## English

# Thursday & Friday 9th & 10th July



## Amazing Aliens!

You have completed activities that have given you a greater understanding of 'aliens' and the skills needed to write a newspaper report.

Today and tomorrow you are going to plan and write your newspaper report of an alien being discovered on Earth!

#### **Amazing Fact**

When Orson Welles read a dramatisation of author H.G. Wells' 'War of the Worlds' on the radio in 1938, there were reports of mass panic and terror on the streets of American towns and cities. The story is about a Martian invasion and the broadcast was deliberately made to sound like a series of urgent newsflashes.

### Top Tips (skills)!

1. Keep your most important information near the top of the report. If the report ends up being too long, then the less important stuff can be cut out from the bottom of it.	2. Choose an interesting event to write about.
3. Remember to check your spelling and facts!	4. Have a short and snappy first paragraph that briefly outlines the topic. If the reader chooses to only read this paragraph, they should roughly know the story.
5. Having quotes from sources will make your report more credible and interesting. Why not try and include an interview?	6. Keep your sentences short and punchy to prevent the reader from becoming disinterested.
7. Make sure your headline is amazing in order to grab people's attention. A relevant catchy headline is what makes people interested and wanting to read your report.	8. Make sure you answer the 6 questions: Who? What? Where? Why? When? How?

- Third person
- Images with captions
- Structure: Opening paragraph > Main details of event > concluding paragraph

Before completing your plan, read the newspaper exemplar (attached as additional file) which also highlights the key features – this will help you structure your own newspaper.

#### Plan:

	Bullet points/ideas
-Name of Newspaper -Headline	
Opening paragraph 5 Ws (who, what, where, when, why)	
Main paragraph More detail about the event.	
Quotes. Witness statements	
Final, concluding paragraph	
Images & Captions	

Use the template to write your newspaper report (you can change the name and headline if you wish):

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Headline. Date. Name of reporter		
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#### Extension!

You have written an amazing newspaper report! Now try being a broadcaster! Practise the key points of your report (the 5 W's) and imagine presenting it on the news as a broadcaster.

Speak clearly, be confident and share the key points of the event!

You can present to a family member and get them to film you –

you can then see how natural you look on camera!

