

Newspaper Report Masterclass: Year 5 English

Learning objective: To identify and understand the key features and purpose of a newspaper report.

Read the front of each card and try to recall the definition or purpose of each feature of a newspaper report. Flip to the answer side to check your knowledge.

What is the Headline? The catchy title at the top of an article, designed to grab the reader's attention and hint at the story.	What is the Byline? The line of text that states the name of the author or journalist who wrote the report.
What are the '5 Ws' that must be in the opening paragraph? Who, what, where, when, and why.	What is the Orientation? The introductory paragraph that provides the essential facts to set the scene for the reader.
Why do journalists use Direct Speech? To include quotes from witnesses or people involved, making the report feel more authentic and personal.	What is a Caption? A short description placed underneath a photograph or image to explain what is happening in the picture.
What does it mean to use a 'Formal Tone'? Using professional language, avoiding slang or abbreviations, and writing in the third person.	What is the purpose of the concluding paragraph? To summarise the events and explain what might happen next or how the situation was resolved.
Why are subheadings used in a long report? To break the text into smaller, manageable sections and help the reader find information quickly.	What is the difference between fact and opinion in a report? A fact is a piece of information that can be proven true, whereas an opinion is someone's personal belief or feeling.
How does Max the Monkey think about structure? Max treats the report like a maths puzzle, ensuring all the necessary 'building blocks' of information are in the right order.	Why does Pip the Bookworm suggest using 'Powerful Verbs'? To make the actions in the story feel more exciting and vivid for the reader.