

Headline Hunters: The Newspaper Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and understand the key features and language used in journalistic writing.

Read each question carefully and select the best answer. Pip the Bookworm is waiting to check your work!

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. Headline, 5. Byline, 6. B, 7. C, 8. True, 9. 5 Ws, 10. B.

Word bank: Headline · Byline · Lead Paragraph · Caption · Fact · Opinion · Formal · 5 Ws

1. 1. What is the main purpose of a newspaper headline? A) To catch the reader's attention*, B) To give the full story, C) To advertise products, D) To list the price. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A newspaper article should be written in the third person. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: It is acceptable to include your own personal feelings as facts in a news report. (1 mark)

4. 4. What do we call the text underneath a photograph that explains what is happening? (1 mark)

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

6. 6. Which of these is a key feature of a 'Lead Paragraph'? A) A list of ingredients, B) Who, what, when, where, and why*, C) A poem, D) A recipe. (1 mark)

7. 7. What style of language is most appropriate for a newspaper report? A) Slang, B) Text-speak, C) Formal and clear*, D) Very mysterious. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Quotes are used to show what someone actually said. (1 mark)

9. 9. Reporters use the '5 Ws' to ensure their report is complete. Name one of the 'Ws'. (1 mark)

10. 10. Where is the most important information usually found? A) At the very end, B) In the first paragraph*, C) In the byline, D) In the advertisement. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a newspaper front page for a school event. Include a catchy headline, a space for a photo with a caption, and a column for the lead paragraph.



Extension challenge: Write a short, three-sentence news report about a 'mystery event' that happened in your classroom, such as a missing stapler or a surprise visitor, using the 5 Ws!