

Key features of a newspaper article

Headline. Usually only four or five words. It tries to attract the interest of the reader by telling them what the story is about, in a short and interesting way.

By-line. Who wrote the article?

Introduction. It will set the scene and summarise the main points of the article: Who? What? When? Where?

Body. Provides more detail about the event, in particular it answers the questions how and why?

Quotes. Sometimes articles will include what a person (like an eye-witness or an expert) has said. These will be in speech marks.

Photograph and caption. Sometimes articles have a photograph, and a sentence explaining the photograph



Headline

- What is the headline for your article?
- How many words are in the headline?

By-line

- Who wrote your article?

Introduction

- Can you identify these important points in your article?
 - Who is the article about?
 - What happened?
 - When did it happen?
 - Where did it happen?

Body

- What else do you now know?

Quotes

- Does your article have quotes? If so,
 - What was said?
 - Who said it?
 - How are they related to the event?

Photograph and caption

- Does your article have a photograph? What does it show? Describe exactly what you see.
- What does the caption say?