

The Daily Scoop: Newspaper Report Template

Learning objective: To write a formal newspaper report using journalistic features including a headline, orientation, and eyewitness accounts.

Use this template to report on a recent 'event' discovered by Max the monkey or Nova the owl. Remember to use the third person, past tense, and formal language. Ensure your report answers the 5 Ws: Who, What, Where, When, and Why.

Word bank: sensational · eyewitness · investigation · consequently · astonishing · subsequently · anonymous · development

1. Headline: Create a punchy, alliterative or emotive headline that captures the reader's attention immediately. (2 marks)

2. The Lead Paragraph: Summarise the main event. Who was involved, what happened, where, and when did it occur? (4 marks)

3. The Main Report: Explain the sequence of events in detail. Justify why this event is significant to the local community. (6 marks)

4. Eyewitness Account: Write a quote from a witness (e.g., a local farmer or scientist). Use direct speech punctuation correctly. (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: How would the tone of this report change if it were written as a personal diary entry instead of a newspaper article? (4 marks)

6. Concluding Statement: What might happen next as a result of this discovery? Predict the future impact on the setting. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a follow-up 'Letter to the Editor' expressing a strong opinion about the event described in your report. Use persuasive devices such as rhetorical questions and emotive language to argue whether the event was a positive or negative development.