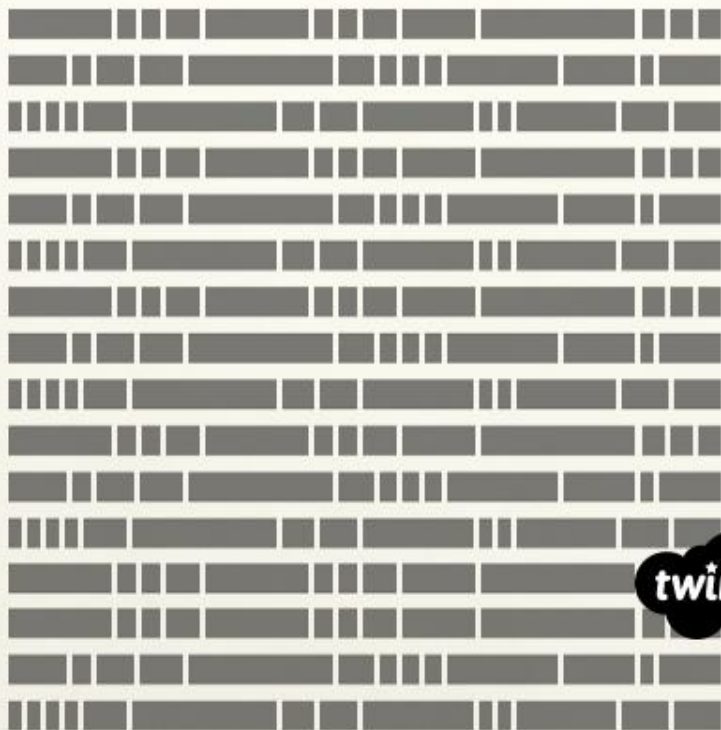


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Newspapers have a range of features that attract the reader.

What do you already know about newspapers? Have a chat to your partner for 2 minutes to see if you can think of any key features.



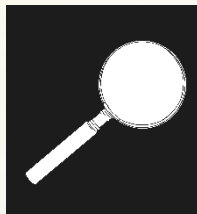
A newspaper report must include...

the name of the newspaper at the top;

an interesting headline and sub-headline;

an introductory paragraph that includes the five Ws;

captions for all pictures;



facts about the main events;

writing in the third person and past tense;

“ quotes written as direct speech; ”

a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next.

Here is an example of a newspaper article.

Sub-headline

BACK TO EARTH WITH A BUMP!

Reported by Amanda Kelper, Media Correspondent, London

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The International Space Station is a large spacecraft that travels around the Earth. It is a home where astronauts can live while in space. The Space Station was built in pieces and many nations were involved in its construction. For example, the first piece was launched in November 1998 by the Russians. Construction of the space station was finally completed in 2011.

The men were launched into space on 15th December 2015. The mission involved conducting experiments, testing out new technology and inspiring the next generations of space travellers. Peake told reporters that the best part of his mission was a spacewalk where he had to make a repair on the space station.

Having circled the planet nearly 3,000 times, the crew returned home to Earth in a capsule, which reached speeds of up to 28,000 kilometres per hour. The touchdown was bumpy due to high winds. However the astronauts landed safely in Kazakhstan, all returning in good health. Having arrived back on solid ground, the astronauts were pulled out of the capsule and carried as their leg muscles were too weak to walk. While sitting in their space suits, the men were checked over by medical staff. During these checks, Peake



Landing with a bump! Tim Peake lands safely in Kazakhstan. was asked how it felt to be home. 'The smells of Earth are so strong and it's wonderful to be back in the fresh air'.

Tim later flew from Kazakhstan to the headquarters of the European Space Agency in Germany where he is getting used to life back on Earth. Scientists and doctors are carrying out tests to see how his body has been affected by his time in space. Being in space can have a serious impact on the human body. When astronauts return home, they have to readapt to the gravity on Earth as the lack of gravity in space can also cause your bones and muscles to weaken.

Peake recently commented on how he'd missed family and friends, and even the rain. Tim said he was now looking forward to spending some quality time with his family. When asked if he'd return to space in the future, he replied, '...in a heartbeat'.

Having been recognised by the Queen for his services to science, Tim is now a CMG, or Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George. He dedicated this award to his entire team.

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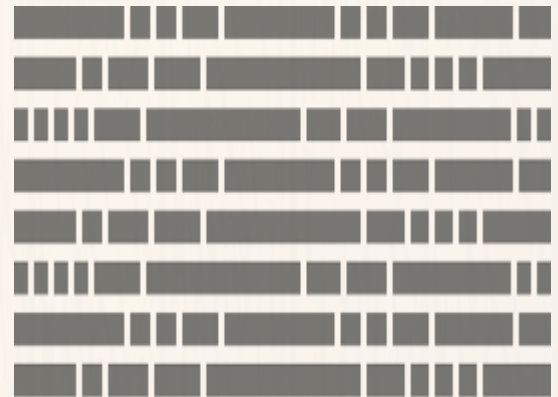
Headline

Picture with a caption explaining the picture

Direct quotes in speech marks

HEADLINE

Newspapers use the headline to try to grab the readers' attention. It might even use a pun, rhyme or alliteration. Which one of these catchy headlines makes you want to read more?



**BACK TO EARTH
WITH A BUMP!**

**CRAZY, CHILLING
CRIMINALS ON
THE LOOSE!**

**BOISTEROUS,
BOOMING
BROTHERS STRIKE
AGAIN!**

Introductory Paragraph

A newspaper report begins with an introductory paragraph that includes the **five Ws**.

What
happened?

When did
it happen?

Where did
it happen?

Who was
involved?

Why did
it happen?

Third Person and Past Tense

A newspaper report should be written in the past tense. We are reporting on an event that has already happened and so past tense vocabulary should be used.

For example: chased (instead of chase), escaped (instead of escape).

A newspaper report should also be written in third person. This means that you are talking about someone that is not you or the reader so you are not directly addressing them.

For example: They, the brothers (not I or you).

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Can you spot the **five Ws** in the start of this report?

OUTRAGEOUS OUTLAWS BACK AGAIN!

After laying low for weeks, the James brothers were sighted again last night, this time breaking into a train trying to steal the red jewel!

Last night, at approximately 8pm, Jesse and Frank James broke into the train in the wild west. This happened after the brothers managed to break in unnoticed and tried to steal the precious stone.

Who is it about?

What happened?

Where did it happen?

When did it happen?

Why did it happen?



Jesse and Frank James spotted breaking and entering into the train.

Captions and Pictures

Photos and captions will help to tell the story by giving the reader a snapshot of what has happened, where it happened or who it happened to.



A caption explains to the reader what is happening in a picture. The caption is usually placed underneath the picture.

What caption could we write to describe what is going on this picture?

Captions and Pictures

Photos and captions work together to tell the story by giving the viewer information about what has happened.

Brothers Jesse and Frank seen breaking into the train to steal the jewel!



Men caught trying to steal the jewel!

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ROMAN COIN SURPRISE FOR MRS SHIP

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'I have to be honest, I thought they were some old, worthless bits of metal. When Mum said she was camping outside to guard her find, I thought she was totally overreacting,' commented 18-year-old Jenny Ship. 'Mum and I love watching archaeology programmes. To think we had a little piece of

history in our garden, well, it's unbelievable really.' Sally and Jenny have recently discovered that the nine coins are Roman and a mixture of bronze and silver. 'Mum and I were excited to find out that the coins were really old. It gets you thinking about why they were there. Had they been dropped by accident? What had they bought?'

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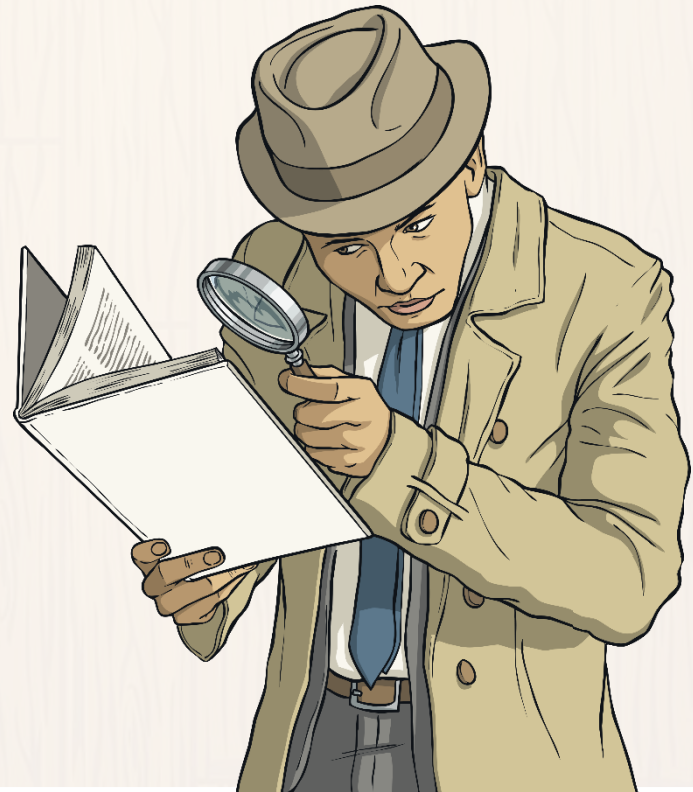
Further excavations took place at Mrs Ship's property but no other finds were made. It is yet to be decided where the coins will be put on public display.



The treasure was discovered in a garden in Somerset

What features do you need to remember to include in your newspaper report?

Take a look at this example, how many features can you find?



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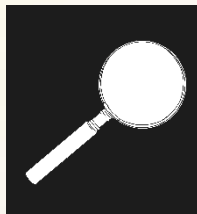
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include facts about the main events?

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