



Newspaper Challenge



Learning outcome

To understand what details are needed to write a report for a newspaper.

To understand how to write about the Peer Education event in an exciting way for readers.

Resources

Newspaper front page templates

Newspaper report planning sheet

Lesson content

Begin with the BIG QUESTION What is a newspaper report?

Show the class a selection of suitable Newspaper reports from a local or national newspaper

Discuss the following with the class

Headline: Make your headline short and snappy. Use exciting words, alliteration or rhymes to catch the reader's attention. Your headline needs to tell the reader what kind of story it's going to be.

First sentence: The first sentence underneath the headline should give the reader more information on the story, and sum up what it is going to be about.

Paragraphs: Next, split your newspaper report up into paragraphs to help the reader clearly understand the information on the story. Each new paragraph should be given a 'subheading'. This is a very short title that tells the reader a little about what the paragraph is will about.

Past tense: Your newspaper story needs to be written in the past tense because you are reporting on something that has already happened.

Quotations: Adding quotations will make your report more interesting for the reader because it tells the story from the point of view of the people involved. Don't forget to use speech marks!

Photos and captions: Use a photo/picture with a caption to give the reader more information about the story you are writing.

Facts and opinions: Fill your newspaper report with both facts and opinions. Facts give the reader all of the information they need by using the 5 W's. Opinions give the point of view of the writer or of people involved in the story. With all this information, the reader can then make up their own point of view.

Summing up: Your final paragraph should sum up the story. This is usually a good place to put in your opinion.

