

# Josie the Detective: Powerful Words

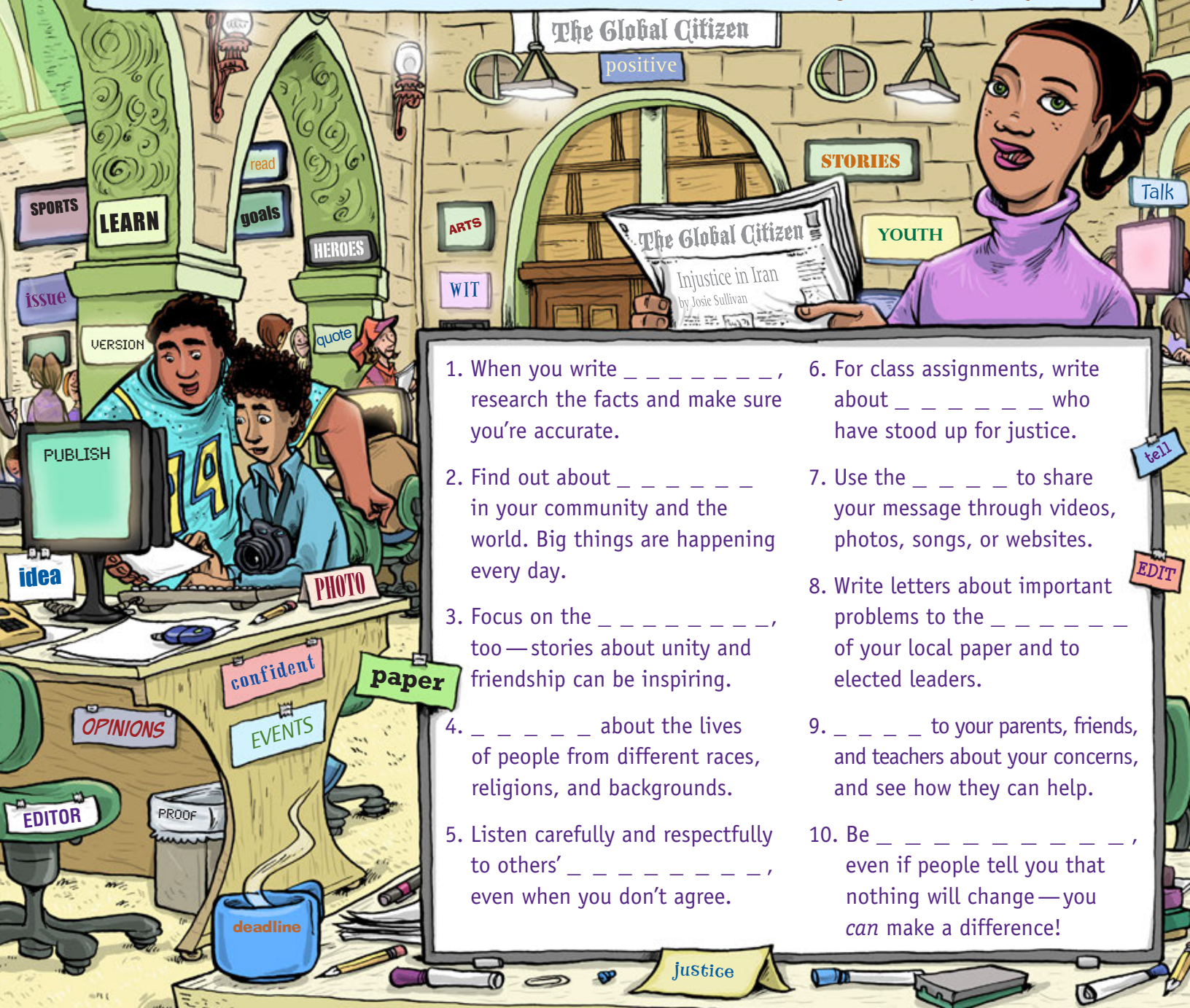
Doesn't it drive you crazy when you hear about injustice in the world? That's how I felt when I found out about the imprisoned Bahá'ís in Iran.\* I wrote a story about it for our school paper, *The Global Citizen*. My friends and family and I also wrote letters to Congress, and lots of other people did, too.

Sometimes kids hear about problems in the world and think they can't do anything about them. Things

like war, world hunger, and pollution are big challenges that aren't easy to fix. But that doesn't mean we have to sit back and wait for someone else to do something. Kids all over the world speak up about what's important to them. They write letters and stories, give speeches, and start service projects.

We're young, but our words and actions are powerful. What do *you* want to speak out about?

Search the school newsroom to find words to complete Josie's tips on speaking out for unity and justice.



1. When you write \_\_\_\_\_, research the facts and make sure you're accurate.
2. Find out about \_\_\_\_\_ in your community and the world. Big things are happening every day.
3. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_, too—stories about unity and friendship can be inspiring.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ about the lives of people from different races, religions, and backgrounds.
5. Listen carefully and respectfully to others' \_\_\_\_\_, even when you don't agree.
6. For class assignments, write about \_\_\_\_\_ who have stood up for justice.
7. Use the \_\_\_\_\_ to share your message through videos, photos, songs, or websites.
8. Write letters about important problems to the \_\_\_\_\_ of your local paper and to elected leaders.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to your parents, friends, and teachers about your concerns, and see how they can help.
10. Be \_\_\_\_\_, even if people tell you that nothing will change—you *can* make a difference!

\*See "Josie the Detective's Blog," March/April 2011, p. 20  
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