

Year 3 English Assessment: Reporting the News

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and use the key features of a newspaper report.

Read the report carefully and answer the questions below. Use your best handwriting and check your spelling.

LION LEADS THE WAY TO LIBRARY

By Leo the Lion

Yesterday afternoon, the local community was amazed when Leo the Lion helped the town librarian, Mrs. Higgins, move over one hundred books to the new Reading Room. The heavy boxes were carried with great care, ensuring not a single page was creased.

"It was a very kind gesture," said Mrs. Higgins, adjusting her glasses. "I think he is the most helpful lion in the whole county." The new library is open to everyone from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm every day. A grand opening party is planned for Saturday, where visitors can enjoy tea and biscuits for £2.50 per person.

Word bank: Headline · Byline · Lead Paragraph · Caption · Fact · Opinion · Journalist

1. Identify the headline of the newspaper report. (1 mark)

2. Who wrote this report? Write the name of the author. (1 mark)

3. What is the name of the person who was helped by the lion? (1 mark)

4. Find and copy one sentence from the text that is a direct quote from Mrs. Higgins. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think the author included the price of £2.50 in the report? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

6. List three features that make this text a newspaper report rather than a storybook. (3 marks)

7. Imagine you are a reporter. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a new park opening in your town. Remember to include the '5 Ws': Who, What, Where, When, and Why. (9 marks)

8. Look at the passage again. Is 'The most helpful lion in the county' a fact or an opinion? Explain how you know. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion helping Mrs. Higgins in the library and add a newspaper caption underneath it.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension Task: Write a catchy headline for a newspaper story about Pip the caterpillar discovering a giant, rare leaf in the park.