

# The Exciting World of Commentary

## Introduction

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We'll start with the basics, defining commentary and exploring the different types of commentary that exist. We'll then discuss the essential skills of a commentator, including voice, descriptive language, and the ability to create excitement. We'll also provide tips on preparing for a commentary assignment and the importance of research.

Next, we'll delve into the different types of commentary, including play-by-play, color commentary, and studio commentary. We'll discuss the unique challenges and rewards of each type of commentary, and we'll provide tips on how to succeed in each role.

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# Chapter 1: The Basics of Commentary

## 1. What is commentary

Commentary is the art of providing spoken or written analysis and description of an event, typically a sporting event or other live performance. Commentators use their knowledge of the event and their ability to communicate effectively to help the audience understand and enjoy what they are watching or listening to.

Commentary can be divided into two main types: play-by-play and color commentary. Play-by-play commentary is a live, real-time description of the action as it happens. Color commentary is more analytical and provides insights into the event, the participants, and the strategies involved.

Commentators must have a deep understanding of the event they are covering. They must be able to quickly and accurately identify and describe the key moments

of the event, and they must be able to provide insightful analysis and commentary. Commentators must also be able to communicate effectively with their audience, using clear and concise language.

Commentary is an important part of the sports experience. Commentators help the audience to understand and enjoy the event, and they can provide valuable insights into the strategies and techniques of the participants. Commentary can also be an entertaining and informative way to learn about a new sport or activity.

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## 2. The different types of commentary

There are many different types of commentary, each with its own unique style and purpose. Some of the most common types of commentary include:

- **Play-by-play commentary:** This type of commentary provides a live, real-time account of the action on the field. Play-by-play commentators typically have a strong voice and a knack for descriptive language. They are able to keep the audience engaged and excited, even during slow moments in the game.
- **Color commentary:** This type of commentary provides analysis and insight into the game. Color commentators typically have a deep understanding of the sport and are able to provide valuable insights into the strategies and tactics of the teams involved. They can also



provide interesting stories and anecdotes about the players and teams.

- **Studio commentary:** This type of commentary is typically done in a studio setting, often before or after a game. Studio commentators provide a more in-depth analysis of the game, and they often have the opportunity to interview players and coaches.
- **Interview commentary:** This type of commentary is used to interview players, coaches, and other individuals involved in the game. Interview commentators typically have a strong interviewing style and are able to ask insightful questions. They are able to get the most out of their interviewees and provide the audience with valuable information.
- **Technical commentary:** This type of commentary provides technical analysis of the game. Technical commentators typically have a deep understanding of the sport and are able to

provide expert insights into the strategies and tactics of the teams involved. They can also provide valuable information about the equipment and technology used in the game.

Each type of commentary has its own unique role to play in the overall broadcast. Play-by-play commentators provide the live, real-time account of the action, while color commentators provide analysis and insight. Studio commentators provide a more in-depth analysis of the game, and interview commentators provide the audience with valuable information from players and coaches. Technical commentators provide expert insights into the strategies and tactics of the teams involved, as well as the equipment and technology used in the game.

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## 3. The essential skills of a commentator

The essential skills of a commentator are voice, descriptive language, and the ability to create excitement.

### **Voice**

A commentator's voice is their most important tool. It is the voice that carries the commentary and engages the audience. A good commentator's voice is clear, concise, and authoritative. It is also expressive and engaging, able to convey excitement, drama, and humor.

### **Descriptive language**

Commentators use descriptive language to paint a picture of the action for the audience. They use vivid verbs and adjectives to bring the game to life and help the audience visualize what is happening. Good

commentators use descriptive language that is accurate, specific, and evocative.

### **Ability to create excitement**

Commentators are responsible for creating excitement for the audience. They do this by using their voice, descriptive language, and knowledge of the game. Good commentators are able to build tension and suspense, and they know how to use their voices to create a sense of urgency and excitement.

In addition to these essential skills, commentators also need to have a good knowledge of the game they are commenting on. They need to be able to understand the rules of the game and the strategies that are being used. They also need to be able to identify the key players and teams and to provide insights into their strengths and weaknesses.

Commentators who have a good knowledge of the game and who are able to use their voices and

descriptive language effectively can create a truly memorable commentary experience for the audience.

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