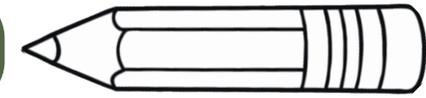


Newspaper Reports



Does your informal letter include...

the name of the newspaper?	
a headline that uses a pun, rhyme or alliteration?	
a sub-heading which gives a bit more information?	
a 'byline' (the writer's name)?	
an introductory paragraph that includes the 5 Ws?	
pictures with captions?	
a commentary of the main events?	
writing in third person and past tense?	
direct and reported speech?	
a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next?	

The Five Ws

who?

what?

where?

when?

why?

Punctuating Direct Speech

Use **inverted commas** at the beginning and end of direct speech.

Start the speech with a **capital letter** (unless it's the second half of broken speech).

End each piece of direct speech with a comma, full stop, question mark or exclamation mark.

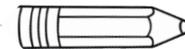
Punctuation comes at the end of the speech and before the inverted commas.

Use a new line for each new **speaker**.

"This is an excellent report," remarked **Gerry**.

Word Bank

alongside	damaged	reported
alternatively	described	responded
apparently	following	source
commented	identified	stated
concern	insider	unfortunately
confirmed	official	witness
considerably	recently	



Linking Ideas

after	as a result of	because	before
however	meanwhile	nevertheless	once
since	therefore	while	

Sentence Starters

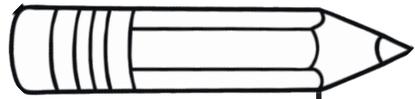
Following the investigation,...

Late last night,...

Upon making the discovery,...

Despite all of the evidence,...

Although it may come as a surprise to our readers,...



Key Features

the name of the newspaper

a headline

a sub-heading

a byline

an introductory paragraph that includes the 5 Ws

pictures with captions

commentary on the main events

direct speech

reported speech

a conclusion paragraph

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EGGCEPTIONAL BREAK LEAVES MILITARY IN MAYHEM

Humpty Dumpty Lies in Pieces While Military Attempt to Put Him Back Together Again.

By E G Gilbert

The quiet, fairytale village of Wall-by-the-Water was in a state of distress last night as all of the King's horses and all of the King's men failed to help beloved resident, Mr H Dumpty after he shattered into multiple pieces.

First brought to the attention of the military by Ms B Peep, the King's horses and accompanying men were thought to have arrived swiftly at the scene. However, as one eye-witness reported to us, the scene was apparently nothing short of horrific. "We left as soon as we heard what had happened to Mr H Dumpty but we weren't expecting things to be so bad. When we arrived, all that remained seemed to be a patch of scrambled egg at the base of the wall. Nobody knew what to do. It was terrible."



Mr H Dumpty in one piece days before tragedy struck.

Following the military's arrival, several attempts were reported to have been made to put Mr H Dumpty back together again but none were successful. After several hours of what multiple onlookers have described as 'acting like headless chickens', the military decided to call it a day. The area was sealed and the residents of Wall-by-the-Water were asked to keep a respectful distance.

However, it is our understanding that, as soon as the area was clear of King's horses and King's men, a small band of villagers let themselves past the yellow and black tape. According to our source, what they found was shocking: not only was Mr H Dumpty not 'scrambled' but he was in an easily repairable state.

We will, of course, bring you the updates as soon as we hear them. But, for now, it seems as though Mr H Dumpty's fate may not have been sealed after all.

Key Vocabulary

caption: A title or brief explanation that goes alongside a photo, illustration or cartoon.

direct speech: Direct speech directly repeats what has been said by the speaker. Direct speech needs to follow special punctuation rules.

fact: Something that is known or proven to be true.

past tense: Writing about something that has already happened.

quote: Repeating or copying the exact words that were written or said by a person.

reporter: The person who is reporting on the event. This is the person who has written the newspaper report.

third person: Writing from another person's point of view or as an outsider looking in.