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## ATTRIBUTES RELATED TO JOURNALISM

Attributes in journalism means a situations of giving credit to your sources in your news stories. **Example six people were injured in the bar fight**, this is according to the police report .

**News sources** is where the information come from, it cold be a person, report, institution or documents so that a journalists should attributes these sources after being attempted to use the information: Examples of new sources

- Personal source: Interviews you conduct
- Government report/official :Example controller audit general (CAGs)
- Police report: Example police give details about a crimes, accidents and social missiles
- News releases
- International mass media like BBC, CNN and others
- Internet sources

## CLASSIFICATION OF NEWS SOURCES

Levin (2000) describes two type of sources. These includes

1. Primary sources refers to a source of information that offers the best and most reliable information on a topic .A primary sources also may be an original documents or official report.
2. Secondary sources refers to a type of source that offers reliable second hand information on a topic. Reference books and other media are common secondary sources of information. Therefore secondary sources are useful in expanding knowledge

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