

Newspaper Reports

Key Features

Does your newspaper report include...

the name of the newspaper?

a headline?

the reporter's name?

an introductory paragraph that includes the 5 Ws?

pictures with captions?

facts about the main events?

quotes written as direct speech?

a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next?

Sentence Starters

Late last night,...

We have received reports that...

Many people believe that...

As I'm sure you will agree,...

In the early hours of the morning,...

Unusually,...

Word Bank

alongside

alternatively

apparently

commented

concern

confirmed

considerably

damaged

described

following

identified

insider

official

recently

reported

responded

source

stated

witness

unfortunately

Punctuating Direct Speech

Use **inverted commas** at the beginning and end of direct speech.

Start the speech with a **capital letter**.

End each piece of direct speech with a comma, full stop, question mark or exclamation mark.

Punctuation comes at the end of the speech and before the inverted commas.

Use a **comma** after the reporting clause.

Barry said, "This is a brilliant report!"

Linking Ideas

after

but

in addition

also

therefore

in the end

although

despite

so

because

however

The 5 Ws

who?

what?

where?

when?

why?

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THE FAIRYTALE TIMES

MISSING GRANDMA FOUND SAFE AND SOUND

Beloved Grandma, Who Had Been Missing For a Week, Found Safe and Sound inside Wolf's Stomach.

By L R R Hood

Following her disappearance last Tuesday, The Fairytale Times is pleased to report that Grandma has been found safe and sound. Although she had spent the week lodged inside a wolf's stomach, Grandma is in excellent spirits.

It was a local woodcutter who first heard Grandma. "I was walking past the wolf's cave and I could hear this strange, grunting sound," he told us. "At first, I ignored it but then I realised that it sounded like someone calling for help. Obviously, I immediately called for backup."

As soon as the backup arrived, the woodcutter was able to make his way into the cave where he saw an unusually large and bloated wolf. "It was clear that the wolf was uncomfortable. He just pointed to his stomach and looked very regretful." At this point, the team worked quickly to free Grandma and the wolf was arrested.

Just days after she was freed, Grandma offered The Fairytale Times an exclusive statement. When asked what it was like inside the wolf's stomach, she had this to say, "Well, it's exactly what you might think it was like! Smelly, dark and rather wet. I'm just so happy to be out."

While Grandma is happy to be out, there may be others who live in the woods that are worried about the same thing happening to them. At the moment, the wolf is being held by police and has not been allowed out. Keep reading The Fairytale Times where we will publish updates as soon as we get them.



The wolf shortly after Grandma had been saved.

Key Vocabulary

caption: A title or brief explanation that goes alongside a photo, illustration or cartoon.

direct speech: Direct speech directly repeats what has been said by the speaker. Direct speech needs to follow special punctuation rules.

fact: Something that is known or proven to be true.

past tense: Writing about something that has already happened.

quote: Repeating or copying the exact words that were written or said by a person.

reporter: The person who is reporting on the event. This is the person who has written the newspaper report.

third person: Writing from another person's point of view or as an outsider looking in.