

## Key features of a newspaper article

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

**By-line** – who wrote the article

- Who wrote your article? \_\_\_\_\_

**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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What does the caption say? \_\_\_\_\_  
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