A newspaper article

1 Read the outline for writing a newspaper article. Match the information to the headings.

introduction | main body | conclusion | lead sentence | headline

1 _____ This paragraph answers the questions 'what?', 'where?', 'when?' and 'how?'

2 _____ This paragraph (or paragraphs) give more details and background information. Action verbs are used to make the article interesting and more dramatic.

3 _____ This is short and catches the reader's attention.

4 _____ This is usually a memorable sentence to end the article.

5 _____ This is usually a short opening sentence that summarises the article and answers the question 'who?'

2 Now read the article and label it 1–5 for the headings from Exercise 1.

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Tragedy in Paris

Princess Diana has died after a car crash.

Tragedy struck late last night, as Princess Diana left the Ritz Hotel with Dodi al-Fayed. They were travelling in a car across Paris when at 35 minutes after midnight, the car crashed in the Alma tunnel below the River Seine.

Photographers were chasing the car on motorbikes, and their driver was driving very fast. They crashed into the wall of the tunnel. French radio reported that a spokesperson for the royal family expressed anger with press photographers who relentlessly followed Princess Diana.

Dodi al-Fayed and the driver died at the scene. The Princess and her bodyguard were rushed to hospital in an ambulance in the early hours of Sunday morning. Her bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, survived. Surgeons tried for two hours to save Diana's life but she died at 3 am.

This morning, the world woke up to the shocking news that Princess Diana was dead.

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