Journalistic Writing

I am learning to write the opening paragraph of a newspaper report.

In this lesson, you will need:

Exercise book or paper

Pen or pencil

• Plan



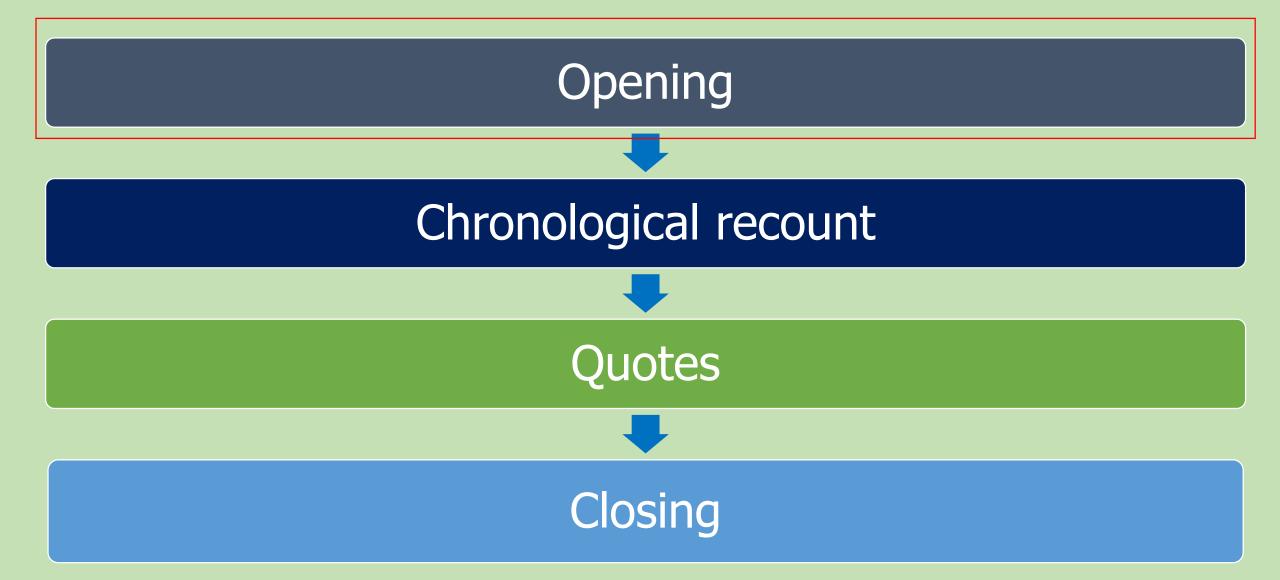


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| Where? | The Valley of Kings, Egypt. | |
| When? | November 4 th 1922 | |

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Newspaper Report Structure



What is the purpose of the opening paragraph?

Carter discovers missing Egyptian tomb

Late yesterday evening, Howard Carter (a British archaeologist) discovered a previously unopened tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen in the Valley of Kings after 30 years of searching.

- Summaries key information (who, what, where, when)
- Provides reader with an overview of the event

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Features

Language

- Formal language
- Referring to nouns in different ways
- Prepositional phrases
- Fronted adverbials

Sentences

- Simple
- Compound
- Complex sentences

Features

Layout

- Headline
- Opening sentence
- Closing sentence

Punctuation

- Full stops
- Commas
- Inverted commas (speech marks)

Success Criteria

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| I have included the 4Ws (Who, what, where, when) | |
| I have used formal vocabulary | |
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Remarkable Discovery in Egypt

On Wednesday afternoon, Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Howard Carter revealed to a large company in Egypt what promises to be the most sensational Egyptological discovery of the century. A thorough investigation of the remains of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen is currently underway.

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| I have included the 4Ws (Who, what, where, when) | Howard Carter, Lord Carnarvon. Egyptological discovery Egypt Wednesday afternoon |
| I have used formal vocabulary | Company sensational Egyptological discovery |
| I have used prepositional phrases | In Egypt |
| I have used fronted adverbials | Wednesday afternoon, |

Task Write the opening paragraph of your newspaper report. Remember to use your plan to help you!

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Congratulations!

You have completed your lesson!



If you would like to, please share your work with your parent or carer.

Remember each week your class teacher would like to see one piece of work you are most proud of. Could it be this learning?