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The Once Upon A Times

Price: 1 magic bean Sunday, 22nd February

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What do you already know about newspaper reports?
What can you see here?

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The image shows a newspaper page with the following elements labeled:

- price:** Price: 1 magic bean
- newspaper name:** The Once Upon A Times
- date:** Sunday, 22nd February
- headline:** WICKED WOLF GETS HIS JUST DESSERTS
- text in columns:** The main body of text in two columns.
- photo:** An illustration of a wolf in a nightgown.
- caption:** Mr B.B. Wolf would not 'paws' to comment
- journalist's name:** Pinocchio, Junior Correspondent

Can you find these things? Click on each button to see if you were right.

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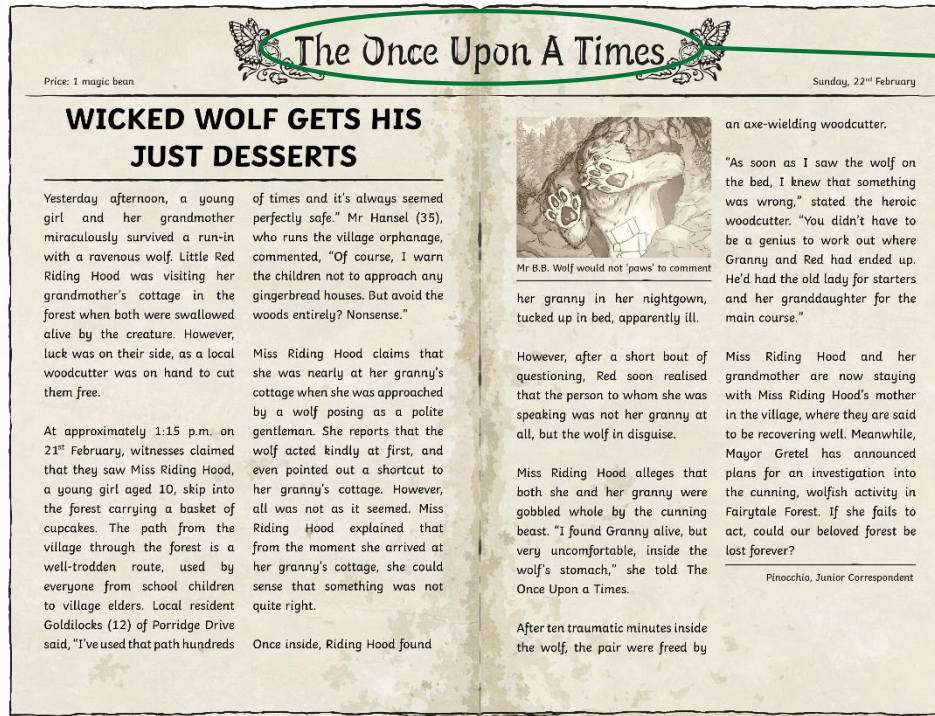
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The newspaper name tells the reader which newspaper they have bought. What real-world newspapers do you know of? Why might people prefer to read the news from a specific newspaper?

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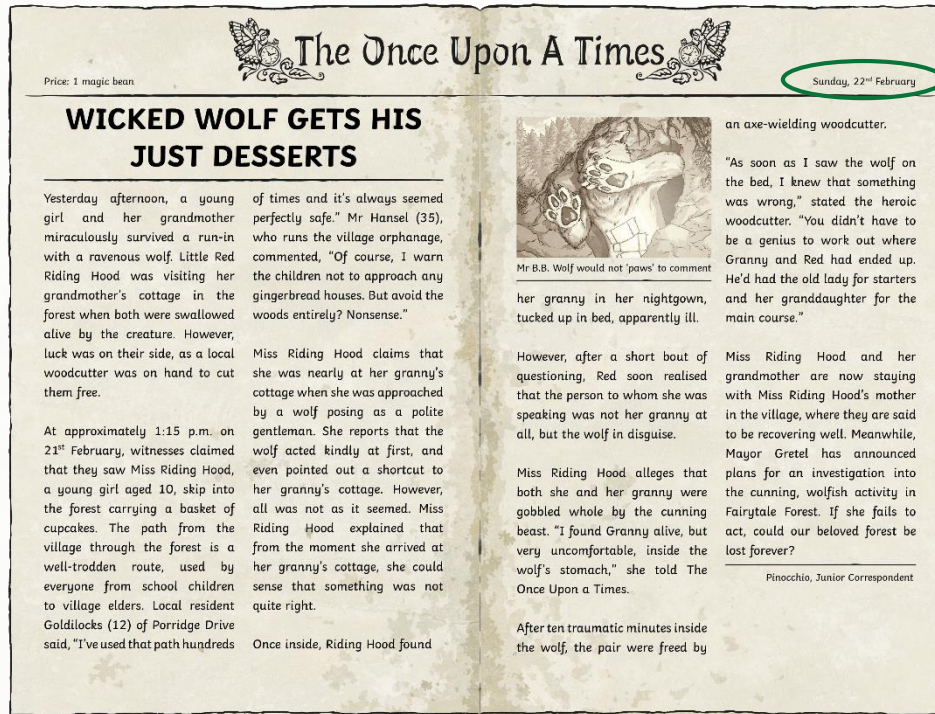
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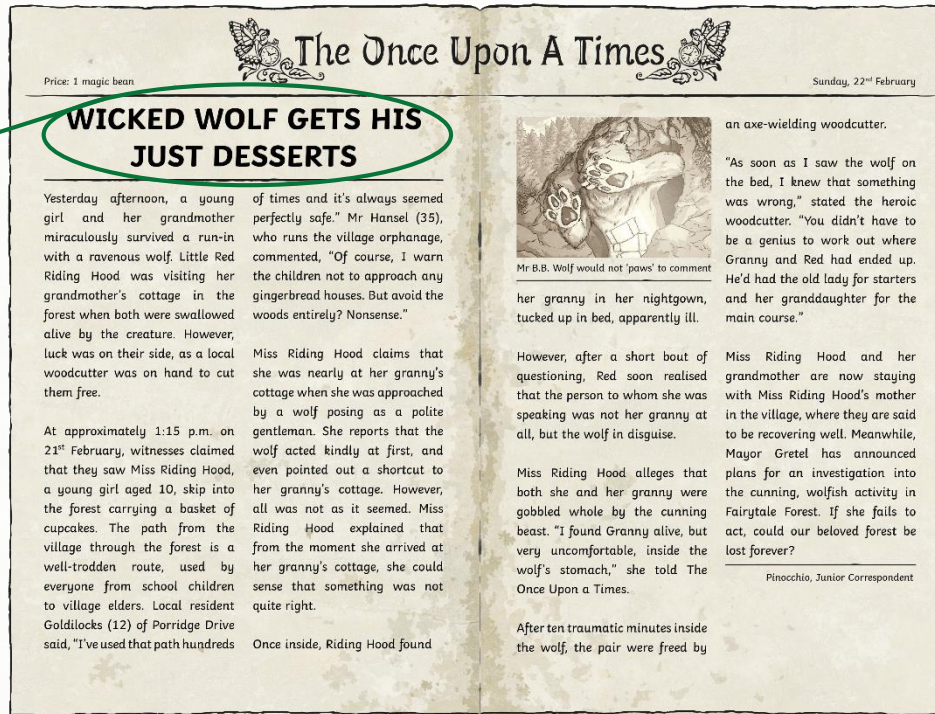
This tells the reader how much the newspaper costs. How much might a newspaper cost in the real world?

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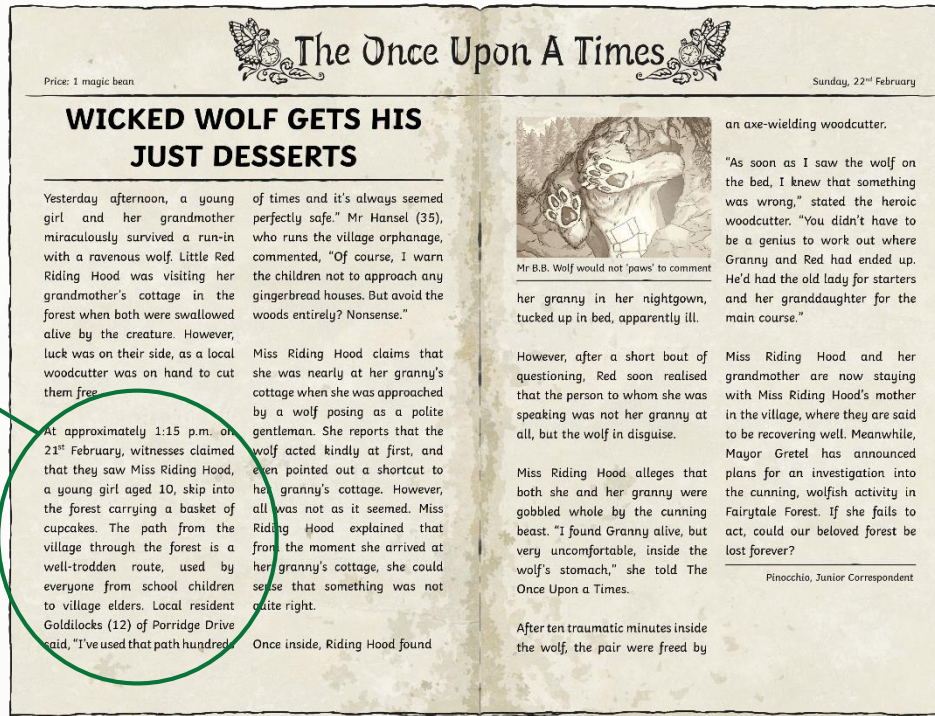
The date of the newspaper is important. It tells the reader whether they are reading the latest news. Some people collect newspapers which were printed on important dates.

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The headline of the news story tells the reader what the report will be about. It is large and bold, so that readers will be interested and pick up the paper. It is usually funny, alliterative or rhyming to catch their attention.

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text in columns

The text is written in columns. This is because small font is easier to read when there are not many words on a line. Also, readers can read a whole column of text without having to open the newspaper all the way out (they can be very big).

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journalist's
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This is the name of the journalist who wrote the article.
Why might this information be important?

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Can you remember the seven features of a newspaper report that we have seen so far?

Tells the reader which newspaper they are reading.

Tells the reader how up-to-date the information is.

Tells the reader how much the paper costs.

Helps to make the small text easier to read.

Summarises the report and grabs the reader's attention.

Shows the reader part of the story.

Explains what the photograph is showing.

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Let's start planning these seven features of your newspaper report now.

What is the name of your newspaper? <i>(e.g. The Once Upon A Times)</i>	
How much does your newspaper cost? <i>(e.g. one magic bean)</i>	
What is the date of your newspaper issue? <i>(e.g. Friday, 22nd February)</i>	
What is the headline of your story? <i>(rhyme; alliteration; play on words)</i>	
What could your photograph be of? <i>(How will it catch your reader's eye?)</i>	
What will the caption say? <i>(e.g. Mr B. B. Wolf would not 'paws' to comment)</i>	

Remember: This is a plan so you can use bullet points and notes.



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The introductory paragraph of your newspaper report should summarise the key points of your news story.

The start of your report should summarise:

who was involved;

what happened;

where the event took place;

when the event happened.

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Your report should include some interviews with witnesses and people who were involved. The witnesses can give their opinions but:

you should show whose opinion it is;

you must use speech marks to show the direct speech;

you should try to quote them accurately;

you could explain to the reader who the person is;

you could include the age of the speaker, in brackets.

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Plan your interviews now.

Who will you interview? How are they involved in the events?	
What did they have to say?	

Remember: The person you interview should be able to give the reader some new information about the events.

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The news report should be written in paragraphs. Each paragraph will explain the events in chronological order.

The events have already happened, so you should write in the past tense.

You were not personally involved in the story; remember to use reported speech and write in the third person. Don't use 'I'!

News reports are written in a formal tone. Avoid slang, contractions such as 'it's', and informal word choices such as 'kids'.

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Plan the paragraphs that you will include in your report. They should be in **chronological order**.

Paragraph 1	
Paragraph 2	
Paragraph 3	

Remember: You are not telling a story. Keep to the point, include facts only and use your reporter's voice.

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The final paragraph of your report will tell the reader the most up-to-date information. The reader needs to know what is currently happening, and what might happen in the future.

The report could end with a rhetorical question or some kind of mystery so that the reader will buy the next report to find out what happened.

Newspaper reports usually tell you the name of the journalist.



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Plan the final paragraph of your report.

What are the characters doing now?

What might happen in the future?

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