

News Report Writing- 2

6. Breaking News Scenario

You are a reporter who just witnessed a fire breakout in a nearby market. Write an immediate news report about the incident. Remember to include emergency responses and safety measures.

7. Interview to News Report

Convert this interview with your school's sports captain about winning an inter-school cricket match into a news report:

Here's an interview transcript between a student reporter (SR) and the School Sports Captain (SC) Vikas Kumar after winning an inter-school cricket tournament:

Interview Transcript

Date: January 12, 2025

Venue: School Sports Complex

Occasion: Victory in Inter-school Cricket Championship Final Match

SR: Congratulations on winning the championship! How are you feeling right now?

SC: Thank you! It's an incredible feeling. Our team worked really hard for three months to get here. Winning the final match by 5 wickets against National Public School, especially when they set such a challenging target of 186 runs, feels amazing.

SR: Talk us through those last few overs. The team needed 42 runs in the last 4 overs.

SC: Those were intense moments! We knew we had to keep our cool. Rohit and I decided to focus on taking singles and hitting one boundary per over. Then in the 18th over, Rohit hit

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those two consecutive sixes, which really turned the game in our favor. We ended up winning with three balls to spare.

SR: Your partnership with Rohit was crucial. How long have you been playing together?

SC: Rohit and I have been playing together since Class 4. We've practiced together almost every morning for the past three years. Coach Sharma helped us a lot in understanding how to build partnerships and handle pressure situations.

SR: Speaking of Coach Sharma, what role did he play in this victory?

SC: Coach Sharma was the backbone of our success. He made us practice for extra hours, focusing especially on our fielding. We dropped only one catch in the entire tournament, and that's all thanks to his rigorous training sessions. He always says, "Matches are won on the field, not just with the bat and ball."

SR: This is the first time in 5 years that our school has won this tournament. What changed this year?

SC: Two things made a big difference. First, the new practice schedule Coach Sharma implemented, where we practiced both morning and evening. Second, the school administration supported us by installing floodlights on the ground, allowing us to practice even after sunset.

SR: Any final thoughts about the tournament?

SC: Yes, I want to thank our principal, Dr. Mathur, for believing in us and providing all the facilities we needed. Also, our vice-captain Rahul's bowling was exceptional throughout the

tournament - he took 12 wickets in 5 matches. And of course, the school supporters who came to cheer for us today - their energy really motivated us!

SR: What's next for the team?

SC: We'll be representing our district in the State Championship next month. Coach has already planned a special training program, and we'll start preparing from tomorrow itself.

Student Task:

Transform this interview into a news report. Remember to:

1. Create an appropriate headline
2. Include key statistics and achievements
3. Use relevant quotes from the interview
4. Follow the inverted pyramid structure
5. Add match details in the beginning
6. Include background information about the tournament
7. Mention future plans
8. Keep the language formal and objective

Exercise 8. **Headline Creation**

Given below are five different news reports without headlines. Create appropriate headlines for each, keeping in mind the rules of headline writing.

Here are 5 different news reports without headlines for students to practice headline writing:

1. News about a Scientific Discovery

BANGALORE, January 12, 2025 - Indian scientists at the Space Research Center have discovered three new exoplanets orbiting a distant star, approximately 150 light-years from Earth. The team, led by Dr. Priya Sharma, used advanced telescope technology to identify these planets, which are similar in size to Earth and may have conditions suitable for supporting life.

"This discovery opens new possibilities for understanding habitable worlds beyond our solar system," said Dr. Sharma. The research findings will be published in next month's International Journal of Astronomy.

2. News about a Cultural Event

DELHI, January 12, 2025 - Over 500 artists from 25 countries gathered at the National Cultural Center yesterday for the opening of the International Folk Dance Festival. The week-long event features traditional dances from various cultures, workshops, and cultural exchange programs.

The festival was inaugurated by the Minister of Culture, who emphasized the importance of preserving traditional art forms. "This festival serves as a bridge between different cultures," said Festival Director Ms. Anjali Kapoor. The event is expected to attract over 10,000 visitors.

3. News about a Sports Achievement

CHENNAI, January 12, 2025 - Fourteen-year-old Riya Patel became the youngest Indian to win a gold medal in the Asian Junior Swimming Championship yesterday. She broke the previous record in the 100-meter butterfly event with a timing of 58.24 seconds.

"I've been training for six hours daily for the past two years," said Riya, who trains at the National Swimming Academy. Her coach, Mr. James Anderson, believes she has the potential to represent India in the 2028 Olympics.

4. News about Environmental Action

MUMBAI, January 12, 2025 - The City Corporation launched its 'Zero Plastic Campaign' today, installing 100 plastic recycling machines across the city. The initiative aims to collect and recycle 5 tons of plastic waste daily.

"Citizens will receive reward points for depositing plastic items in these machines," explained Municipal Commissioner Mr. Desai. The points can be redeemed for public transport passes. Local schools have also joined the campaign by organizing awareness programs.

5. News about Education

KOLKATA, January 12, 2025 - Modern High School students have developed a mobile application that helps visually impaired people identify currency notes using artificial intelligence. The team of five Class 10 students worked on the project for six months under the guidance of their computer science teacher.

The app, which works offline, has been tested successfully with 100 visually impaired individuals. "We plan to add more features and make it available in multiple regional languages," said team leader Arjun Roy. The State Education Department has announced plans to support the project's expansion.

Student Task:

For each news report:

1. Write three possible headlines
2. Ensure headlines are:

- Attention-grabbing
- Informative

- Concise
 - In present tense
 - Without articles (a, an, the) where possible
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9. Error Identification

Read this news report about a local science exhibition and identify the errors in format, style, and content. Then, rewrite the report correctly:

Here's a news report with deliberate errors that students can identify and correct:

Local Science Fare Was Amazing!!!

by rahul kumar

12/1/25

The most amazing science fare happened yesterday in our school!!! It was really really good and lots of students participated in it. Their were so many projects and all the parents came to see them.

principal Mrs. sharma said that she was very happy. "I am so proud of are students because they did such a fantastic job and made such wonderful projects", said her.

The best project was made by my friend ravi from class 6-B. he made a robot that could clean the floor!!! it was so cool. Ms mehta the science teacher helped him alot in making it. "ravi worked very hard on this project she said."

More then 50 projects were their. Some projects were about solar system, some were about plants and some were about chemicals. The fare started at 9:00 AM in morning and finished at 4 PM in evening.

The winners got prizes. First prize was won by ravi, second prize was won by priya who made a project about plants and 3rd prize was gotten by sameer who's project was about saving water.

The judges were very impressed by all projects. "The standard of projects this year have been exceptional good" said Mr. verma who was one of the judge.

The next science fare will be happening next year.

Errors in the Report:

1. Format Errors:

- Missing proper heading
- Incorrect date format
- Missing location
- Improper byline format

2. Language Errors:

- Use of multiple exclamation marks
- Informal language ("really really good", "so cool")
- Incorrect spellings ("fare" instead of "fair")
- Wrong use of "their/there"
- Inconsistent capitalization

3. Grammar Errors:

- Wrong article usage
- Incorrect verb forms ("have been" instead of "has been")

- Wrong possessives ("who's" instead of "whose")
- Redundancy ("AM in morning", "PM in evening")

4. Content Errors:

- Personal opinions included
- Quotes not properly formatted
- Information not in order of importance
- Missing important details (total number of participants, criteria for judging)

5. Structure Errors:

- No proper lead paragraph
- Events not in proper sequence
- Missing background information
- Abrupt ending

Student Task:

1. Identify all errors in the report.
2. Categorize them under appropriate headings
3. Rewrite the report correctly
4. Explain why each correction was necessary

10. Cross-Genre Writing

Transform this diary entry about discovering a new species of butterfly in your school garden into a news report:

Here's a detailed diary entry about discovering a new butterfly species that students need to convert into a news report:

Diary Entry

January 12, 2025

Sunday, 8:30 PM

Dear Diary,

Today was the most exciting day of my life! During our morning nature walk in the school garden with Ms. Sharma, our biology teacher, something amazing happened. While we were studying different plants for our class project, Rahul spotted a butterfly we had never seen before. It was absolutely breathtaking!

The butterfly had the most unusual coloring - its wings were a brilliant combination of metallic blue and emerald green, with delicate silver spots that seemed to shimmer in the sunlight. What made it even more special was a unique pattern that looked like tiny golden crescents along the wing edges. Ms. Sharma, who has been studying butterflies for 15 years, was completely stunned. She said she had never seen anything like it in all her research!

We managed to take several photographs and even a short video while it was feeding on the newly planted butterfly bush. Ms. Sharma carefully documented everything - the butterfly's size (approximately 8 centimeters wingspan), its behavior (it seemed to prefer the purple flowers), and the exact location in our school's butterfly garden.

The most thrilling part was when Ms. Sharma called Dr. Kapoor from the National Butterfly Research Center. He visited our school within two hours! He was so excited that he nearly dropped his camera. After careful observation and comparison with existing butterfly databases, he confirmed that this could indeed be a previously undiscovered species!

Our principal, Dr. Mathur, was overjoyed. She immediately called a special assembly to announce the discovery. The garden has now been cordoned off, and two research assistants from the Center are camping there to study the butterfly's habits.

Dr. Kapoor thinks this discovery is significant because this species hasn't been documented anywhere else in the region. He mentioned something about it possibly being a new genus altogether! They're temporarily calling it the "Silver-Crescent Blue" until its scientific classification is confirmed.

Our school is buzzing with excitement! Everyone's talking about how our humble garden might have just contributed to scientific discovery. Tomorrow, a team of butterfly experts is coming to conduct a thorough study. I can't believe that I was one of the first people to see this beautiful creature!

Ms. Sharma says this discovery might help in understanding butterfly migration patterns in our region and could provide valuable insights into climate change's effects on butterfly populations. She's allowing our class to assist the research team in documenting their findings. I can't wait for tomorrow!

I've pressed a leaf from the butterfly bush in this diary to remember this incredible day. Who would have thought that our regular Monday nature walk would turn into such an extraordinary discovery?

Time for bed now - though I doubt I'll be able to sleep. Tomorrow's going to be another exciting day!

Goodnight,

Aisha