

Learning Objective: To write a news report.

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PALES OF ANCIENT EGYPT NEWSPAPERS



Let's look at an example newspaper report.

Tales of Ancient Egypt: Newspapers

Model Text 2A

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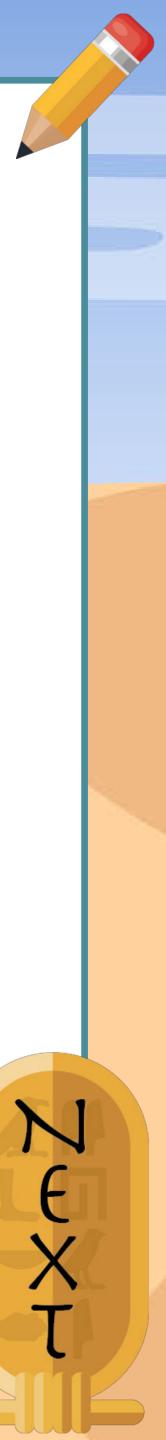
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What do you think are some key things to include in a newspaper report?







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Most news reports will have a headline. This is an eyecatching one-line phrase which summarises the report. Think, pair, share...

> What headline would you give the report you're writing today?





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The first paragraph gives a brief summary of the whole report. More details can be added in later in the report. Think, pair, share...

What are the 5Ws of the Model Text?



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Some reports use pictures to attract the reader's interest. If pictures are used, a caption should be included to give an explanation of what the picture is showing.

> What is the caption for this picture? Can you think of a different caption?



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The report has been written in columns and split into paragraphs. Both of these features make the report easier to read.

> How would you summarise each paragraph?



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Today you will be focusing on using a variety of sentence openers in your report.

> Look at the model text. Can you find and underline some interesting sentence openers?



Using a variety of sentence openers can make your report more interesting to read.

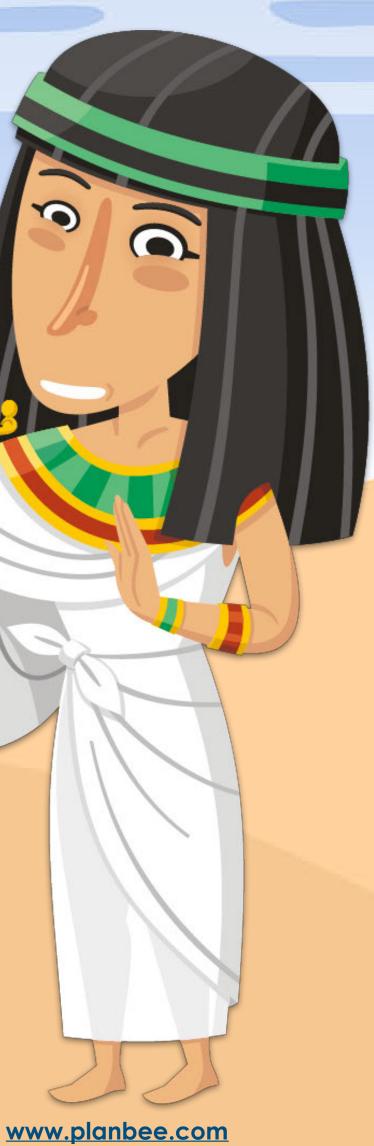
Compare this version to paragraph two in the model text. How do the sentence openers make the writing more effective?

Octavian and Antony's fleets of ships met in battle in the open waters near the city of Actium. Octavian's fleet had over 200 warships. Marc Antony's fleet was of higher quality and he had the support of Queen Cleopatra's ships. Having more ships proved useless against Octavian's tactics and battle experience.



Let's have a go!

Think, pair, share... How would you use these sentence openers in your report on Cleopatra's death?

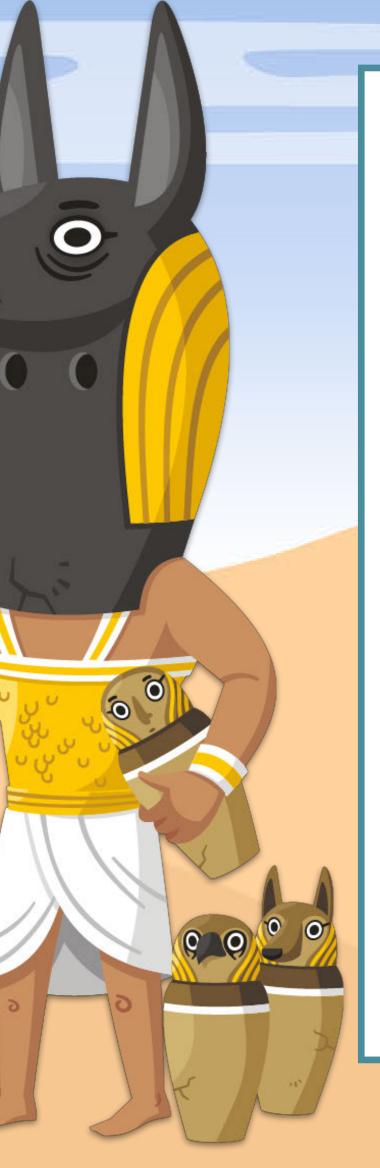


Late last night,



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Eye-witnesses reported that





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It is believed that



Let's edit and improve!

Work with a partner to read each other's writing. Where have they used good sentence openers? Which is your favourite?

Choose one sentence which you think could be improved by adding words in or changing the sentence opener.

