

Monday 22nd February 2021

O LO: Can I continue to find key features in newspaper reports to understand why they are used?

For further guidance on the lesson today, click the link on Class 4's timetable titled 'English - weekly input.'

Today, I would like you to read through the examples of newspaper reports below. Some examples have the layout of a newspaper report (such as headlines and newspaper names) whilst some do not. As you read them, see if you can spot the following information:

- What the article is about?
- Who was involved in the incident that the article describes?
- When did the event take place?
- Where did the event take place?
- Why did the event take place?

Keep an eye out for the layout features in some of the newspaper reports and see if you can underline as many of them as possible!

Thousands of people have fled an erupting volcano in the USA state of California. Mt. Kiko exploded into life around midday on Friday spreading ash, dust and lava across the local area. 18 people are feared to have perished during the event.

Mt. Kiko has been dormant for 23 years since its last explosion. There had been signs of the mountains awakening weeks before. Locals had spotted faint smoke clouds seeping from the the crater but no one had taken much notice. However, yesterday the volcano awoke from its slumber and erupted at approximately 1.30pm (US time). A dramatic explosion catapulted a huge ash cloud 2 miles into the air, whilst lava was projected down the hillside. Molten rock then proceeded to ooze down towards houses and residential areas. Moments later, the dark eerie sky began to rain dust and ash on the local town, covering houses, offices and shops. The eruption lasted for over an hour before Mt. Kiko fell silent once again.

Buildings were covered in scorching ash, which built up like snow. There were also reports of roofs collapsing in on innocent civilians. Many crops have been lost due to the ash suffocating them, whilst the lava flow started many forest fires. Animals fled their habitats which have now been completely destroyed by the charging pyroclastic flow. The ash also tore through a small mountain community causing many serious casualties and fatalities. "We heard the explosion and immediately darted for our cellar!" stated one witness. "Our home has been completely destroyed but we are grateful to be alive."

Emergency services acted fast to the disaster. Ambulances, fire engines and helicopters were all deployed to help the rescue effort. Firemen and women fought the forest fires which have mostly been defeated. Both locals and emergency services worked throughout the afternoon dealing with the injured and trying to free trapped people in collapsed buildings. Moments after the disaster, Barack Obama appeared on live television stating his sympathy for the residents and pledged to do as much as he could to help with the recovery.

This morning, residents of the local town (Chadderton) are waking up in shock to what has happened. People are wondering why government officials did not call for an evacuation earlier and Scientists are being blamed for not reading the warning signs quicker. The Red Cross are sending in volunteers to support the clean up and the homeless whilst the American government are sending in army units to help with the town's recovery.

Britain and France declare war on Germany!

Britain and France are at war with Germany following the invasion of Poland two days ago.

At 11:15 in the morning, Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, announced the British deadline for the withdrawal of German troops from Poland had expired. He said the British ambassador, who is in Berlin, had handed a final note to the German government this morning saying unless it announced plans to withdraw from Poland by 11am, a state of war would exist between the two countries. During his radio broadcast, Mr Chamberlain continued: "I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received and consequently this country is at war with Germany."

Similarly the French issued an ultimatum, which was presented in Berlin at 12:30pm, saying France would be at war unless a 1700 hour deadline for the troops' withdrawal was adhered to.

Later that day, King George has called upon "my people at home and my peoples across the seas". He continued: "I ask them to stand calm, firm and united in this time of trial. The task will be hard. There may be dark days ahead and war can no longer be confined to the battlefield. But we can only do the right as we see the right and reverently commit our cause to God."

With immediate effect, the National Service (Armed Forces) Act has been passed making all men, who between 18 and 41, liable for conscription. The armed forces have already been mobilized for war and in July the first Territorial Army conscripts were called up.

Latest reports from Poland say the Germans have bombed a number of towns and cities, some with little or no strategic importance. About 1,500 are reported to have been killed or injured in the attacks on Friday and Saturday.

In his broadcast to the nation, Mr Chamberlain spoke of his sadness that "the long struggle to win peace" had failed. He continued: "I cannot believe that there is anything more or anything different that I could have done and that would have been more successful." Yesterday there was anger in the House of Commons over the Government's apparent delay in taking action against Germany. Labour's deputy leader Arthur Greenwood had accused the Prime Minister of vacillating when "Britain and all that Britain stands for are in peril".

Today's declaration of war was received with rousing cheers. As Mr Chamberlain informed the House Britain could not take part in a five-power conference proposed by Italy while Poland was being invaded. It has also been received with great enthusiasm in the Polish capital, Warsaw, where crowds took to the streets outside the British and French embassies cheering and singing.

Tumbling Trainers cause Terror for Teenager.

A young boy has been sent to a correctional facility following a bizarre crime.

Yesterday, Stanley Yelnats (14) was sentenced to 18 months work at Camp Green Lake despite trying to convince the authorities of his innocence. The Texas born boy was taken immediately to the camp following his conviction.

The unpopular, overweight boy has been convicted for the theft of Clyde Livingston's famous trainers; the well-known baseball player's trainers were taken from a homeless shelter. In a bizarre court hearing, Yelnats claimed that the trainers had been thrown from a bridge and hit him on the head whilst he was walking home from school. Making his story more unbelievable, he later told the court that he had sniffed them before deciding to take them home to his Dad who (apparently) is trying to find a cure for smelly feet!

Unfortunately for the 14 year old, the police caught up with him as he was walking home and he was arrested immediately and taken to the police station. Later, when he was taken back to his family home his parents and grandfather are said to have been bewildered, claiming that the family is under a curse and never has any good luck.

Having been found in possession of the trainers, Yelnats was sure to be found guilty anyway but the conviction was made even more likely after a witness provided vital evidence. A 34 year old female saw the theft and described the culprit as 'Around 14 years old, curly brown hair and a mole on his face,' a description matching Yelnats exactly.

A GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND

On July 20th 1969, Neil Armstrong clambered down the ladder of the lunar module *Eagle* and became the first human being to stand on the surface of the moon. *The History News* gave a glowing report of this monumental milestone in the history of space exploration.

Mesmerised, one-fifth of the entire population of the world watched TV in wonder as American astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped on to the surface of the Moon.

On 16th July, three men left Earth in their space capsule *Apollo 11*, thrust into space by its awesomely powerful *Saturn 5* rocket. Four days later, the astronauts arrived at their destination – the Moon!

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,” his voice echoed round mission control in Houston, Texas, 384,000 kilometres away.

A few seconds later, Armstrong was joined on the surface by Edwin ‘Buzz’ Aldrin. The third member of the crew, Michael Collins, was still in orbit around the Moon. He had remained in *Apollo 11*’s command module *Columbia*.

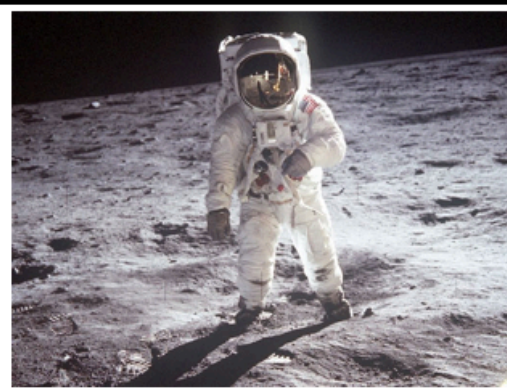


Figure 1: Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin on the moon

Armstrong and Aldrin explored the area of the moon where they had landed before they proudly erected a US flag with a special wire frame to hold it (as there is no wind on the Moon). Then they collected samples of the rocks that litter the Moon’s landscape to take back for analysis at a laboratory on Earth.

After completing their tasks, the pair returned to *Eagle*, ignited the engine and headed for their rendezvous in space with *Columbia*.

The United States have now fulfilled the first part of President Kennedy’s promise – to land a man on the moon – now they need to accomplish the second, to return him safely to Earth.

Dangerous Pollution in YOUR Area!



Proctor and Gamble Polluting the air.

Thurrock is one of the most polluted towns in UK and P and G is one of the biggest contributors.

the biggest contributors. When will P and G stop making so much pollution? The more pollution

Pollution? The more they make, the more people will suffer as a result.

Proctor and Gamble are emitting a million micrograms of air pollution per cubic metre every month. Compare this to the city of Bristol, where only 100 micrograms of air pollution have been measured.

Air pollution has many different effects, on both humans and nature. A study, carried out by Oxford University found that babies born in cities weighed at least 5 grams less than those born in less polluted areas.

In addition, air pollution can also affect our breathing, lungs and people's asthma. Can you imagine not being able to breathe whilst outside? That is the situation for 250, 000 asthmatics who live in our polluted towns and cities.

Also, air pollution can affect plants and animals. If plants take in polluted air, eventually they will die which will mean there is no food for animals and humans.

In the future, we all need to work together to reduce air pollution. You could use your car less, why not take a bike on short journeys?

Most importantly, join the campaign to force Proctor and Gamble to reduce their air polluting emissions.

For more information visit:

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BOY OVERBOARD!

July 29th 1988

By Sharon Hart

In a dramatic series of events last night, a young boy fell overboard from his family's boat into the stormy water of the Coral Sea (off the east coast of Australia).

Michael Finnegan (12 years old today) was enjoying a round-the-world trip with his family when it is believed he lost his footing and fell into the sea.

The Finnegan family set sail from Southampton on September 10th 1987 in their small boat, the Peggy Sue. Travelling with Michael were his mother (Sue) and his father (John), as well as the family pet dog, Stella.

So far on their journey, they have visited



Michael on board Peggy Sue

Spain, Cape Verde, Brazil, Cape Town, Perth and Sydney. John, whose idea it was to set off on the trip, said that the journey was the trip of a lifetime and that so far it had been an amazing adventure.

According to the Finnegans, the evening of the incident had been largely uneventful, although Mrs Finnegan had been taken ill with stomach cramps.

John and Sue went

the night of the incident, leaving Michael steering the boat on deck (the self-steering had broken). It is thought that Stella the dog had been wandering around and possibly playing with Michael's football, because when John awoke in the middle of the night, all three had disappeared.

Speaking to BBC news this morning, Sue said tearfully, "We are so worried about our boy. He's all alone and could be anywhere by now. We need to find him!"

The search for Michael is underway, with police and coastguards scouring the area in the hope of finding him safe and well.