

Choosing the news: how would you do it?

Imagine you are the editor of a six o'clock news programme: you have a number of issues to resolve before the programme goes on air.

1. The news items below have all come in at different times throughout the day but you have to decide which should be the top story.
2. In which order should the other news items come?
3. There are eight possible stories in the list but you can only choose six for the news bulletin: which two will you not show?

a	Firefighters' dispute: talks continue to halt the planned strikes over pay. An 8 day strike is being threatened, starting Friday.
b	The Prime Minister has pledged £1bn to enable every school, university, hospital and doctors' surgery to upgrade their internet connections and facilities.
c	The UN Secretary-General has called on the USA to stop threatening military action against Iran as there is no evidence of a nuclear weapons programme.
d	A rare comic kept hidden under a sofa for forty years is now going up for sale and could fetch as much as £3000.
e	Doctors are treating a man in a Dundee hospital for rabies after he was bitten by a bat which is showing signs of the disease.
f	Police are 'certain' that a body found in woodland is that of missing teenager Sarah Goody, who has not been seen for a number of months. Her step-father is in custody, charged with her murder.
g	A Bahamas registered and London insured oil tanker is leaking oil off the north-west coast of Spain and looks set to break apart. There are fears of a huge ecological disaster in the region which is rich in fish and other sealife.
h	There was a fall in house prices this month, which is the third in a row. Economists are warning that this could be the first signs of a recession.