

Reporting the News: The Great Forest Discovery

Learning objective: To use the features of a newspaper report, including formal language, the 5 Ws, and direct/indirect speech.

Use this scaffold to write a newspaper report about an exciting event involving Max the monkey in the jungle. Remember to keep your tone formal and objective, as if you are a journalist reporting to the community.

Chaos erupted in the heart of the Emerald Canopy yesterday morning when Max the monkey stumbled upon a collection of ancient, golden star-shaped stones hidden beneath the roots of a giant banyan tree.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · witnesses reported · on the other hand · spectacular discovery · subsequently · in the meantime · officials stated · nevertheless · astonishingly

1. Headline: Create a catchy, punchy headline that summarises the story. Start with a word that grabs the reader's attention... (2 marks)

2. The Lead Paragraph: Summarise the 5 Ws (Who, What, Where, When, Why). Start with: 'Yesterday afternoon, residents of the forest were stunned when...' (4 marks)

3. The Main Details: Describe exactly what happened in chronological order. Use a connective like 'Initially' or 'Following this' to start... (4 marks)

4. Quotes: Include a quote from a witness (like Pip the caterpillar or a local animal). Start with: "It was truly a sight to behold," exclaimed... (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: What will happen next? End with a look to the future. Start with: 'As the investigation continues, authorities have decided to...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Can you write a 'caption' for an imaginary photograph to accompany your article, ensuring it explains the action clearly in one sentence?