

Reporting with Max: The Great Garden Discovery

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate the key features of a newspaper report, including headlines, images, and captions.

Max the monkey has spotted something unusual in the school garden! Help him report the news by creating a front-page illustration. Use the word bank to label your drawing with the essential features of a newspaper.

Draw: Draw a newspaper front-page layout in the centre of your paper. Include a large space for a 'Photograph' showing Max the monkey looking surprised at a giant, sparkling object he found in the garden. Add a box at the top for a punchy 'Headline', a small space for the 'Byline' (e.g., 'By Max the Monkey'), and a line underneath the photo for a 'Caption'. Use a clear, neat style with ruled boxes to make it look like a real newspaper.



Label words: Headline · Photograph · Caption · Byline · Date

Steps:

1. Why is a 'Headline' important in a newspaper report? Explain your answer.
2. What information should be included in a 'Caption' underneath a photograph?
3. If Max is writing the report, where should the 'Byline' be placed?
4. Why do newspapers include the date at the top of the page?
5. If Max found a giant, shiny acorn worth £5, how would you describe the 'Headline' to make it exciting?