



Write a...

Great Newspaper Report



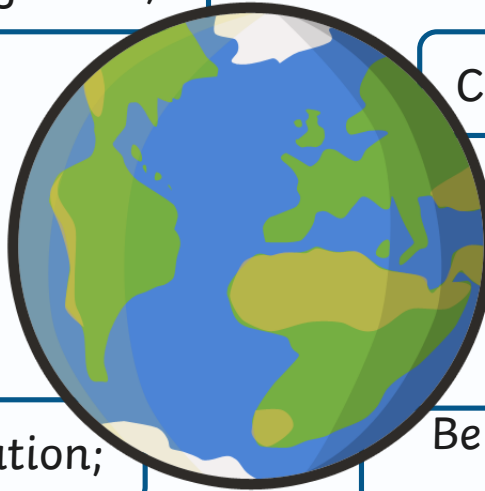
A newspaper report needs to...

Be about an interesting event;

Capture the reader's attention;

Present factual information;

Be to the point, without any story-telling language



Let's look at an example



TWINKL TIMES

THE GORILLA GARDENER WITH GREEN FINGERS

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The gorilla escaped from a local zoo in January. Since then, he has been living in the local area and growing his own food. This is when he realised he had a talent for gardening!

On Tuesday, the gorilla put up a poster to let people know about his gardening business.

On Friday, Ali Smith asked the gorilla to weed his yard and plant some carrots. Mr Smith said that the gorilla did a fantastic job.

Yesterday, Kareem was playing in his garden when he spotted the gorilla gardener. "I was scared at first," he said, "but the gorilla was very kind and professional."

The gorilla's customers say he is very good at growing plants. He can work with flowers, trees and vegetables. He plans to open his own garden centre next year.



The Gorilla Gardener has started a business in Twinkleton.

Name of the paper



TWINKL TIMES

What could we call our newspaper?



Headline



THE GORILLA GARDENER WITH GREEN FINGERS

- Grabs your attention
- Large font/print
- Alliteration
- Short (doesn't have to be a full sentence!)



What could our headline be?





The first paragraph

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- Tells you everything you need to know in 2 sentences.
- Even if you didn't read the rest you would have the most important information.

What would be in our first paragraph?
-who/what, when, where





The middle....



- Time words (remember last week? Adverbs/adverbial phrases)
- Saying what happened in order
- Quotes. What did people say?
- Facts – not a story and not your opinion!

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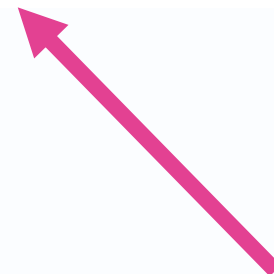


The end

- What is going to happen next?
- Hint It could be nothing!

e.g. The police don't think the dragon will come back.

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One more thing!



- Picture (often a photograph)
- Caption




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Let's play!



THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN
-Do these sentences belong in our article?



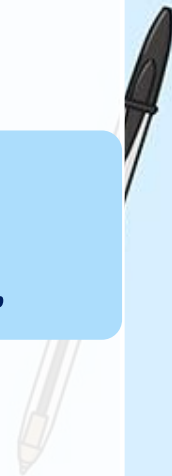


I think dragons are scary.





The dragon arrived at 5 o'clock in the morning and stayed for about an hour.





First, the dragon smashed the window to enter the Year 1 classrooms.





Once upon a time, a dragon arrived at Heymann school.





Ms Noble got up and cleaned her teeth like she always did. Little did she know, it would be a day to remember.





**The dragon ripped up peoples work,
wrecked the classroom and scorched the
walls.**



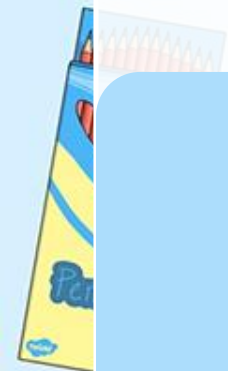


**“I couldn’t believe my eyes,” Ms Noble
told the police officers.**





They all lived happily ever after.





After Zoom

Go and have a look at the “Example Article” on our English webpage.
Can you spot the features we have talked about?



