

Article types

NAVIGATING THE NEWS

Here are five types of articles that you will come across in a newspaper.
Can you find one of each in a copy of First News?

News reports

News reports are based on and filled with facts, such as names, dates, places and statistics. They are written in a formal style and try to be unbiased. The points of view of people involved in the news story will be included as quotations. They rarely include the opinion of the journalist.

Your example found on page: ____

Headline: _____

Sewers reveal Roman snack secrets

Archaeologists have discovered what sort of snacks spectators at Rome's Colosseum enjoyed. Walnuts and grapes fragments of seed from peaches, grapes and cherries have been unearthed in the 2,000 year-old arena's sewers. Robots were used to investigate the Colosseum's vast drainage system. The huge arena hosted events for more than 500 years and was used to stage gladiator contests and animal hunts. Also excavated during the dig were bones from bears and lions, which would have fought with each other with the gladiators.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

This week's front page is important. It is a reminder that everyone needs to feel included. It is so easy not to notice how everyday things can make people feel left out. Sometimes it's not what we do, it's what we don't do. If we don't think more about how we include all people - regardless of race, gender or religion - things like racism and bullying carry on, even if it is accidental. Let's make this a Christmas for everyone.

Editorials/opinion pieces

These articles give the opinion of the writer on a particular topic in the news. They are flagged as 'Opinion', 'Comment' or 'Editorial' to make it clear that they give personal opinion and are not news reports. *First News* includes a weekly article called 'Editor's Comment', where the editor speaks directly to the reader in the first person.

Your example found on page: ____ **Journalist:** _____

It is the funniest book that I have ever read. It made me and my dad laugh so much we were almost crying! The book is about important day wakes up on a really important day and has a stretch and does a big fart. His wife is so cross about the fart that the king blames the butler and sends him to the dungeon and it sets off a whole crazy story.

My favourite part of the story was when King Fabian woke up in a stables and he saw his horse doing a big poo and screamed.

This book is hilarious to read and there are pictures on lots of the pages, which helps to break up the story.

There are lots of jokes about poo and farts in this book, so make sure your parents don't mind silly jokes before you read it!

Reviewed by Andie, eight

Reviews

Reviews of books, films, plays and computer games also offer opinion. The reviewer gives a personal verdict on the entertainment, but also provides enough information so that readers can decide whether they are interested in trying it themselves.

Your example found on page: ____ **A review of:** _____

Interviews

An **interview** is an article written as questions and answers that gives the detailed opinions of a famous or important person. It can be read as a conversation between two people: the reporter and the interviewee.

Your example found on page: ____ **An interview with:** ____++_____

Adverts

Adverts are content that has been paid for by a company or organisation in order to promote a company, product or event. Sometimes an advert is written and presented to look like an article.

Your example found on page: ____ **An advert for:** _____

