

Grade 3 Assessment: Newspaper Report Writing

Learning objective: To identify the features of a newspaper report and apply them to write an engaging news story.

Read the report below carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use your knowledge of journalism to complete the writing task at the end.

LION LEADS THE WAY TO LIBRARY VICTORY

By Leo the Lion

Yesterday afternoon, the local community gathered at the Sunnyvale Town Square to celebrate the grand opening of the new BookFlik Library. The event was organized by the town council to encourage reading among young people.

Over two hundred residents attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The library features thousands of books, a cosy reading corner, and a mural painted by Zara the Zebra.

'I am absolutely thrilled to see so many people excited about stories,' said the Head Librarian, Mrs Higgins.

Local families enjoyed a picnic on the grass while Pip the Caterpillar read poetry to an audience of children. The library is now open to the public from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm every day.

Word bank: Headline · Orientation · 5Ws · Direct speech · Caption · Formal tone · Past tense

1. Identify two features of a newspaper report used in the text above. (2 marks)

2. In your own words, explain the purpose of the '5Ws' (Who, What, Where, When, Why) in the first paragraph of a report. (3 marks)

3. Why do newspaper reports use direct speech? Give an example from the text. (3 marks)

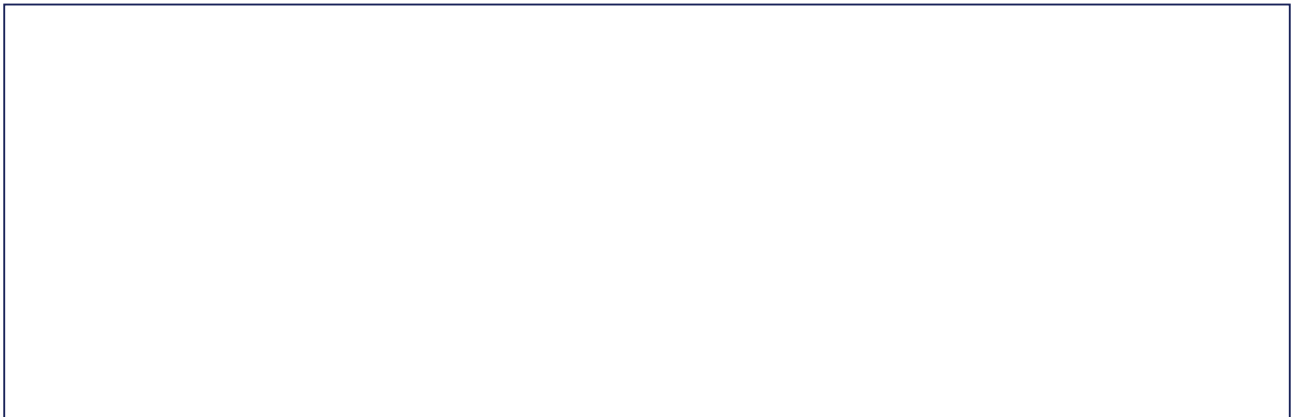
4. Look at the sentence: 'Local families enjoyed a picnic on the grass.' Change this sentence into the past progressive tense. (2 marks)

5. Find and copy one adverb from the text that describes how an action was performed. (1 mark)

6. Explain why the tone of a newspaper report should be formal rather than informal. (4 marks)

7. Writing Task: Imagine Max the Monkey has just discovered a giant golden banana in the park. Write a short newspaper report (approx. 50-75 words) including a catchy headline, the 5Ws, and one piece of direct speech from Max. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a newspaper photograph that might accompany a story about a library opening. Remember to add a caption underneath your drawing.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Write a 'Letter to the Editor' expressing your opinion about why reading is important for the community.