

The Daily Scoop: Newspaper Writing Challenge with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To identify and apply the structural and linguistic features of a newspaper report, including the 5 Ws (Who, What, Where, When, Why) and formal reporting style.

Join Kit the Fox on a mission to report the latest news from the forest! Read each question carefully and select the best answer. Keep an eye out for those tricky headlines!

Answer Key: 1. A (Headline), 2. False, 3. True, 4. B (To tell the reader what happened), 5. Byline, 6. C (Past tense), 7. True, 8. D (A photograph), 9. Who, What, Where, When, Why, 10. False. Extension Task

Guidance: Look for evidence of balanced viewpoints and formal tone.

Word bank: Headline · Orientation · 5 Ws · Formal · Caption · Byline · Witness · Fact

**1. 1. What is the name of the bold, catchy sentence at the very top of a newspaper report?
A) Headline* B) Caption C) Byline D) Paragraph (1 mark)**

2. 2. True or False: A newspaper report should always be written in the first person (using 'I' and 'me'). (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The introduction of a newspaper report usually answers the '5 Ws'. (1 mark)

4. 4. Why do journalists include a photograph with a report? A) To make the page look pretty B) To provide visual evidence and context* C) To fill up empty space D) To hide the text (1 mark)

5. 5. What is the name of the line that tells the reader who wrote the news report? (1 mark)

6. 6. Which tense should a newspaper report typically be written in? A) Present tense B) Future tense C) Past tense* D) Imperative (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: A 'caption' is the short text explaining what is happening in a picture. (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these is an example of a formal word? A) Cool B) Awesome C) Super D) Significant* (1 mark)

9. 9. List the '5 Ws' that every good journalist must include in their lead paragraph. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: It is acceptable to include your own made-up opinions as facts in a news report. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a front-page layout for 'The Forest Gazette'. Include a large space for a headline, a box for an image of Kit the Fox, and two columns for text.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why journalists must maintain a neutral, objective tone rather than expressing their own emotions. 2. Compare and contrast a newspaper report with a diary entry; how does the purpose of the writing change the style? 3. Justify why it is important for a journalist to interview a witness. 4. What might happen if a newspaper published a report without verifying the facts? 5. Rewrite this sentence to be more formal: 'The squirrel was super happy because he found a lot of nuts.' 6. Write a short headline for a story about a library book that was 100 years overdue.