

Scoop! The Daily News Report

Learning objective: To structure a newspaper report using the five Ws (Who, What, Where, When, Why) and formal reporting language.

Today, you are a reporter for the local town gazette! Use this template to write a news report about an exciting event discovered by Max the monkey or Nova the owl. Remember to use the past tense, include a catchy headline, and quote a witness to make your story sound professional. Use the word bank to help elevate your writing style.

Word bank: extraordinary · spectacular · witnessed · investigation · astonishing · consequently · subsequently · declared · magnificent

1. Headline: Create a catchy, punchy headline that captures the reader's attention immediately. (2 marks)

2. The Lead Paragraph: Summarise the main event using the 5 Ws: Who, what, where, when and why. Keep it concise but informative. (4 marks)

3. The Main Details: Describe what happened in chronological order. Include interesting facts and explain why this event is significant. (6 marks)

4. Witness Quote: Write a direct quote from someone who saw the event. Remember to use inverted commas correctly. (3 marks)

5. The Conclusion: Explain what might happen next or how the town is reacting to this news. (3 marks)

6. Journalist's Sign-off: Write your name and your role as a reporter. (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1) Explain why it is important for a journalist to remain neutral and stick to facts. 2) Compare and contrast how this newspaper report differs from a personal diary entry. 3) Justify why you chose your specific headline; how does it influence the reader's opinion? 4) What might happen if the witness you interviewed was proved to be unreliable? 5) Rewrite your first paragraph using fronted adverbials to improve the flow. 6) Create a formal 'Editor's Note' explaining the impact this story will have on the community.