

WALT identify the features and

structure of a newspaper article

What is the purpose of a newspaper article?

Who is usually the intended audience for a newspaper article?

Have a look at the following newspaper article.

What do you already know about the structure of a newspaper article?

What does it need to include?

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Dragon Descendent Discovered



It has been reported that on Thursday 7th April, an amazing discovery was made by a member of the public who had been walking their dog in the Forest of Dean.

John Day had been out walking his spaniel, Seren, when he noticed an unusually large egg in the undergrowth beneath his feet. Upon further investigation, John observed that the egg had peculiar markings upon the shell. Being an avid bird watcher, John was instantly intrigued by the egg as it was unlike any he had come across before. Mr Day decided to take the egg home, where he could keep watch over it during the incubation period. Mr Day was staggered when, a few days later, he noticed cracks beginning to appear in the shell, and it was not a bird that emerged from the shell, but a dragon-like creature, covered in scales.

Mr Day stated, "I have never seen anything like this before. I immediately contacted the authorities for them to investigate the matter further."

hatchling The has since been passed over to researchers at Birmingham University. Initial reports suggest that the hatchling may be a descendent of a previously unknown breed of dragon; although there is still mystery surrounding where the hatchling came from and how it ended up within the forest.

The important decision for authorities now is what will happen to the dragon. It has been reported that keepers at Chester Zoo are interested in purchasing the hatching for observation purposes, and its possible breeding potential. However, already activists have begun to voice concerns regarding the welfare of the dragon: some believe that he should be returned to where he was found.

Whatever the outcome, it is, clear that this is one of the most important scientific discoveries in recent years. So be careful, if you go down to the woods today, you could be in for a big surprise!

By Steve Miller

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Our first task today is to identify the structure of our newspaper article.

We are going to break our newspaper article up into 5 sections (not paragraphs).

What is each section going to be?

Now, we're going to have a look at identifying the features within our newspaper article.

- written in third person
- written in past tense
- facts and evidence
- adverbials to link paragraphs
- formal reporting language
- examples of Year 6 punctuation

Can you find these in the text and create a colour-coded key to identify the features?

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