

Reporting the News: The Reporter's Guide

Get the Scoop: Write Like a Pro!

- A headline should be short, punchy, and use exciting language to grab the reader's attention immediately.
- The orientation (the first paragraph) must answer the five Ws: Who, What, Where, When, and Why.
- Newspaper reports are almost always written in the past tense because they describe events that have already happened.
- Using direct speech (quotes) from witnesses or experts adds personality and truth to your article.
- A photograph or drawing must always include a caption underneath to explain what is happening in the picture.

Did you know? Did you know? The very first printed newspapers appeared in the 17th century! Back then, journalists had to write everything by hand before using large printing presses to share the news with the whole town.

Key vocabulary: Headline · Orientation · Byline · Journalist · Direct Speech · Past Tense · Caption