



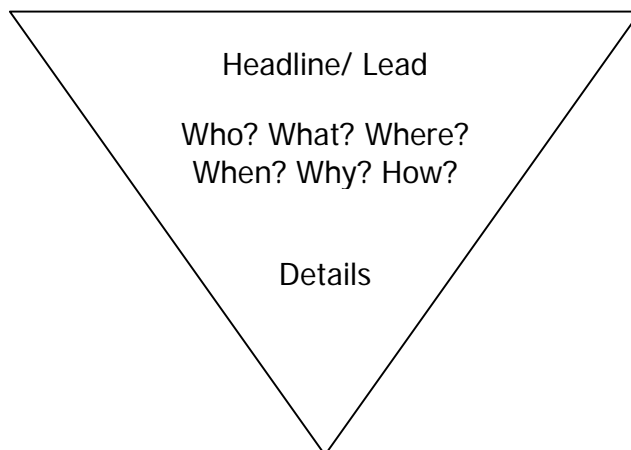
# Writing Newspaper Articles

Newspaper articles tell readers about events that have been happening in their local area, or national or international news. Newspapers are read by people who want information about something that has happened. They want the details quickly, so reports have to be easy to read and have a snappy style.

When you plan your news story, remember that newspaper articles usually provide the answers to the questions **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY and HOW?**

- ★ **Who** is the main person in the story?
- ★ **What** has happened to him/her?
- ★ **Where** did the story take place?
- ★ **When** did it happen?
- ★ **Why** did it happen?
- ★ **How** did happen?

Newspaper articles are usually written in an 'inverted pyramid style' where the most important information is at the top (beginning of the article) and the less important information at the bottom (end of the article).



## Quick tips

- ★ Keep the headline short to catch the attention of readers.
- ★ Write short and punchy paragraphs to give information in a clear and concise way.
- ★ Use the past tense because the report refers to an event which has already taken place.
- ★ Consider using pictures and/or photos to make the article look more interesting.