



I can write an
effective
newspaper
article

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LISTEN...



Over the next two days you are going to be writing an effective newspaper recount about the sinking of the Titanic.

Read through these slides to ensure you use all the key features effectively.

Journalists have to make sure their writing is jam-packed with facts and grammatically correct, so that they sell lots of newspapers.

Newspaper Article



Features

Written in third person

Formal language

Headline

Date

Headings / subheadings

Facts

By-line

Direct / Quoted speech -
(uses speech marks)

Write about well known or
important people

Before you begin, watch this short news report and ‘magpie’ some key words and phrases to use in your writing today. Jot them down on a scrap piece of paper as you listen.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zc78q6f>





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Headlines



- ❧ Peril as Passengers Plunge into Icy Atlantic!
- ❧ Lack of Lifeboats Leads to Loss of Life...
- ❧ That *Sinking* Feeling...
- ❧ Vast Vessel Avoids Vital Warnings!
- ❧ The Unsinkable Sinks.



Byline



☞ A byline tells us **who** wrote the article, **what** their job title is and **where** they are writing from.

Examples:

- ☞ **By Sam Sinkalot, Chief Reporter, Newcastle upon Tyne**
- ☞ **By I. C. Waters, Disaster Correspondent, New York**
- ☞ **By Luke Out, International Affairs Journalist, Southampton**

Introduction



- ❧ The introduction should be no more than 6 lines. It should tell us the 5 Ws in 1 paragraph.
- ❧ **What** is the subject?
- ❧ **Where** did it happen?
- ❧ **When** did the event take place?
- ❧ **Why** and how did it happen?
- ❧ **Who** was involved?



What Where When Why

Who



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An astonishing **talent show** took place on **Friday 18th July** at **St. Andrew's Primary School, Heddon**. **Many talented pupils** performed spectacularly to help raise money for a worthy cause, **Children in Need**.

Many talented pupils performed spectacularly in an astonishing **talent show**, which took place at **St. Andrew's Primary School, Heddon** on **Friday 18th July** to help raise money for a worthy cause, **Children in Need**.



- Titanic departed Southampton on April 10th 1912 on her maiden voyage to New York.
- Titanic was built at Harland & Wolff shipyard in Ireland.
- Titanic was 269.1 metres long.
- Titanic was 28 metres wide and 53.3 metres high.
- Titanic hit the iceberg on 14th April 1912. She sank in the very early hours of the morning on April 15th.
- The iceberg struck the starboard (right) side of the ship.
- There were 2,223 people aboard Titanic on her maiden voyage to New York.
- There were 704 Titanic survivors.
- The temperature of the sea in the North Atlantic at the time the Titanic sank was -2°C.
- Only 10% of the iceberg was visible above sea level.
- Titanic had 9 decks.
- There were 18 lifeboats on Titanic, with only enough room for half the people aboard.
- The average life expectancy once in the water was only 15 minutes.
- Titanic received 7 ice warnings before the collision.

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Main Body of Text



Paragraph One

- ☞ Include a piece of **statistical information** (a number fact will help to make your article sound **reliable!**)
- ☞ *The **spectacular steamer**, which was **269.1 metres** in length and was carrying **2,223 passengers**, did not manage to turn in time and struck the enormous iceberg on the starboard side of the ship.*

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Paragraph Two

You can choose who you want to include a quote from. Try to use quotes from two or more of the crew or passengers.

- ☞ Include a piece of **DIRECT SPEECH**. A quote from someone who was there will make your writing come alive!

“It was just awful,” said Frederick Fleet (Titanic’s Lookout) shakily at a press conference earlier this week. “I shall remember that night for the rest of my life.”

- ☞ If you really want to impress me, have a go at using **REPORTED SPEECH**:

Frederick admits to being scared stiff when he saw the iceberg looming ahead.

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Lawrence Beesley



Frederick Fleet



Emily Ryerson

You could include quotes from any of these crew-members or passengers



Thomas Andrews



Charles Lightoller



Captain E.J. Smith

Captions



Emily Ryerson: rescued by the Carpathia.



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- ❧ *World's largest vessel: the RMS Titanic.*
- ❧ *Captain Smith before the disaster: unaware of the danger ahead.*
- ❧ *Emily Ryerson: rescued by the Carpathia.*
- ❧ **Captions are written in *italics*.**

Concluding Line



Try to sum up your story in one dramatic and exciting sentence which will bring your article to a close. You could use a rhetorical question.

- ❧ *The unsinkable giant now rests at the bottom of the Atlantic.*
- ❧ *The sinking of Titanic will forever be remembered as one of the greatest tragedies in maritime history.*
- ❧ *Will the missing passengers ever be reunited with their families? Only time will tell.*

It's time to write your newspaper report! Download the accompanying template to write on, or draw your own.



