

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



Opening	
Who?	Howard Carter, Water-boy, Lord Carnarvon, Tutankhamun
What?	The discovery of the ancient pharaoh's tomb
Where?	The Valley of Kings, Egypt.
When?	November 4 th 1922

Agenda

Introduction



Features and success criteria



Modelled write



Task

Newspaper Report Structure

Opening



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graph TD; A[Opening] --> B[Chronological recount]; B --> C[Quotes]; C --> D[Closing];
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The diagram illustrates the structure of a newspaper report through a vertical flowchart. It consists of four rectangular boxes stacked vertically, connected by downward-pointing blue arrows. The first box, labeled 'Opening', is dark grey and is highlighted with a red border. The second box, 'Chronological recount', is dark blue. The third box, 'Quotes', is green. The fourth box, 'Closing', is light blue.

Chronological recount

Quotes

Closing

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**

Plan Opening

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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

To write the opening of a newspaper report	An example
I have included the 4Ws (Who, what, where, when)	
I have used formal vocabulary	
I have used prepositional phrases	
I have used fronted adverbials	

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.

Success Criteria

To write the opening of a newspaper report	An example
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,

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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?