

# Journalistic Writing

Lesson 6 – To gather information and evidence for a newspaper report.



# In this lesson, you will need:

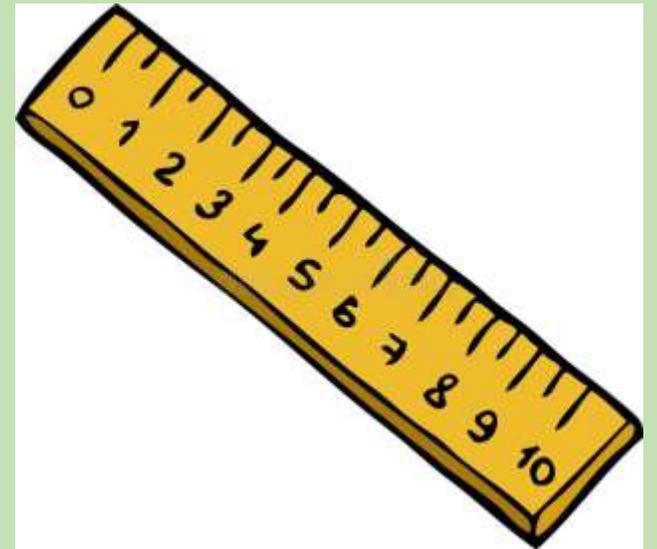
- Exercise book or paper



- Pen or pencil



- Ruler



# Agenda

Introduction



Witnesses



Evidence



Task

# People involved in the incident



Howard Carter



Lord Carnarvon



Water boy



Egyptian officials



Workers

# Journalist Writing

## How do journalists find out information for newspaper reports?

- Go the scene
- Police statements and reports
- Speak to witnesses and people involved.
- Look at evidence

# Witness 1



Egyptian Official

# Witness 1

“We were summoned by Mr Carter from one of his water boy’s. He announced that he had found a tomb but did not give us anymore information. We were intrigued. It was imperative that we supported the excavation because we were fascinated as Mr Carter had been looking for this tomb six fruitless years. Last I heard was that he wanted to call off the search. We were all so curious and we could not wait to see the treasures waiting inside the tomb.

# Witness 1

We were informed that the tomb had four chambers, each filled with a huge range of objects including gold jewellery, chariots, model boats, a tiny throne and paintings. I had a clear view from above the entrance of the tomb, I saw the most fascinating objects leave the tomb. One of the most interesting items was King Tutankhamun's golden mask, which weighed a whopping ten kilograms and was found on his mummified body in the innermost coffin.

According to historians, Tutankhamun became pharaoh around 1333BC and ruled for about ten years. He was only eighteen when he died, so he was a pharaoh when he was only eight years old.“

# Witness 1

## Summary notes:

- Egyptian Official (Someone who works for the government)
- Stood by the entrance of the tomb
- Life-size figures, golden beds, alabaster cups, chariots and a richly decorated throne
- Mr Carter was about to give up.

# Witness 2



Hussein Abdel Rasoul – Water boy

## Witness 2

“It is my job to bring water to the site of a new discovery in the middle of the valley. The man I work for has uncovered a few small tombs before now. But this latest one was much different. They say it’s the tomb of a pharaoh called Tutankhamun and it doesn’t look like this one has been badly disturbed by robbers, so most of the precious items should be inside. There are rumours a curse on this tomb, so I am keeping my distance.

But I was there the day they made a big discovery. In fact, it was me that found it! I stumbled right on it! That Saturday morning I arrived on site as normal and started to set up beside the first tent. I always dig holes in the sand to make the water jars sit upright, but that day when I was brushing the sand away I noticed a stone that look smooth and different to the other rocks around. I ran to tell one of the workers and before I knew it Mr Carter was clearing the area and instructing his team.”

## Witness 2

“There was a lot of excitement as they discovered that the steps lead to the sealed entrance of a tomb and a door marked with the seal of King Tutankhamun. From what I hear the first room was filled with rubble and broken pieces of jars and pots. But last Sunday they found a second sealed doorway inside the first chamber. Mr Carter himself made a small hole in the doorway and lit his candle to look in. It was as if everybody was holding their breath. Not one sound could be heard until another British man called Lord Carnarvon broke the silence to ask Mr Carter if he could see anything. Mr Carter claimed ‘Wonderful things....wonderful things!’”

# Witness 2

## Summary notes:

- Water boy found the steps to the tomb
- Curse on the tomb.
- On Sunday they found a sealed door.
- Mr Carter claimed he saw wonderful things.

# Witness 3



Lord Carnarvon

# Witness 3

“It has almost been six fruitless years of searching for the lost tomb of Tutankhamun, but Mr Carter who I met in 1907. He had a hunch that there was still more to find despite many other archaeologist thought that the valley had yielded all its secrets. He was so certain that the tomb of the Ancient Egyptian Pharaoh is in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt so I granted him one more season.

But as time went on the outbreak of World War 1 disrupted the exploration but Carter continued to explore the Valley of the Kings and made a discovery of Amenhotep iii, Tutankhamun’s grandfather in 1915.

## Witness 3

During that last season, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1922 Carter resumed digging in the Valley of the Kings. A few days later I received some fantastic news that on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, they had found the stairway that led to the unopened tomb of Tutankhamun.

I had to know what was inside, we came across a smaller room which we called the Treasury, which lay the greatest treasures of the tomb. There was a statue of Anubis which stood guard atop of a golden shrine. It was carved from wood, painted black, and adorned with gold leaf.”

# Witness 3

## Summary notes:

- Carnarvon was about to stop the finances.
- Mr Carter pleaded for another season.
- Found some untouched treasures.
- 4<sup>th</sup> November 1922 they found the stairwell.

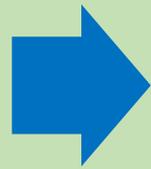
# Photographic Evidence



# Task

Create a flowchart to show the events of the incidents. Here is my example:

Lord Carnarvon gave Mr. Howard Carter one more season.



A water boy was putting his water into the sand when he came across an unusual rock.



Mr. Carter said he saw “wonderful things...wonderful things”

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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?