Reporting with Max and Kit: How to Write a Newspaper Article

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Grab your notebook and become a star reporter!

■ **The Headline: This is the catchy title at the top. It should be short, punchy, and tell the reader exactly what the story is about.**

■ **The Byline: This is where you write your name! It tells the reader who the reporter is who wrote the story.**

■ **The Orientation (The 5 Ws): The first paragraph must answer: Who, What, Where, When, and Why. This gives the reader all the main facts immediately.**

■ **Formal Tone: Newspaper reports are written in the third person (using words like 'he', 'she', or 'they') rather than 'I' or 'me', to keep the report professional.**

■ **The Caption: Every photo needs a caption underneath it. This is a short sentence explaining what is happening in the picture.**

■ **Past Tense: Because newspaper reports are written about events that have already happened, we always use the past tense.**

Did you know? Did you know? The very first printed newspapers were produced in Germany over 400 years ago! Back then, they didn't have computers or digital cameras, so every single word had to be set by hand using small metal letters.

Key vocabulary: Headline · Byline · Orientation · The 5 Ws · Caption · Formal tone · Column