

Scoop! Writing a Newspaper Report with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To structure a newspaper report using the 5 Ws (Who, What, Where, When, Why) and formal report writing features.

Max the Monkey has spotted an incredible event in the jungle! Use this frame to write your own newspaper report. Remember to keep your tone formal and objective, like a real reporter. Use the 5 Ws in your opening paragraph.

Chaos erupted in the canopy yesterday afternoon when a mysterious, glowing fruit was discovered by a local explorer.

Word bank: recently · furthermore · consequently · eyewitness · investigation · shortly afterwards · astonishingly · on the other hand · meanwhile

1. Headline: Write a catchy, short headline that uses a pun or alliteration to grab the reader's attention. Start your headline here... (1 mark)

2. The Lead Paragraph: Who was involved, what happened, where did it take place, when did it happen, and why? Start with: It has been confirmed that... (3 marks)

3. The Main Details: Describe exactly what happened in more detail. Use formal language. Start with: The event began when... (3 marks)

4. Eyewitness Account: Include a quote from someone who saw the event. Start with: 'It was the most extraordinary thing I have ever seen,' remarked... (2 marks)

5. The Conclusion: What is happening now? Is there an investigation? Start with: Officials are currently... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a 'Fact Box' to go alongside your article. Include three bullet-pointed facts about your event and one question about the total cost of the clean-up in £ (Australian dollars and cents).