

# Lowercroft Creative Club

## - Writing a news story -

News is big business. Not only does the news report on things that are happening at the moment, it also has the power to change people's thoughts and feelings on those events. Here is how to write your very own news story:

The beginning of a news article usually has **BIG BOLD LETTERS** that are eye catching and tell the reader in a nutshell what they are about to read. This is called a *headline*. Headlines can be funny, alliterative (each word starting with the same letter) or completely factual (true). It's up to you!

Your first paragraph should answer the five 'W' questions—Who is the news story about? What is it about? Where did it happen? When did it happen? Why did it happen? The idea is that if you stopped reading the article there, you'd probably still have enough information to know a bit about what had happened.

The rest of the article contains more detail on what happened. It usually has a quote or two (something somebody said), as well as photos or diagrams with captions. More important details are usually closer to the start of the article.

Good articles are usually balanced. That means that the writer doesn't pass their own judgement one way or the other and presents all sides of the argument. Sometimes though, articles are written with a particular viewpoint that the journalist wants to get across to the reader, which stops the article from being balanced.

**CONGRATULATIONS—You have been employed as a journalist and must now write one of these articles for the Lowercroft Gazette!**

- Write an article about schools shutting in order to be safe (think back to March!).
- Write an article about Premier League football clubs returning to training.
- Write an article about a wooden puppet that has run away from his mum and dad.
- Write an article about Mrs Farr winning the World Headteacher of the Year award.
- Write an article about the Three Bears having their house broken into.
- Write an article about the Big Bad Wolf blowing down the Three Little Pigs' houses.
- Write an article about the return to school being delayed.
- Write an article about a time travelling dinosaur landing at Lowercroft.
- Write an article about the discovery of the diamond of destiny!