

Grade 4 Newspaper Report Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the structural and linguistic features of a formal newspaper report.

Read the following report carefully and answer the questions. Ensure you use full sentences where required and check your spelling and punctuation.

LION LEADS THE WAY AT LOCAL LIBRARY

By Leo the Lion

Yesterday afternoon, the quiet atmosphere of the Greenfield Library was transformed into a bustling hub of excitement as Leo the Lion hosted the annual 'Big Book Swap'. Over 200 local children attended the event to exchange their pre-loved books. Organizers confirmed that £450 was raised for the library's new reading garden. 'I am delighted that so many people value the importance of reading,' stated the Head Librarian, Mrs Higgins. The event concluded with a poetry reading that lasted until sunset.

Word bank: Headline · Orientation · By-line · Formal · Fact · Opinion · Past tense · Quote

1. Identify the headline of the report. Why is it written in a large, bold font? (2 marks)

2. Who is the author of this report? Where do we usually find this information in a newspaper? (2 marks)

3. What is the primary purpose of the 'by-line' in a newspaper report? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one direct quote from the text. Why do journalists include direct quotes in their reports? (3 marks)

5. Identify one fact and one opinion from the passage. Explain the difference between the two. (4 marks)

6. Newspaper reports are written in the past tense. Rewrite this sentence in the past tense: 'The children run to the library to find their favorite books.' (2 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Write a short 'lead paragraph' (the orientation) for a newspaper report about a local funfair that arrived in town. Ensure you include the 5 Ws: Who, What, Where, When, and Why. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw an illustration that could accompany the newspaper story about the library event. Include a caption underneath your drawing.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Can you write a catchy, alliterative headline for a story about Max the Monkey finding a lost treasure map in the jungle?