

# The Daily Forest Gazette

*Learning objective: To identify the features of a newspaper report and retrieve information from a text.*

Read the news report carefully. Look for the headline, the lead paragraph, and the facts about what happened. Use the text to answer the questions below.

Big news in the woodland today! Early this morning, a group of squirrels discovered a mysterious, shiny object buried near the Great Oak. Max the monkey, who lives nearby, was the first to arrive at the scene to help investigate. He measured the object and found it was perfectly round and made of smooth, golden metal.

'I have never seen anything like it,' said Max, while adjusting his glasses. 'It looks like a giant button, but it is far too heavy.'

Local animals gathered around to watch as Leo the lion carefully dug the treasure out of the soil. The object began to glow with a soft, warm light as the sun rose above the horizon. Bea the honeybee reported that the light attracted many colourful butterflies to the area. By midday, the forest floor was buzzing with excitement. Could this be a lost treasure from a long-forgotten time? The animals have decided to keep the object safe in the community library until they can learn more about its history. For now, the forest remains calm, but everyone is waiting to see what happens next.

*Word bank: headline · journalist · caption · report · event · witness*

**1. Who was the first person to arrive at the scene to help investigate the object? (1 mark)**

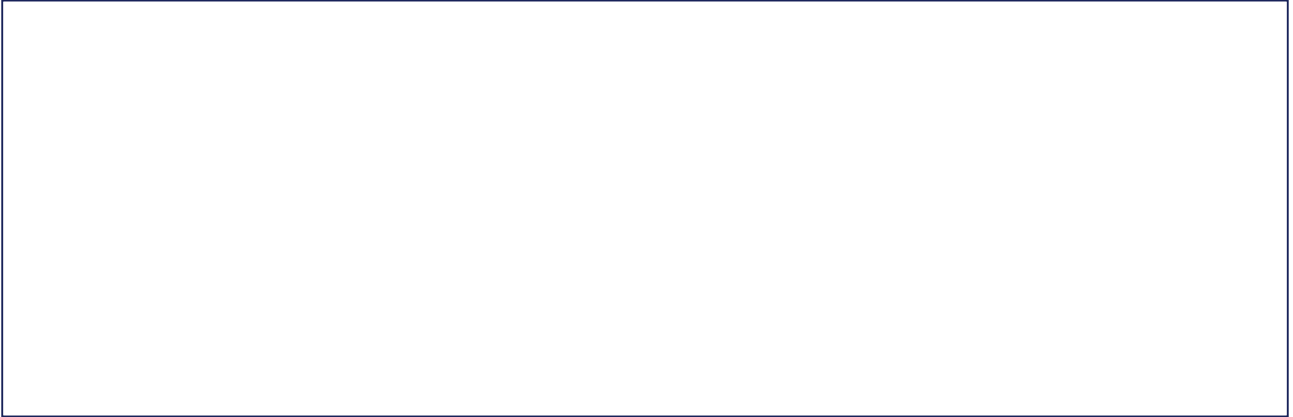
**2. Where have the animals decided to store the mysterious object? (1 mark)**

**3. Why might Max the monkey be the best person to help investigate a new object? (2 marks)**

**4. What does the phrase 'buzzing with excitement' tell us about how the animals were feeling? (2 marks)**

**5. Do you think the animals made a good choice by keeping the object in the library? Explain why. (2 marks)**

**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max the monkey and Leo the lion standing next to the glowing, golden object. Show the butterflies fluttering nearby.



*Extension challenge: Write your own short headline for this news story. Remember that a good headline is short, exciting, and tells the reader what the story is about.*