

Alien Invasion Newspaper Report

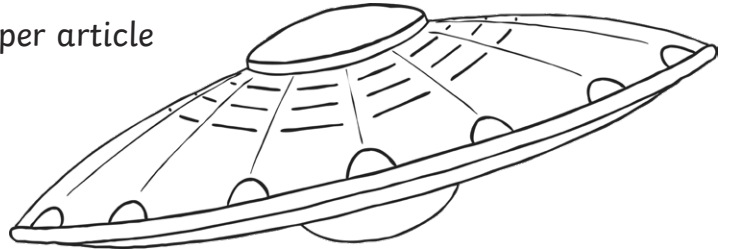
Amazing Fact

When Orson Welles read a dramatisation of author H.G. Wells' 'War of the Worlds' on the radio in 1938, there were reports of mass panic and terror on the streets of American towns and cities. The story is about a Martian invasion and the broadcast was deliberately made to sound like a series of urgent newsflashes.

Challenge

Imagine you are a journalist writing a newspaper article about an alien invasion in your home town.

Write your news report on the next page.



Top Tips for a Great Newspaper Report

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| 1. Keep your most important information near the top of the report. If the report ends up being too long, then the less important stuff can be cut out from the bottom of it. | 2. Choose an interesting event to write about. |
| 3. Remember to check your spelling and facts! | 4. Have a short and snappy first paragraph that briefly outlines the topic. If the reader chooses to only read this paragraph, they should roughly know the story. |
| 5. Having quotes from sources will make your report more credible and interesting. Why not try and include an interview? | 6. Keep your sentences short and punchy to prevent the reader from becoming disinterested. |
| 7. Make sure your headline is amazing in order to grab people's attention. A relevant catchy headline is what makes people interested and wanting to read your report. | 8. Make sure you answer the 6 questions: Who? What? Where? Why? When? How? |

You could also try to find out:

- what the broadcast sounded like;
- what some of the headlines in the newspaper said the next day;
- whether there was really as much panic as they said;
- what else Orson Welles and H.G. Wells did.

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