

Newspaper Reports

LO: To know the purpose of news reports.

Success Criteria:

SC1: I can recognise key features

SC2: I can read and understand a newspaper text.

SC3: I can explain the difference between a fact and an opinion.



What is a newspaper report?

- Newspapers report on news stories from around the world every day. They are written in the past tense because they are reporting on things that have already happened.
- Have you ever read a newspaper?



Headlines

- Newspapers use headlines to grab your attention. Headlines try to tell the story in as few words as possible and are usually bigger than the other text.
- Can you guess what these stories are going to be about by reading the headlines?
- 'Elephant escapes and charges through village!'
- 'Watery weather washes out Wadhurst!'
- Some headlines are funny and others are more serious, depending on the type of story they are about to tell.

What would be a good headline for this picture?



Facts

- Newspaper reports use facts to tell their stories. They often use the 5 W's, (who, what, why, when and where) to give their readers as many facts as possible.
- Often a reporter has to do a lot of research to find out all the facts.

Opinions

- When the facts have been given, the person writing the newspaper report sometimes gives their opinion of the story, why it happened or what they think about the people in the story.
- Opinions are not facts, they are what someone thinks about something.



Photos and captions

- Photos and captions help to tell the story by giving readers a picture of what happened, where it happened or who it happened to.
- Photos need to tell the story as much as the words do.
- Photos also need a caption underneath them. A caption is a short sentence explaining what is happening in the photograph.

Can you think of a caption for this picture?



Exploring Newspaper reports

- Now go on a newspaper hunt around your home.
- Collect a few different reports to read and explore.
- Can you spot the key features? Is there a headline? Can you find a picture and caption?
- Who has written the report?
- Can you find a selection of facts and opinions?

Tomorrow's Task: planning a newspaper report

- Choose a subject that interests you
- Research your facts
- Think of a headline
- Write your first draft of your report
- Re-read and check
- Find a picture
- Write a caption
- Be ready to write up/type tomorrow...