Front Page Design Workshop

Learning objective: To identify and apply the structural features of a newspaper report through visual design and annotation.

Use your knowledge of newspaper journalism to design a front page for 'The Daily Forest Gazette'. Think about how newspapers grab a reader's attention using bold fonts, catchy headlines, and informative images. Follow the steps below to complete your layout.

Draw: Draw a newspaper front page layout. At the top, include a space for the 'Masthead' (The Daily Forest Gazette). Draw a large box for an image of Nova the owl stargazing, and include a small box underneath it for a caption. Draw three vertical rectangular boxes to represent columns of text. Using the words from your word bank, label the different parts of your newspaper layout clearly with arrows pointing to the correct sections.

Label words: Headline · Byline · Lead Paragraph · Caption · Dateline · Columns · Masthead

Steps:

1. Explain why the 'Headline' needs to be written in a larger, bolder font than the rest of the text.
2. What is the purpose of the 'Byline' in a professional newspaper report?
3. Why do journalists include a 'Caption' underneath a photograph?
4. If you were writing a report about Max the monkey finding a secret treasure in the jungle, what sensational

headline would you write to attract readers?

5. Briefly describe what information should be included in the 'Lead Paragraph' (the first paragraph of the report).