used by journalists, and the ethical dilemmas they face.

Through these case studies, participants will engage in detailed analyses of significant news stories, examining how different elements contribute to the effectiveness and impact of the reporting. By dissecting the narrative structures, sourcing methods, and language choices, participants will better understand what makes a news story compelling and trustworthy.

Moreover, the case studies will highlight journalists' ethical challenges in their pursuit of truth. These ethical considerations are fundamental to maintaining journalistic integrity, from the balance between public interest and national security to the protection of privacy and the need for transparency.

By participating in these exercises, individuals will not only enhance their analytical skills but also develop a deeper appreciation for the role of journalism in society. They will learn to recognize the complexities of reporting, the importance of ethical standards, and the impact of journalism on public discourse and policy.

This exploration of journalism through case studies aims to foster critical thinking, ethical awareness, and a nuanced understanding of the field, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate and contribute to the ever-evolving news and information landscape.

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## Role Play Exercises for Journalism Case Studies

These role-play exercises are designed to immerse participants in various aspects of journalism, helping them understand the complexities of reporting, ethical considerations, and the impact of their work on public opinion and policy.

### Exercise 1: Analyzing Major News Stories

#### Scenario

Participants role-play as journalists and editors from different news organisations covering a major breaking news story. They will compete to produce the most comprehensive and compelling coverage.

#### Example Story

A major earthquake has struck a densely populated city, causing widespread damage and casualties.

#### Roles

1. Lead Reporter (News Organization A)
2. Lead Reporter (News Organization B)
3. Field Reporter (News Organization A)
4. Field Reporter (News Organization B)
5. Editor (News Organization A)
6. Editor (News Organization B)
7. Social Media Manager (News Organization A)
8. Social Media Manager (News Organization B)

#### Instructions

##### 1. Preparation:

- Participants research previous earthquake coverage to understand common challenges and effective strategies.
- Each team (News Organization A and B) plans their approach, deciding how to allocate its reporters and what angles to cover.

##### 2. Reporting:

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- Field reporters gather information from the scene, conduct interviews, and take photos/videos.
- Lead reporters compile the gathered information into a cohesive story, ensuring accuracy and relevance.

### **3. Editing:**

- Editors review the reports, checking for factual accuracy, clarity, and adherence to ethical standards.
- They decide what to include or exclude and how to frame the story.

### **4. Social Media:**

- Social media managers create posts to keep the public informed and engaged, using real-time updates and multimedia content.

### **5. Presentation:**

- Each team presents their final news story and social media strategy to the group.
- Participants discuss the differences in coverage, challenges faced, and how they addressed them.

## **Exercise 2: Reporting Techniques and Language Used**

### **Scenario**

Participants role-play as journalists working on an investigative piece focusing on uncovering corruption in a major corporation. They will use different reporting techniques and carefully choose their language to build a compelling narrative.

### **Example Story**

An investigation into corruption within a multinational corporation involving bribery and fraudulent contracts.

### **Roles**

1. Investigative Reporter
2. Data Journalist
3. Editor
4. Corporate Spokesperson



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5. Whistleblower
6. Legal Advisor
7. NGO Representative

## Instructions

### 1. Preparation:

- Participants research investigative journalism techniques and language use in previous corruption cases.
- Investigative reporters and data journalists plan their approach, identifying key sources and data sets.

### 2. Investigation:

- Investigative reporters conduct interviews, including with the whistleblower and corporate spokesperson.
- Data journalists analyze financial documents and contracts to uncover evidence of corruption.

### 3. Reporting:

- Investigative reporters write the story, integrating interviews, data analysis, and background information.
- They carefully choose language to ensure clarity, impact, and adherence to legal considerations.

### 4. Editing:

- Editors review the story for factual accuracy, coherence, and ethical implications.
- Legal advisors provide input on potential legal risks and necessary safeguards.

### 5. Presentation:

- Participants present their investigative pieces to the group.
- They discuss the reporting techniques, language choices, and the challenges they faced.

## Exercise 3: Ethical Dilemmas and Solutions

### Scenario

Participants role-play as journalists and editors facing ethical dilemmas while covering a sensitive topic. They must navigate these challenges while maintaining journalistic integrity.

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## **Example Story**

Reporting on a controversial political figure's personal scandal, balancing the public's right to know with privacy concerns.

## **Roles**

1. Journalist
2. Editor
3. Legal Advisor
4. Ethics Committee Member
5. Public Relations Specialist
6. Political Figure's Representative
7. Victim's Advocate

## **Instructions**

### **1. Preparation:**

- Participants research ethical standards in journalism and previous cases involving similar dilemmas.
- The journalist and editor plan their approach to the story, considering potential ethical challenges.

### **2. Ethical Dilemmas:**

- The journalist gathers information, including sensitive personal details about the political figure.
- The editor must decide what information to publish, considering the public interest and privacy concerns.

### **3. Consultation:**

- The journalist and editor consult with the legal advisor, ethics committee member, and public relations specialist.
- They discuss the potential impact of their decisions on the political figure, the public, and their news organization.

### **4. Decision-Making:**

- The team makes a decision on how to proceed, balancing ethical considerations with journalistic responsibilities.
- They document their decision-making process and the rationale behind their choices.

### **5. Presentation:**

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- Participants present their final story and the ethical challenges they faced to the group.
- They discuss the solutions they implemented and the impact of their decisions.

## **Exercise 4: Crisis Reporting and Public Communication**

### **Scenario**

Participants role-play as journalists and government officials during a public health crisis, focusing on accurate and responsible reporting to inform the public and prevent panic.

### **Example Story**

An outbreak of a new infectious disease in a major city, with rapidly increasing cases and public concern.

### **Roles**

1. Health Reporter
2. Government Health Official
3. Editor
4. Public Information Officer
5. Medical Expert
6. Community Leader
7. Affected Family Representative

### **Instructions**

#### **1. Preparation:**

- Participants research previous health crisis reporting and effective communication strategies.
- The health reporter and editor plan their approach, focusing on accurate and timely information.

#### **2. Reporting:**

- The health reporter gathers information from government officials, medical experts, and affected families.
- They write the story, ensuring it is factual, clear, and avoids causing unnecessary panic.

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### **3. Collaboration:**

- The health reporter collaborates with the government health official and public information officer to verify information.
- They work with the community leader to ensure culturally sensitive and accessible communication.

### **4. Editing:**

- The editor reviews the story for accuracy, clarity, and responsible reporting.
- They ensure the story provides helpful information to the public without inciting fear.

### **5. Presentation:**

- Participants present their final story and communication strategy to the group.
- They discuss the challenges faced in crisis reporting and the importance of accurate public communication.

## **Exercise 5: Media Bias and Objectivity**

### **Scenario**

Participants role-play as journalists and media analysts examining potential biases in news coverage of a politically charged event. They will analyze and discuss how to maintain objectivity.

### **Example Story**

Coverage of a large-scale protest movement with significant political implications.

### **Roles**

1. Political Reporter (News Organization A)
2. Political Reporter (News Organization B)
3. Editor (News Organization A)
4. Editor (News Organization B)
5. Media Analyst
6. Protest Organizer
7. Government Official
8. Public Opinion Researcher

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## Instructions

### 1. Preparation:

- Participants research media bias and objectivity in previous coverage of political events.
- Political reporters and editors plan their approach, focusing on balanced and fair reporting.

### 2. Reporting:

- Political reporters gather information from protest organizers, government officials, and participants.
- They write the story, ensuring it presents multiple perspectives and avoids bias.

### 3. Analysis:

- The media analyst reviews the coverage from both news organizations, identifying potential biases.
- The public opinion researcher examines how the coverage influences public perception.

### 4. Editing:

- Editors review the story for balance, fairness, and objectivity.
- They make adjustments to ensure the coverage is impartial and comprehensive.

### 5. Presentation:

- Participants present their final story and media analysis to the group.
- They discuss the challenges of maintaining objectivity and the impact of media bias on public opinion.

## Debriefing Questions for All Exercises

1. What strategies were most effective in producing accurate and compelling journalism?
2. How did the role-playing exercise change your understanding of the complexities of reporting?
3. What ethical dilemmas did you encounter, and how did you address them?
4. How do these exercises illustrate the importance of objectivity and ethical standards in journalism?
5. What lessons can be applied to real-world journalism practices?

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These roles play exercises aim to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of journalism, focusing on analysis, reporting techniques, language use, and ethical considerations. Through these exercises, participants will gain insights into the complexities of journalism and the importance of ethical standards in reporting.



## CHAPTER 17: CONCLUDING REMARKS

This book has explored key concepts in diplomacy and journalism, providing a comprehensive overview of their intertwined roles in shaping global affairs. Throughout our journey, we have delved into the art of diplomacy, the principles of international relations, and the ethical responsibilities of journalism. Here, we recap the main points and emphasize the importance of English in these crucial fields.

### Summary of Key Concepts

As we have learned, diplomacy is the art of negotiation and communication between states, driven by strategic interests, cultural exchange, and international cooperation. It encompasses the complexities of statecraft, from treaty negotiations to crisis management, highlighting the pivotal role of diplomats in fostering peace and stability worldwide.

On the other hand, journalism serves as the watchdog of society, conveying information accurately and ethically to the public. It plays a critical role in holding governments and institutions accountable, shaping public opinion, and fostering informed citizenship.

The importance of English in diplomacy and journalism cannot be overstated. As the global lingua franca, English facilitates communication and understanding across borders, enabling diplomats to engage in international dialogue effectively and journalists to report on global events comprehensively. Mastering English empowers practitioners in both fields to navigate cultural nuances, bridge linguistic barriers, and contribute meaningfully to international discourse.

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## **Final Thoughts on the Importance of English in Diplomacy and Journalism**

English proficiency enhances diplomats' ability to negotiate treaties, draft international agreements, and participate in multilateral forums. Similarly, journalists use English to conduct interviews, write investigative reports, and reach diverse audiences worldwide. Mastering English empowers practitioners in both fields to navigate cultural nuances, bridge linguistic barriers, and contribute meaningfully to global discourse.

## **Future Trends and Challenges**

Looking ahead, emerging trends and challenges in diplomacy and journalism present new opportunities and complexities.

### **Emerging Issues in Diplomacy and Journalism**

Emerging issues in diplomacy include cybersecurity threats, climate change negotiations, and the rise of digital diplomacy. These issues require diplomats to leverage technological innovations while navigating geopolitical tensions and maintaining diplomatic integrity.

For journalism, challenges such as misinformation, media polarization, and threats to press freedom underscore the need for ethical reporting standards and robust fact-checking mechanisms. Journalists must adapt to the evolving media landscape, where social media platforms and digital technologies influence news dissemination and audience engagement.

### **Adapting to Technological Advances**

Technological advances, including artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, and virtual reality (VR), are reshaping both diplomacy and journalism. AI-powered translation tools aid diplomats in multilingual negotiations, while data journalism tools enable journalists to analyze complex datasets and uncover hidden truths.

Moreover, digital platforms and social media amplify the reach of diplomatic messages and journalistic content, yet they also pose challenges in terms of information credibility and digital security. Adapting to these technological advances requires



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continuous learning, ethical awareness, and a commitment to maintaining professional standards in diplomacy and journalism.

Thereby, diplomacy and journalism remain indispensable pillars of global communication and governance. By understanding their interconnected roles, embracing linguistic diversity, and adapting to technological advancements, practitioners in both fields can navigate future challenges and contribute to a more informed, interconnected world. As we move forward, let us uphold the principles of transparency, integrity, and mutual understanding that underpin effective diplomacy and responsible journalism.



## RESOURCES AND FURTHER READING

In this chapter, we explore a comprehensive array of resources, recommended readings, and professional networks that are essential for anyone studying or working in the field of international relations and diplomacy. These resources will deepen your understanding of theoretical frameworks and practical applications and connect you with global experts and current debates in the field.

### Recommended Books and Articles

#### 1. Books

- *Diplomacy* by Henry Kissinger: This classic work provides a historical and strategic perspective on diplomacy, offering insights into statecraft, negotiation strategies, and the balance of power. Henry Kissinger. (2015). *World Order: Reflections on the Character of Nations and the Course of History*. Penguin.
- *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* by John Mearsheimer: Mearsheimer's realist perspective examines the dynamics of power and security in international relations, emphasizing the role of states in pursuing their national interests. Mearsheimer, J. J. (2014). *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (updated). W. W. Norton & Company.
- *Theory of International Politics* by Kenneth Waltz: Known for its structural realism theory, this book explores the anarchic nature of the international system and the behavior of states within it. Waltz, K. N. (2001). *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis* (Enlarged ed.). Columbia University Press.
- *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity* edited by Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith: A comprehensive anthology that introduces and analyzes various IR theories, providing a nuanced understanding of how different theoretical perspectives shape international

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## 2. Articles

- "The Future of Diplomacy" by Jan Melissen (International Affairs, 2015): This article discusses the evolving role of diplomacy in the 21st century, addressing challenges such as globalization, digital diplomacy, and the intersection of domestic and international politics. Melissen, J. (2015). The future of diplomacy. *International Affairs*, 91(3), 563-583. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2346.12348>.
- "The Evolution of International Society" by Hedley Bull (International Organization, 1977): Bull's seminal work examines the concept of international society, exploring how norms, rules, and institutions shape interactions among states and non-state actors. Bull, H. (1977). The evolution of international society: A comparative historical analysis. *International Organization*, 31(3), 325-370. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818300032674>
- "Soft Power" by Joseph S. Nye Jr. (Foreign Policy, 1990): Nye introduces the concept of soft power, emphasizing the importance of attraction and persuasion in international relations, alongside traditional military and economic power. Nye, J. S., Jr. (1990). Soft power. *Foreign Policy*, 80, 153-171. Retrieved from <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1148580>

## Online Resources and Databases

### 1. Research Databases

- **JSTOR**: A digital library that archives scholarly articles across disciplines, including international relations, political science, and history. It provides access to extensive collections of academic journals, books, and primary sources. <https://www.jstor.org>
- **Google Scholar**: An academic search engine that indexes scholarly literature, including articles, theses, books, and

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conference papers. It is widely used for research purposes, offering citation metrics and access to full-text articles.

<https://scholar.google.com>

- **ProQuest:** A diverse collection of databases covering academic journals, dissertations, newspapers, and other publications. It offers comprehensive access to scholarly resources for in-depth research and analysis.

<https://www.proquest.com>

## **2. International Organizations**

- **United Nations (UN):** The UN's official website provides information on global issues, peacekeeping operations, sustainable development goals (SDGs), and international law. It serves as a primary source for understanding multilateral diplomacy and global governance.

<https://www.un.org>

- **World Trade Organization (WTO):** The WTO website offers resources on international trade policies, agreements, and dispute settlement mechanisms. It is essential for studying economic diplomacy and global trade relations.

<https://www.wto.org>

- **International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank:** Both organizations provide data, reports, and analysis on global economic trends, development financing, and policy recommendations. They play crucial roles in international financial diplomacy and economic governance.

<https://www.imf.org>

## **Professional Organizations and Networks**

### **1. International Studies Association (ISA)**

- ISA is a premier scholarly association dedicated to the study of international affairs, offering conferences, publications, and research opportunities for scholars and practitioners worldwide. It promotes interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration among IR scholars. <https://www.isanet.org>

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## 2. Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

- CFR is a leading think tank specializing in U.S. foreign policy and international affairs. It publishes policy analysis, hosts events, and offers expert insights on global issues, providing a platform for informed discussion and debate. <https://www.cfr.org>

## 3. European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

- ECFR focuses on European foreign policy challenges and EU integration. It produces policy briefs, conducts research, and organizes public debates on Europe's role in global diplomacy, security, and governance. <https://ecfr.eu>

## 4. Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

- The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna offers advanced training programs, courses, and research opportunities in diplomacy and international relations. It collaborates with diplomatic services, international organizations, and academic institutions to enhance diplomatic skills and knowledge. <https://www.da-vienna.ac.at>

These resources and professional networks serve as invaluable assets for scholars, researchers, diplomats, and policymakers navigating the complexities of international relations and diplomacy. By leveraging these recommended readings, online databases, and connections with professional organizations, individuals can deepen their expertise, stay informed about global developments, and contribute effectively to the field of international affairs. Stay engaged, explore diverse perspectives, and continue to expand your understanding through these comprehensive resources.

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