

Lesson overview: To write the opening paragraph of a newspaper report



Features to use in your writing

Language

- Formal language
- Referring to nouns in different ways
- Prepositional phrases

Sentences

- Simple
- Compound
- Complex sentences

Layout

- Headline
- Opening sentence
- Closing sentence

Punctuation

- Brackets

Success Criteria

To write the opening of a newspaper report	✓ or →
I have included the 4Ws (who, what, where, when)	
I have used formal vocabulary	
I have used prepositional phrases (time and place)	
I have used brackets to add extra information	

- [If you need to watch the film clip on the Oak Academy website](#)

What is the purpose of the opening paragraph?

Goldilocks Raids Bear Residence

Yesterday afternoon, police were called to an incident at 3 Honeypot Lane in the Big Bad Forest. A young female (known as Goldilocks) was arrested at the scene after a violent disturbance raised concerns with neighbours.

- **Summarises key information (who, what, where, when)**
- **Provides reader with an overview of the event**

Miss Smart's version using Goldilocks

Goldilocks Raids Bear Residence

Yesterday afternoon, police we called to an incident at 3 Honeypot Lane in the Big Bad Forest. A young female (known as Goldilocks) was arrested at the scene after a commotion raised concerns with neighbours.

Mrs Ford's version using the Emperor's new clothes

King out cold

Yesterday afternoon, villages were left speechless after they watched a grand procession parade through the streets of Story town. A young boy (known as Ralph) revealed the truth to the King who had been taken for an embarrassing ride.

Plan Opening

This is the key information you need to include.

Opening	
Who?	Wolf, Mrs Puckett, Red
What?	violent incident occurred / fight broke out
Where?	property / house/ cottage / residence on Cherry Pot Lane
When?	yesterday afternoon

Your turn to write a headline and opening paragraph for the Hoodwinked film clip

Headline

Opening