

Asparagus price is set to double

Layout of a
newspaper

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Held at the historic Fleece Inn, Bretforton, the auction always attracts interest from far and wide and the cancellation of the recent Asparagus Festival Day due to bad weather and lack of asparagus has only increased the anticipation about the popular event.

Many of the celebrations that were cancelled on festival day will now take place on Sunday alongside the auction, including the crowning of the Asparagus King, cookery demonstrations and an appearance from fortune-telling asparamancer Jemima Packington.

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The auction will be starting at noon at the National Trust's Fleece Inn on Sunday. For more information on the event, visit britishasparagusfestival.org.

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Who has
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written the
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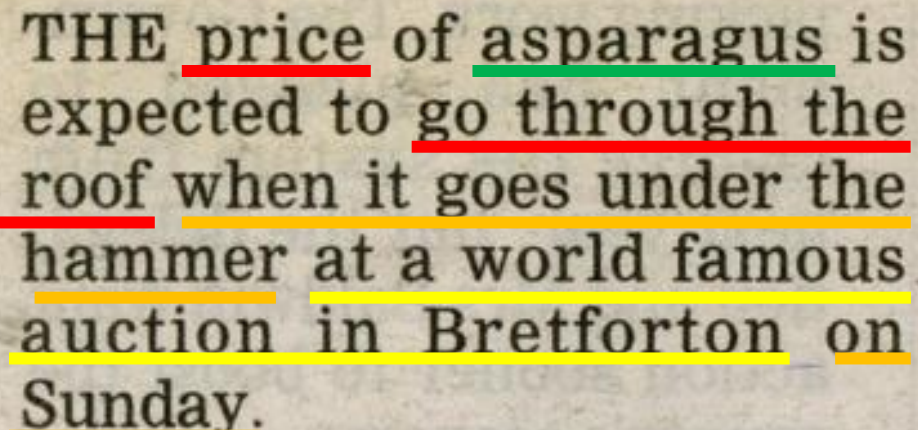
Headlines

- Short and to the point
- Catchy
- About the article (title)
- Can be an alliteration
- Interests the reader
- Can have a play on words

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Introduction/Opening

- First paragraph
- Will often answer all the 5Ws and H
 - **What** has happened?
 - **When** it happened?
 - **Where** it happened?
 - **Who** was involved?
 - **Why** it has happened?
 - **How** did it happen?



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Main body

- Will be the main part of the article.
- Will often be more than one paragraph.
- Explains and adds more detail about 5ws and H.
- Can include quotations, photos and captions.

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Summary/Conclusion

- Will usually summarise/conclude what the article was about.
- Will often tell us what is happening now, so will change from past tense to present tense.
- May add some extra information or points of contact

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Photos

- The photo shows us a snapshot of what happened, where it happened or who it happened to. It should make the reader “feel something” so that they want to read the article. If possible it should show action.



Caption

- A caption goes underneath a photo to identify something or someone and to give us more information.



It is a label for the
photograph!

What is difference between direct and reported speech

How do we use speech marks?

- Speech marks (or inverted commas) go around what is being said.

“

”

How do we use speech marks?

- Speech should start with a capital letter.

“Hello,” said the man.

How do we use speech marks?

- New speaker – New line.
- Comma before speech (if in middle of sentence)

Mum said quietly,
“Please sit down.”

How do we use speech marks?

- Closing punctuation inside the speech (full stop, exclamation mark, question mark, comma)

“Please sit down!”
shouted Mum.

Direct Speech

- Direct speech is when speech marks are being used.

For example:

- “I don’t like cabbage!” screamed the boy at his mother.
- “I’ll be back home soon,” Jim shouted to his mum.
- “Is that you?” he asked.

Reported Speech (Indirect speech)

- This is when you repeat what someone has said (there won't be any speech marks)

For example:

- The screaming boy told his mother that he did not like cabbage.
- Walking out of the door, Jim told his mum that he would be back later.
- The voice in the distance asked who was there.

Can you convert these examples of DIRECT speech into REPORTED speech?

- “Can I have another biscuit please?” Ben asked his Dad politely.
- “Stop thief!” the policeman bellowed.
- “I’m not going to football tomorrow because I have far too much work to do,” Steve said.
- “If you think you can speak to me like that,” she said, “you had better think again!”