

How to Write a Brilliant Newspaper Report

Be a news reporter! Tell the world the scoop!

- The **Headline** should be short, punchy, and catch the reader's attention immediately.
- The **Orientation** (the first paragraph) tells the reader the 5 Ws: Who, What, Where, When, and Why.
- The **Byline** tells the reader exactly who wrote the report, usually starting with 'By'.
- A photograph or picture helps show the story, and it always needs a caption to explain what is happening.
- Quotes from witnesses make the story feel real and help the reader understand the event.

Did you know? Did you know? The very first newspapers were handwritten newsletters used in Ancient Rome called 'Acta Diurna', which means 'daily events'. People would gather in the marketplace to hear them read aloud!

Key vocabulary: Headline · Orientation · Byline · Caption · Quote · Formal