Newspaper Reporting

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What are the features of a newspaper recount?

- Headline

- Orientation

- Main body of text

- Photo

- Caption
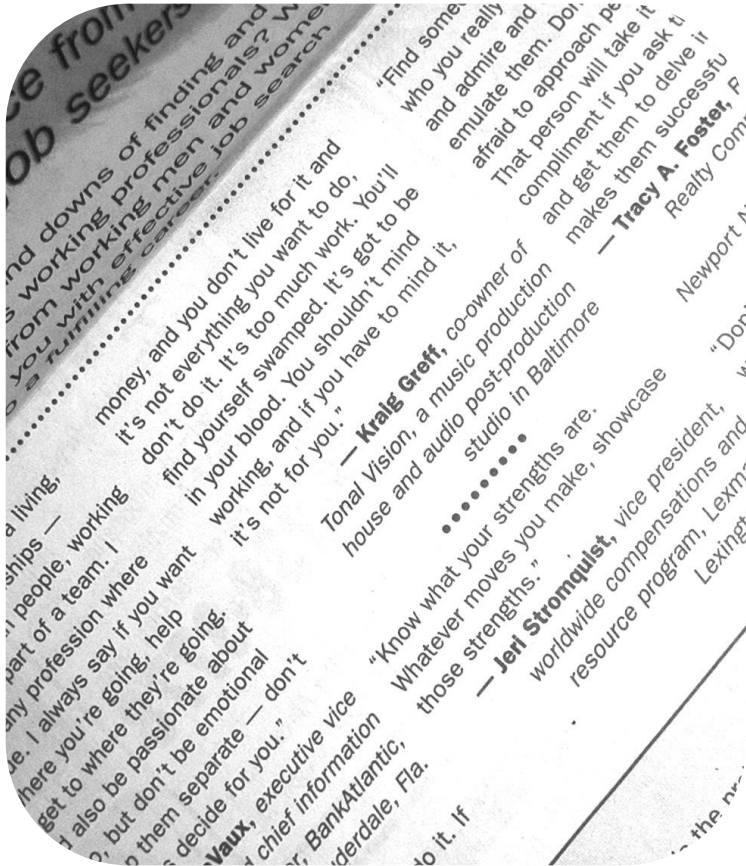
- Reorientation

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Headlines

Orientation

This introduces the story and should **GRAB** a reader's attention.

It will set the scene and summarise the main points of the article.

It is often only one sentence so you must make it a good one.

- **Who?**

- **What?**

- **When?**

- **Where?**

Main body of the text

- Past tense

- Paragraphs

- Clear sentences

- It answers why and how

Photo or image

- The photo or image shows us a snapshot of:

  - **What** happened

  - **Where** it happened

  - **Who** it happened to.

- It should make the reader "feel something" so that they want to read the article.

- If possible it should show action.

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Caption

Molly visits the vet.

A **caption** goes underneath a photo to identify something or someone and to give us more information.

A **caption** is a label for the photograph!

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Reorientation

- This ends the retelling of events. It brings us up to date.

- Because it is telling us what is happening **NOW**, it will move from…

  - the **past tense** ▶ ▶ ▶ **present tense**