

Headline Hunter: The Newspaper Scoop

Learning objective: To understand the features of a newspaper report and identify the 5 Ws: Who, What, Where, When, and Why.

Max the monkey has been busy reporting on local events for the BookFlik Gazette. However, he has muddled up his notes! Read the jumbled facts below and sort them into the correct sections of a newspaper structure. Use the word bank to help you identify the key features of a report.

Word bank: Headline · Byline · Lead Paragraph · 5 Ws · Direct Speech · Caption

1. 1. Max needs a punchy 'Headline'. Write a short, exciting title for a story about Pip the caterpillar finding a giant, rare leaf in the forest. (2 marks)

2. 2. Identify the '5 Ws' in this sentence: 'Yesterday morning, Ellie the elephant discovered a lost treasure map buried under the ancient oak tree in the park.' Who, What, Where, When? (3 marks)

3. 3. Why do newspaper reports use 'Direct Speech' (quotation marks)? Give an example of what Ellie might say about her discovery. (2 marks)

4. 4. If you were writing a photo caption for a picture of Nova the owl stargazing, what information should you include to help the reader understand the image? (2 marks)

5. 5. Why is the 'Lead Paragraph' (the first paragraph) the most important part of a newspaper report? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a small newspaper layout for the 'BookFlik Gazette'. Include a space for a photo, a bold headline at the top, and two columns of lines for your own news story about a day in the life of our animal friends.



Extension challenge: Write a short 'Byline' for your newspaper article, including the name of the reporter and the date of the event. Remember, prices for the newspaper are £1.50 per copy!