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Writing a Newspaper Report

Match each newspaper word to its meaning using the definitions on the right.

headline	the line that tells you who wrote the report
byline	using a serious style instead of everyday chatty language
quotation	an important or unusual event that is being reported
witness	the exact words someone said, written inside speech marks
formal	a person who saw the event happen
incident	the title of a newspaper report that grabs the reader's attention

Choose the best answer for each question. Think about what makes writing sound like a newspaper report.

- 1 Which opening sounds most like the start of a newspaper report?
- Once upon a time, a gang arrived with splurge guns.
- Buggy crept in quietly, feeling nervous about what would happen next.
- I could not believe my eyes as I ducked behind a table and screamed.
- Yesterday, chaos broke out when splurge guns were fired during a performance at Fat Sam's Grand Slam.

2 What should a headline usually do?

- end with a full stop every time
- sound like a conversation between characters
- explain every detail in one long sentence
- tell the main event in a short, bold way

3 Which sentence keeps the reporter's voice neutral?

- Everyone knew the heroes were completely right.
- The wicked gang ruined everything in a shockingly evil way.
- It was the most amazing and brilliant scene ever.
- Witnesses said the attack caused chaos across the room.

4 Where should the most important news usually go?

- in the final sentence only
- hidden in a quotation
- in the first paragraph
- after all the background details

Study the scene carefully. Use what you can see to answer each question like a reporter.



1 What two signs show that a messy incident has just happened?

2 Which detail in the picture would be most useful in the first paragraph of a report?

3 What might a witness in this scene say in a quotation?
