

English

Wednesday 8th July

Amazing Aliens!

Work through the activities that focus on the skills included in a newspaper report:



Alien Headlines

Now, let's find out what mischief I've been up to when I've visited earth. Here is the opening of a newspaper report about me.

The Farming News

Alien Antics

Last night, local farmer Barry Bartlett, 46 years old, received the shock of his life when he discovered an alien spaceship landing in one of his wheat fields.

★ What do you think I did once I landed in the wheat field?

I predict

★ What does ... 'shock of his life' mean?

To receive a shock of your life means ...

The headline game!

A headline is a short, punchy sentence that sums up the newspaper story. Sometimes it uses rhyme (Stranger Danger) or alliteration (where words start with the same sound e.g. Bear bites baddie). Imagine each picture below is part of a newspaper report. Have a go at creating a punchy headline for it.



Challenge: Can you use alliteration in at least one headline?



When? Who? What? Why? Where? openers

My favourite paragraph in a newspaper report is the first one. It's clever because it tells you the whole story without you having to read it all. It uses the 5 W's above to do this.

Last night **(when)**, local farmer Barry Bartlett, **(who)**, 46 years old, received the shock of his life **(what)** when he discovered an alien spaceship landing **(why)** in one of his wheat fields **(where)**.



★ How else could I have surprised a local person? Maybe I was found snooping around in a garage or maybe I was seen in a park or I arrived at school?

For example: *Yesterday, local shopkeeper Ada Rudge, 34 years old, received the shock of her life when she found a green, slimy alien eating tinned hotdogs at the back of her shop.*



★ Now you try using the 5 Ws to write a new paragraph about my mischief. Remember to tell me when, who, what, why and where. Use the example above to help you.



Crazy Quotes

There are usually quotes from witnesses in newspaper reports too. This is when you write down what people say about an event. Here's what Barry said about me in the newspaper:

"I never expected to see an alien in my field. It was the scariest moment of my life," Barry **told** the Farming News.

- ★ You need to use speech punctuation when you write a quote in a newspaper, just like you do in your stories. To help you remember where the punctuation goes, use the steps below:

Speech Toolkit

1. Open speech with inverted commas: "
2. Write what the person is saying
3. Signal the end of the speech with punctuation: usually it's a comma but could be ? or ! (depending on what's been said).
4. Close speech with inverted commas: "
5. Say who said it. e.g. *told, reported, exclaimed, informed, stated, said.*
6. End with a full stop.



Go back to the pictures above on page 11 and write a quote from the characters for each one below.

- ★ **HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR PUNCTUATION?** Go back and take a look.
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