

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.

- What is the headline for your article? _____

- How many words are in the headline? _____

By-line – who wrote the article

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Introduction – It will set the scene and summarise the main points of the article: who, what, when, where.

- 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 – provides more detail about the event, in particular it answers the questions how and why.

- What else do you know now? _____

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

- Does your article have quotes? If so,
 - What was said? _____

 - Who said it? _____
 - How are they related to the event? _____

Photograph and caption – sometimes articles have a photograph, and a sentence explaining the photograph

- Does your article have a photograph? What does it show – describe exactly what you see? _____

- What does the caption say? _____

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