

The North Pole News:

Christmas Newspaper Reports




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Aim

- I can write effective newspaper reports.

Success Criteria

- I can identify the features of an effective newspaper report.
 - I can use the newspaper report features in my own writing.
 - I can evaluate my writing against a checklist and make improvements.
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News Flash!

THE NORTH POLE STAR

BOO HOO... SANTA'S REINDEER HAVE THE FLU!

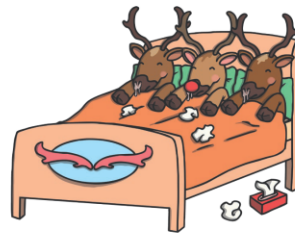
The North Pole's Bestselling Newspaper! www.northpolestar.twinkl.co.uk 21st December

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Yesterday morning, Santa went out to his wooden stable to give his animals some yummy reindeer porridge for breakfast. When he got inside, he could see that his entire herd had runny noses and terrible coughs. Even Rudolph's glowing nose looked more red than usual!

Quickly, Santa got them all wrapped up in snugly blankets and made them all hot drinks. Then, he phoned the local vet because he was feeling very concerned about them. The vet confirmed that Rudolph and the other nine animals all had reindeer flu. He told them all to rest for a few days and to take cough medicine until they felt better but Santa is very nervous that they won't be better by Christmas Eve.

Last night, Santa and his wife



**'The poorly reindeer
in their sick beds.'**

took the whole herd inside their wonderful grotto to keep warm and dry because of the cold, wintry weather. Mr and Mrs Claus have their fingers crossed that their precious reindeer will recover in time to pull Santa's magical sleigh in just a few days time.

Read the latest issue of The North Pole News and see if you can spot the features of an effective newspaper.

You may want to tick off the features that you identify on the **Features of a Christmas Newspaper Report Checklist.**

Did You Spot the Features?

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A headline –
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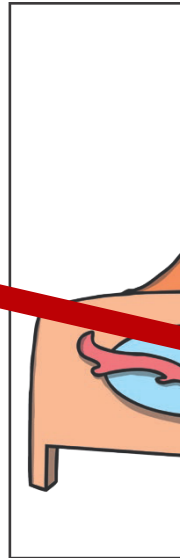
Sometimes headlines
can rhyme or have
alliteration (where
lots of the words
start with the same
sound).

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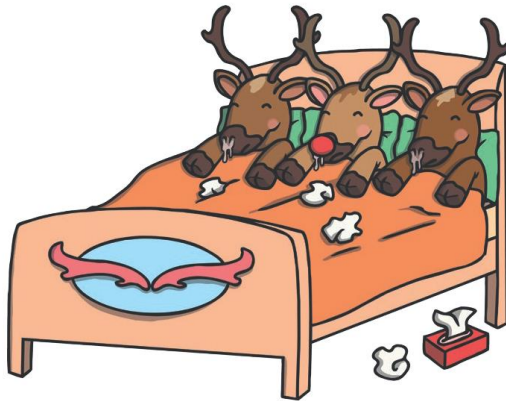
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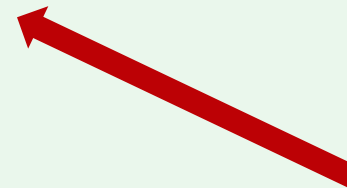
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The whole story
contains facts about
the main events.



A picture is added with an
added caption (a sentence to
say what the picture shows).

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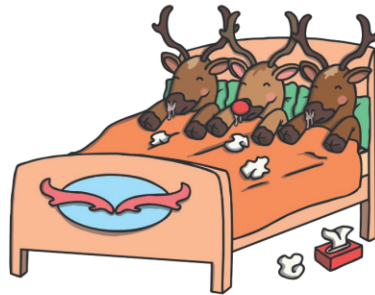
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Most of the report is written in past tense and uses past tense verbs like...

went

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phoned

Full stops, capital letters and question marks are used correctly all through the report.

Some adjectives are used to describe, e.g. *snugly, wooden, magical, precious.*

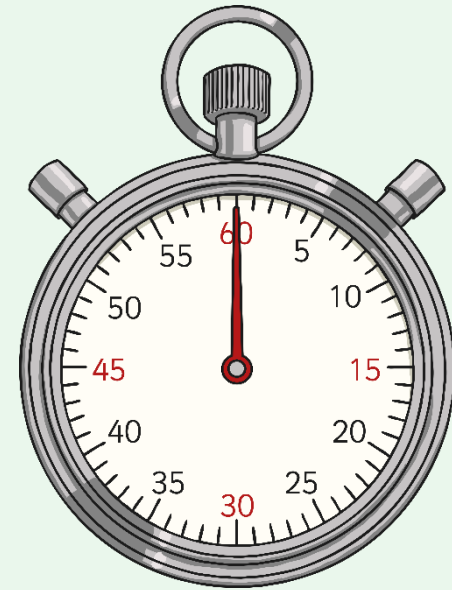
Over to You!

Could **you** write your own newspaper report about another problem Santa might have that would stop him from delivering his presents this year?

For two minutes, talk with a partner about your story ideas.

Could your newspaper report be about:

- Santa losing his naughty and nice lists.
- Santa's sat-nav system breaking on his sleigh.
- Rudolph's nose stopping glowing so they won't be able to see the way.
- A terrible snow storm in the North Pole that has blocked in Santa's sleigh.
- The elves running out of wrapping paper, bows and tape.
- Santa's suit won't fit because he's eating too many mince pies and he has nothing to wear.



Start

Get Reporting!

Use your **Christmas Newspaper Report Checklist**, the **Christmas Newspaper Report Word Mat** and **the Christmas Newspaper Report Writing Frames** to help you create your own Christmas newspaper report.

Features of a Christmas Newspaper Report Checklist

Did I...			
Structure and Language			
	Child	Friend	Teacher
include the name of the newspaper?			
include a headline?			
include an introduction that answers the 5 Ws?			
include a picture with a caption?			
include facts about the main events?			
Punctuation and Grammar			

Use capital letters, full stops, and question marks.



Christmas Newspaper Report

Santa Claus	delivery	fact	problem
Mrs Claus	world	yesterday	emergency
Father Christmas	children	fast week	worried
North Pole	gifts	five nights	concerned
grotto	chimney	next	nervous
workshop	weather		trouble
elf	Christmas Day		accident
also	magically lit	if	
reindeer	nice list	because	
Rudolph	Christmas tree	either	
resents		so	
sleigh		and	
Christmas Eve		but	
		when	



Christmas Newspaper Report

Add a newspaper name.

Add a headline - make it short and snappy!

Write an introduction - can you say what happened, when it happened, why it happened, who it happened to and where it happened?

Add a picture with a caption - what picture would match the report best?

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