

A Newspaper Article

A headline: about an event

Keep kids close

A byline: the journalist

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A lead paragraph: gives answers to all the who, what, when, where, why and how questions

The community development officer for Plantation Place, a small informal settlement near George, addressed members of that community about the importance of always knowing where their children were at all times yesterday as the schools prepared to close for the Easter break.

A paragraph with explanations: facts or details the reader might want to know

Nokoliswa Radebe, who has been driving a Keep your kids close campaign for the past month, held a huge rally at a Platdam soccer stadium. Around 2 400 children from surrounding primary schools and their parents attended the gathering. Several speakers including the Minister of Safety and Security provided advice and encouragement to the parents and caregivers of the community who are concerned about crimes against children in the area.

Additional information: if the news article is too long, this part can be shortened without leaving out important information

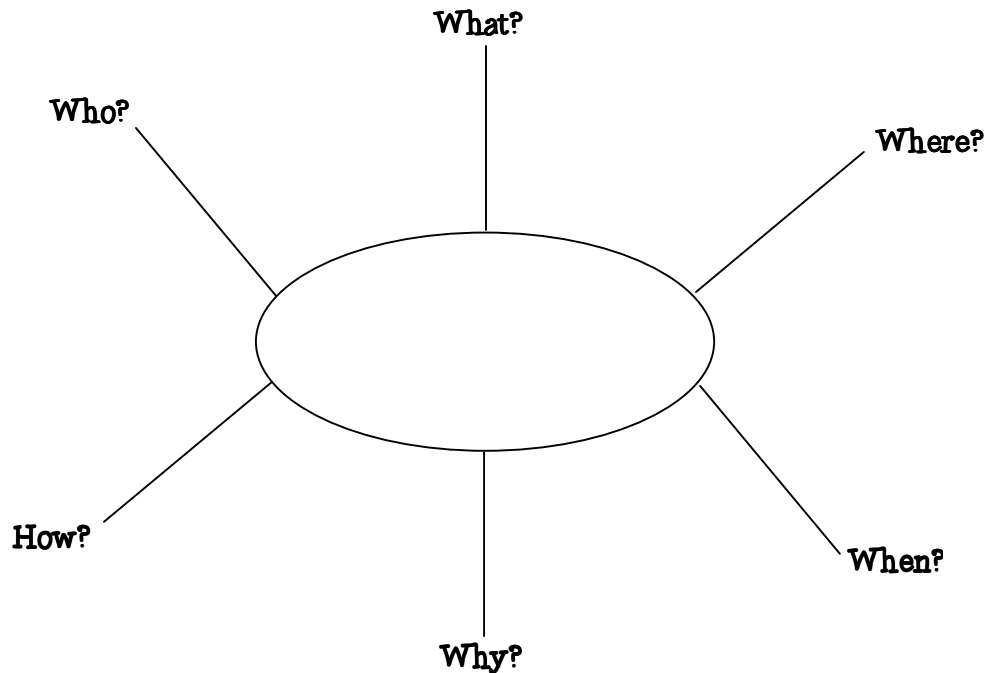
“We are happy that they have come to listen and to speak to us,” said a mother of three. “We want our children to be safe while we are working.”

Marks are awarded as follows:

1. Text achieves purpose – to educate, inform and entertain the reader – **5 marks**
2. Appropriate text structure – stating facts, main idea is clear, summarises information, gives title and subtitle (or byline) – **5 marks**
3. Appropriate language features – clear and concise, third person narration, includes comments and/or opinions from those involved – **5 marks**

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1. A newspaper article consists of five main parts: a Headline, a Byline, a Lead paragraph, an Explanation Paragraph, and an Additional Information Paragraph.
2. Decide what your article is going to be about (the topic).
3. Use a mind map to plan an article about your topic:
 - a. Write the topic in the center
 - b. Write down answers to the questions *who, what, where, when, why, how?*



4. Check that your plan for the article includes the five main parts of an article. Write in short what the paragraphs will be about:

Headline	
Byline	
Lead Paragraph	
Explanation paragraph	
Additional information paragraph	

5. Write your first draft.
6. Check and revise your draft, and write your final copy neatly.

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CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Headline	Article has a headline that captures the reader's attention and accurately describes the content.	Article has a headline that accurately describes the content.	Article has a headline that does not describe the content.	Article is missing headline.
Supporting Details	The details in the article are clear and supportive of the topic.	The details in the article are clear but need to be developed more. Some details may not fit in with the topic.	Most details in the article are clear. Article does not focus on the topic well.	The details article are neither clear nor related to the topic.
Who, What, When, Where & How	Article adequately addresses the 5 W's (who, what, when, where and how).	The article is missing one of the 5 W's.	The article is missing 2 of the 5 W's.	The article is missing 3 or more of the 5 W's.
Lead Sentence	Lead sentence grabs the reader's attention and focuses the reader on the topic.	Lead sentence tells most important details.	Lead sentence is not clearly connected to the article.	There is no clear lead sentence in the article.
Spelling and Grammar	No spelling or grammar errors.	No more than a couple of spelling or grammar errors.	No more than 3 spelling or grammar errors.	Several spelling or grammar errors.