Journalistic Writing

Lesson 1 – Identifying the features of a newspaper report.

In this lesson, you will need:

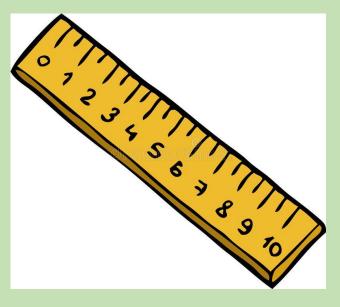
• Exercise book or paper

Pen or pencil

• Ruler







Agenda

Purpose, audience, language and layout.



Identify features: Opening



Identify features: Chronological recount.



Task

What is journalistic writing?

- Text written by a journalist
- Journalists collect, write, present, edit or comment on news and current affairs.
- News is a recount of current, significant events.
- Written news reports are found in newspapers, magazines or online.

Journalistic Writing



Purpose, audience, language and layout

Purpose

Reason a text is written

Language

Vocabulary chosen

Audience

Type of people that read a text.

Layout

How a text is organised or structured

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Can we link these four aspects to a newspaper report?

Purpose

To provide information about current events.

Language

Formal language and journalistic phrases.

Audience

Anyone interested in the subject.

Layout

Headline, opening, chronological recount, quotes, closing.

Opening paragraph

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Features

- Headline
- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?

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What is the purpose of the opening paragraph?

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- Summaries key information
- Helps the reader to decide whether to read the rest of the text.

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What is a formal conjunction?

- Used at the beginning of a sentence followed by a comma (e.g. Furthermore,)
- Link sentences together
- Create cohesion
- Provides formal tone

Types of Formal Conjunction

'And' Conjunctions

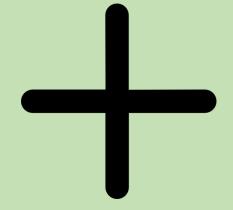
- In addition, ____
- Furthermore, ____
- Moreover, ____
- Also, ____

'But' conjunctions

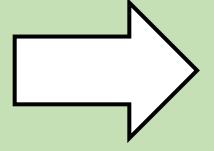
- However, ____
- Nevertheless, ____
- Despite this, ____

'Casual' conjunctions

- As a result, ____
- Consequently, ____
- Therefore, ____
- ___ in order to ___







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What is a journalistic phrase?

- A phrase or sentence starter used in newspaper reports.
- Shows where the information has come from.

Reports suggest that...

Police report s indicate that...

Shows that information has not been confirmed

It is thought that....

Allegedly,...

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What is the purpose of the chronological recount paragraph?

- Provides detailed information about the event.
- Recounts events in chronological order
- Helps the reader understand exactly what happened.

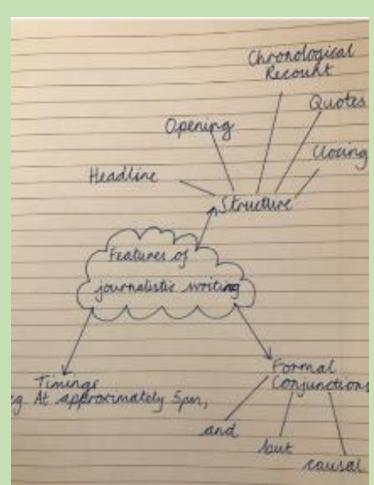
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Can you write down the features of journalistic writing?

Can you include an example of each feature?

Think about:

- Layout or structure
- Language
- Punctuation



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Task

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?