

WALT: Write a news report including direct speech

- ✓ Identify features of a news report
- ✓ Use speech punctuation accurately



A news report has the difficult job of being factual but also entertaining.  
It's important that we include these features - can you identify where they are?

Title



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(when, who,  
what, where)

What is the purpose of these features?

Think it through yourself!

Facts

At approximately 1:15 p.m. on 21st February, witnesses claimed that they saw Miss Riding Hood, a young girl aged 10, skip into the forest carrying a basket of cupcakes. The path from the village through the forest is a well-trodden route, used by



Mr B.B. Wolf would not 'paws' to comment.

everyone from school children to village elders. Local resident Goldilocks (12) of Porridge Drive said, "I've used that path hundreds of times and it's always seemed perfectly safe." Mr Hansel (35), who runs the village orphanage, commented, "Of course, I warn the children not to approach any gingerbread houses. But avoid the woods entirely? Nonsense."

Miss Riding Hood claims that she was nearly at her granny's cottage when she was approached by a wolf posing as a polite gentleman. She reports that the wolf acted kindly at first, and even pointed out a shortcut to her granny's cottage. However, all was not as it seemed.

speech

(Have they  
punctuated  
correctly?)

Formal writing

Past tense

Is there anything else you can spot that they've used in this news report?

Is it written in chronological or non-chronological order?

Think it through yourself!

Now you have found the features of a news report, write at least **five** sentences (punctuated correctly) that could be used in a news report about Tristan finding the box in the city-dump in The Viewer.

They should be direct speech like the one you have just identified.

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You could type it up but still punctuate accurately.

## Support

You could give a direct speech from Tristan or his mum. Perhaps the owner of the dump or a passer-by who witnessed him taking it.

Use the modelled example for support too:

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