

# 6 critical questions

*things to think about when someone has something to say*

**who?**

**what?**

**where?**

**when?**

**why?**

**how?**

**Who said it?**

Someone you know? Someone famous?  
Someone in authority?  
Should it matter who said it?

**What did they say?**

Did they give facts or opinions?  
Did they give all of the facts?  
Did they leave something out?

**Where did they say it?**

Was it in public or private?  
Did other people have a chance to talk  
about the other side?

**When did they say it?**

Before, after, or during an important event?

**Why did they say it?**

Did they explain their opinions?  
Were they trying to make someone look  
good or bad?

**How did they say it?**

Were they happy, sad, angry, or didn't  
care? Did they write it or speak it? Could  
you understand it?