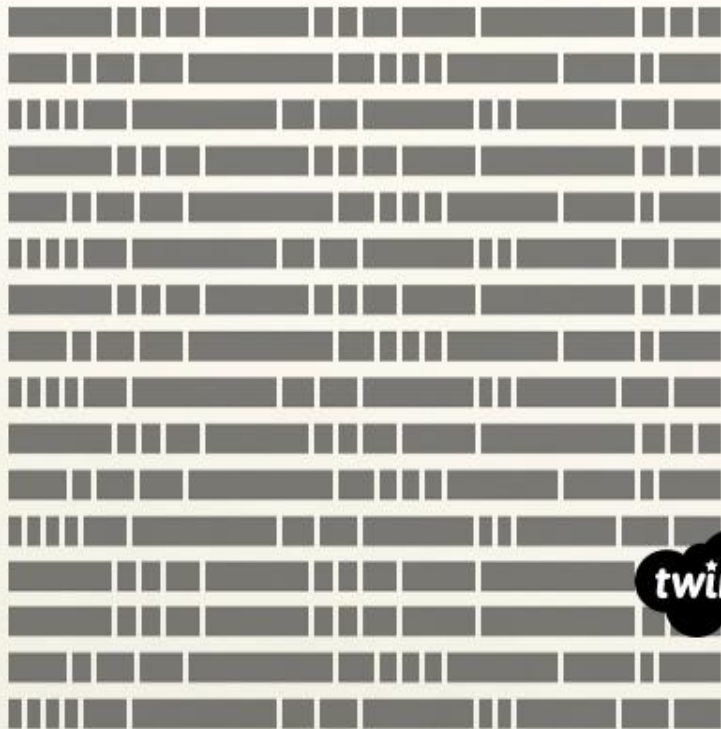


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Can you think of any of these features?



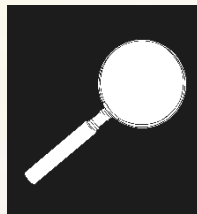
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captions for all pictures;



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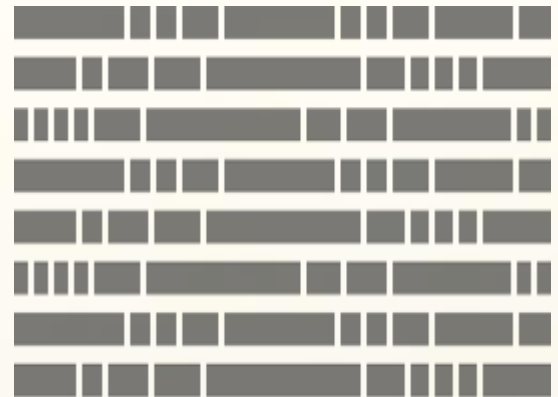
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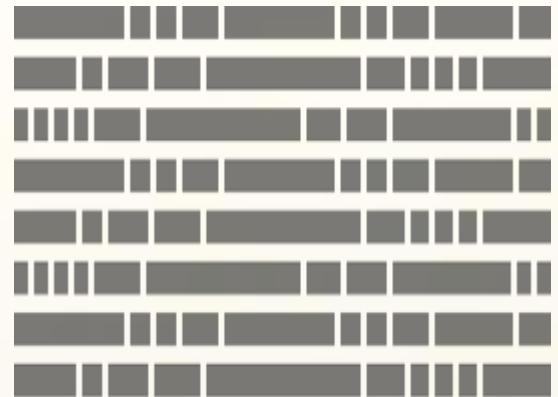
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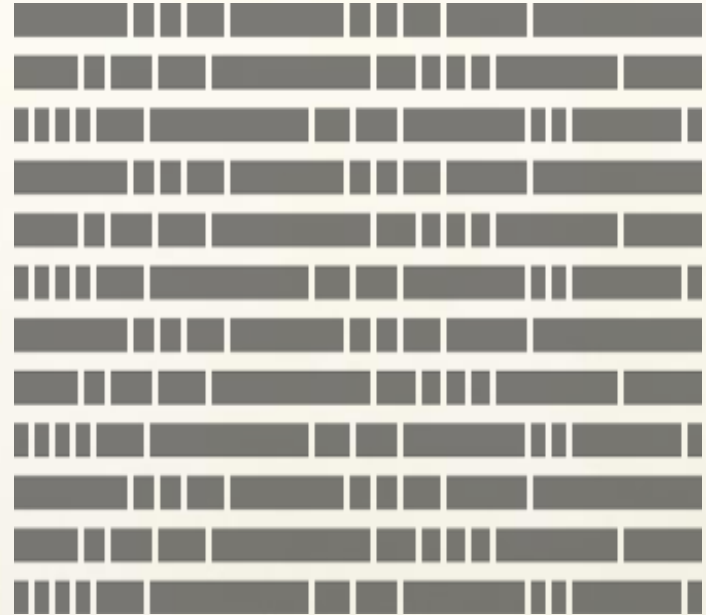
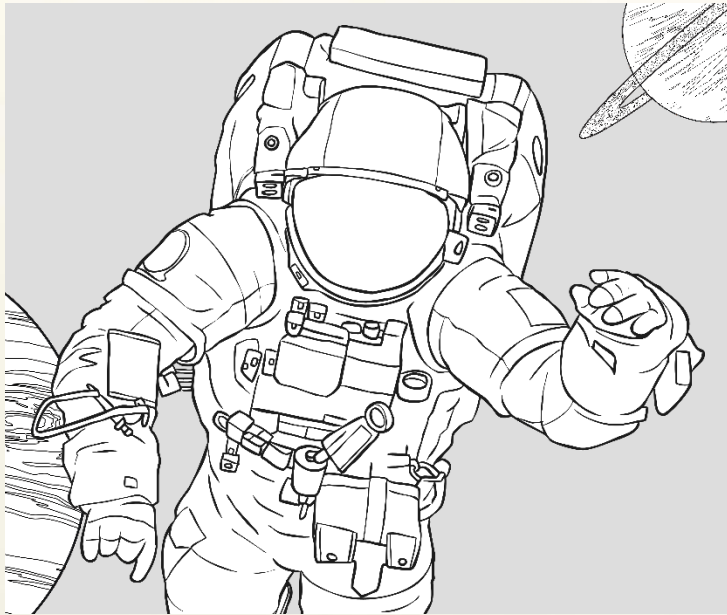
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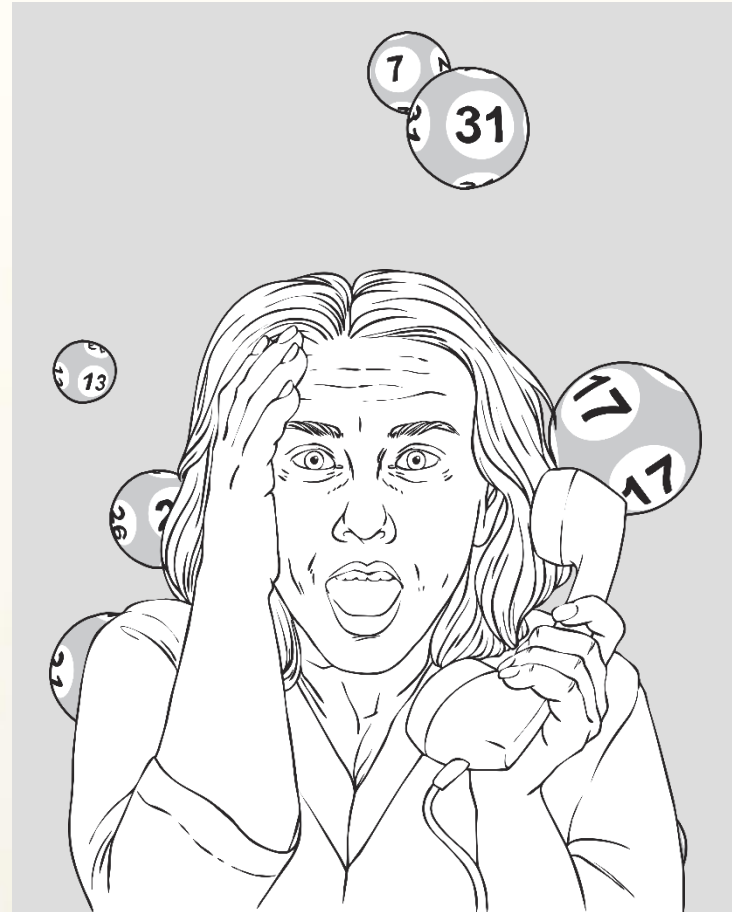
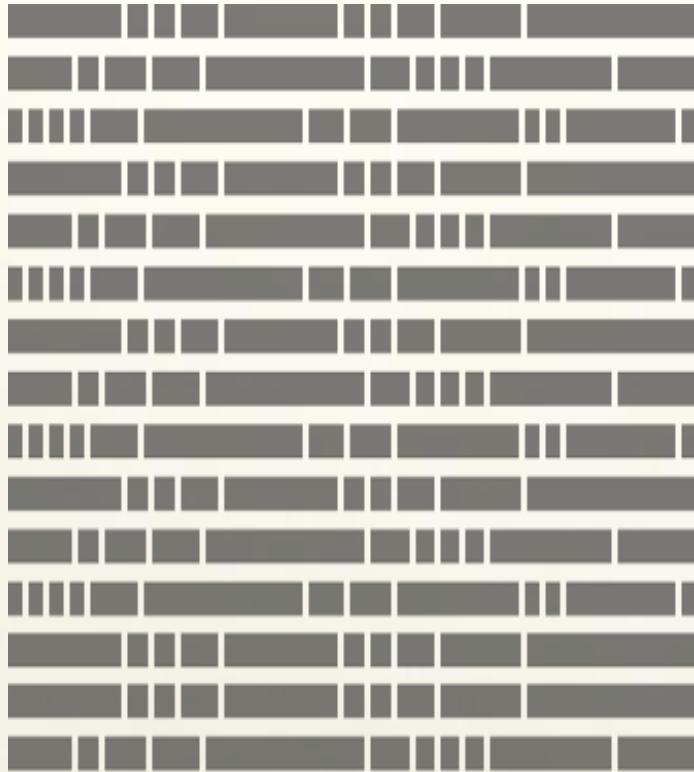
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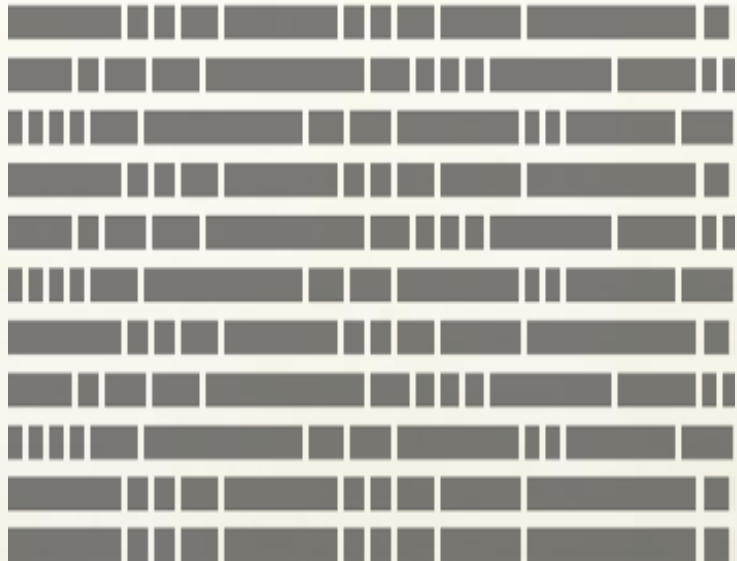
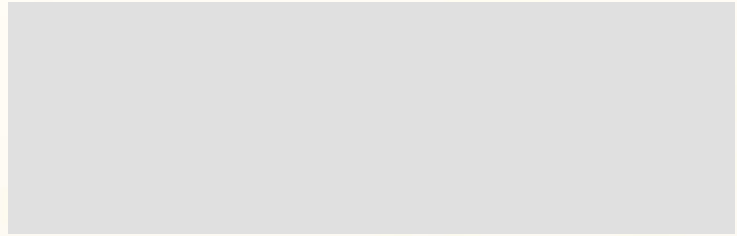


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# BAGGINS IS BACK!



# Introductory Paragraph

A newspaper report begins with an introductory paragraph that includes the **five Ws**.

**What**  
happened?

**When** did  
it happen?

**Where** did  
it happen?

**Who** was  
involved?

**Why** did  
it happen?

# BACK TO EARTH WITH A BUMP!

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Reported by Amanda Kelper, Media Correspondent, London

**After a six month stay on the International Space Station (ISS), astronauts Tim Peake, Yuri Malenchenko and Timothy Kopra have finally returned home to Earth.**

Last week, British astronaut Tim Peake returned home from an incredible six month stay aboard the ISS, alongside his crewmates Yuri Malenchenko and Timothy Kopra. He is the first British astronaut to have lived on the ISS.



*Landing with a bump! Tim Peake lands safely in Kazakhstan.*

Can you spot the **five Ws** in the start of this report?

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Photos and captions will help to tell the story by giving the reader a snapshot of what has happened, where it happened or who it happened to.



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**I am the smartest person in the class.**

Yellow is the best colour.

**You shouldn't go swimming in the sea.**

It took the runner 84 days to  
complete the extreme race.

**Mrs James lives at 103 Blake Drive.**

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## Facts

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# Quotes

Quotations tell us what has been said and who has said it. They can help to make the story credible by giving the reader the opinions of the people involved. Remember to use inverted commas!

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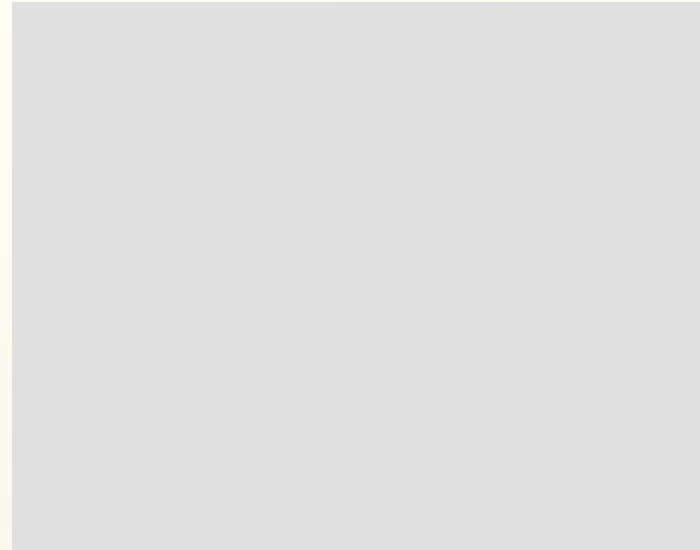
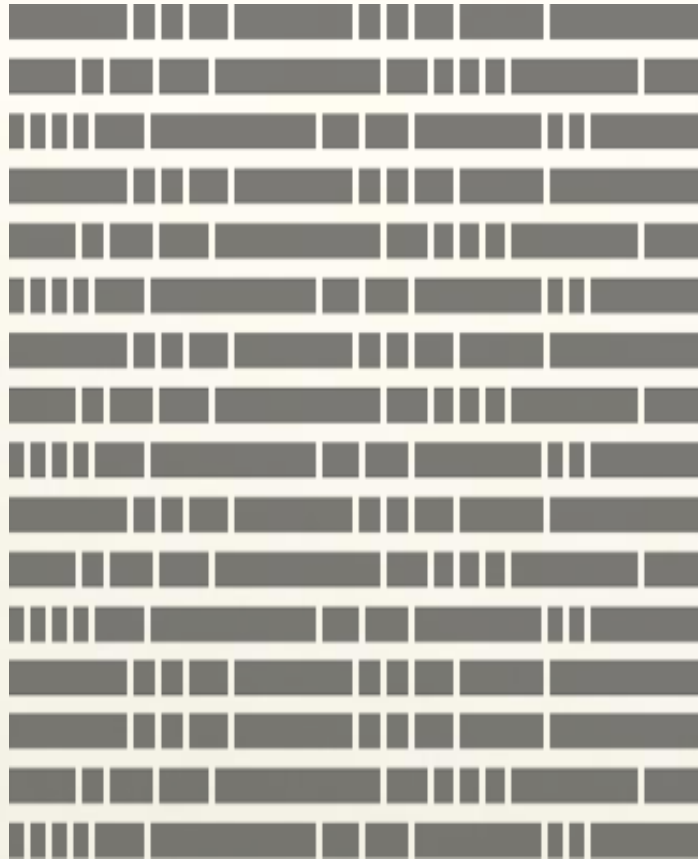


“We were all jumping around and dancing in the living room. We never believed it could happen again,” Alisha commented.

“Sally asked me to stop working because I was about to hit whatever she’d seen. I hadn’t even spotted them,” commented builder Karl Webb.

“It’s a brilliant feeling. It’s been a long road. I’m happy, but I’m relieved. It’s great to be in the history books as one of the greatest. I’m proud of myself,” he told reporters.

# Concluding Paragraph



A concluding paragraph is often used to tell the reader what might happen next.



What do you think might happen next in this report about some very lucky lottery winners?



## LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS... WIN AGAIN!

Reported by Susan Sharp, Media Correspondent, Ports Bay

The two winners have exclusively revealed that they'll be donating £600 000 of their win to local, national and international charities. 'They need the money more than we do,' stated Mrs Mills, 'we'll treat ourselves to a nice meal out somewhere and give the rest to the family. We have our health and happiness so what more could we ask for?'

## ROMAN COIN SURPRISE FOR MRS SHIP

Reported by Owen Butcher, Media Correspondent, Glastonbury

**Nine Roman coins have been discovered in the Somerset garden of School Teacher Mrs Ship and are now to be put on public display.**

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'I have to be honest, I thought they were some old, worthless bits of metal. When Mum said she was camping outside to guard her find, I thought she was totally overreacting,' commented 18-year-old Jenny Ship. 'Mum and I love watching archaeology programmes. To think we had a little piece of

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Mrs Ship explained that since her fantastic find, she has joined a local metal detectors group. 'It's great fun! After all, you never know what you're going to find.'

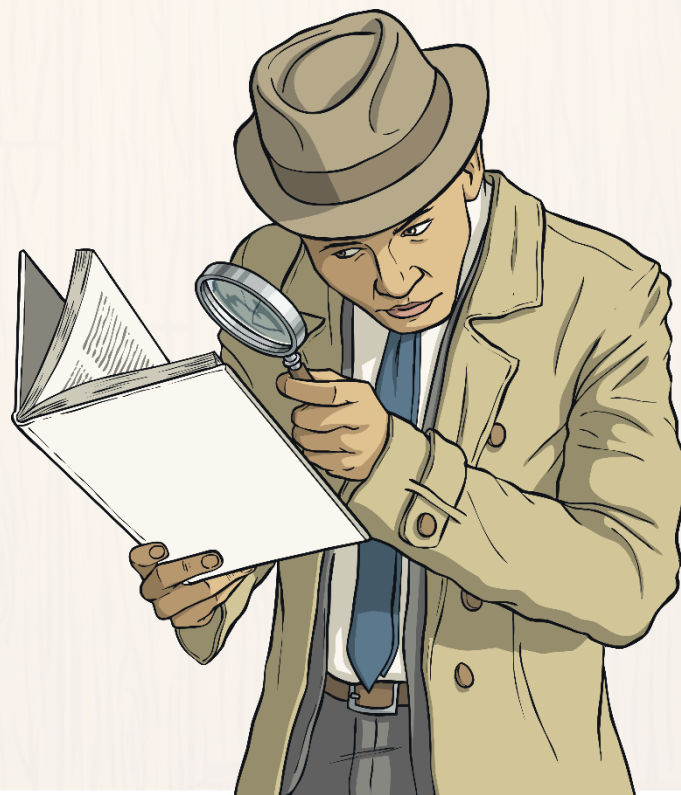
Further excavations took place at Mrs Ship's property but no other finds were made. It is yet to be decided where the coins will be put on public display.



The treasure was discovered in a garden in Somerset

What features do you need to remember to include in your newspaper report?

Take a look at this example, how many features can you find?





## ROMAN COIN SURPRISE

An interesting headline.

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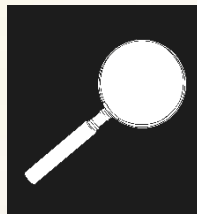
Use this checklist to help you write your own newspaper report.

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## create an interesting headline and sub-headline?

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include facts about the main events?

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“ use quotes written as direct speech? ”

finish with a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next?

# Celebrating Success

Share your newspaper report with a partner or the rest of the class. Have you managed to include everything from the checklist? What features have you used most effectively?

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