# Journalistic Writing

Lesson 4 – To identify the features of a newspaper report

### In this lesson, you will need:

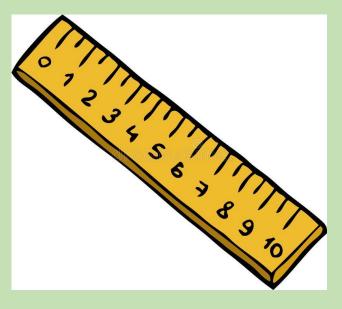
Exercise book or paper

Pen or pencil

Ruler







### Agenda

Purpose, audience, language and layout.



Identify features: Quotes



Identify features: Closing



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

### Purpose, audience, language and layout

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.

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# What is the purpose of the quotes paragraph?

Provides additional information about the event.

Gives different perspective on the event.

Shows where the information for the report has come from.

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# What is the purpose of the closing paragraph?

Summaries the events

 Explains what has happened since the event occurred, what is happening now and what will happen next.

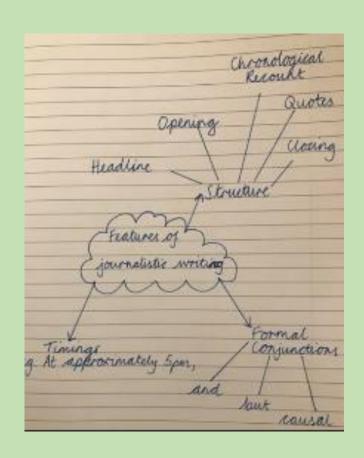
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Can you write down the features of journalistic writing?

Can you include an example of each feature?

#### Think about:

- Layout or structure
- Language
- Punctuation



### Agenda

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Identify features: Opening



Identify features: Chronological recount.



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?