

# Newspaper Reports

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## Headline

The main idea – short, catchy, not necessarily a sentence, might use abbreviation or puns.

## Lead paragraph

The main facts:- who, what, where, why, how?

## Main paragraph/s

All the details of the story.

## Sources

Comments by people about the event.

Headline

## OAP Halts Wagon with Pram

Paragraph 1

who

what

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where

Paragraph 2

more details

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Paragraph 3

comments

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## **Local school falls down hole**

A school caretaker arrived at school last Monday to discover that most of it was no longer there – it had fallen down a hole.

Rhos J & I School caretaker, Mr Stanley Parry, arrived at school the Monday after half term to discover that most of it had disappeared into a large crater. Teachers and pupils were held outside the school gates while the School Hall and Infant Classrooms went the same way. The school will re-open next week in temporary classrooms on the school field while an enquiry begins as to what happened.

Mr Parry, still shaken by his experience, explained, ‘There was so much coal mining round here and no one really knows where some of the older shafts were. I reckon there was one under our school and it chose last Monday to collapse.’

Head Teacher, Mr Aled Hughes said, ‘It’s just as well there weren’t any children in at the time!’

## **Man leaves Baby on Bus**

The last bus from Bilston arrived back at the depot last Friday with an unexpected addition – a six month old baby.

Bus driver, Mr Keith O'Hara, was making a last minute check of his bus before going home for a well earned rest, when he discovered a carry cot containing a six month old baby boy resting behind the back seat. Transport Authorities were all set to contact Social Services when a distraught Tracy White, 26, arrived in search for her infant son. Her husband admitted that he had been engrossed in reading a copy of this newspaper when he noticed that he had reached his stop. In his hurry to get off the bus, he forgot that he was responsible for the baby that evening.

Chastened husband, Dave, admitted, 'Tracey wasn't very pleased with me. I don't think she'll let me forget about it for some time!'

A representative of Midland Transport said, 'It's a change from umbrellas.'

## Newspaper Article Check List

Is my headline catchy and would make people want to read on?

Does my first paragraph give the main facts?

Who?

What?

Where?

When?

How?

Do I have a main paragraph or paragraphs giving more detail?

Have I written a final paragraph including a quotation?

Have I written this article in the third person?

Have I checked my use of speech marks?

Have I checked my spelling?