

## A newspaper article

- Read the newspaper article.
- Write the correct labels from the newspaper checklist in the boxes.

### Newspaper checklist

- Headline
- Sentence to introduce the story
- Paragraph to explain the story in more detail
- Simple description
- Subheading
- Direct speech
- Reported speech
- Photograph

## PARTY BAN FOR TRAINING SHOES GIRL

Schoolgirl Tracy Smith was banned from her school disco because she was wearing training shoes.

Tracy, a Year 4 pupil at the local school, had taken her black shoes to be mended that day. 'All I had to wear was my trainers,' she said. She was not wearing proper school uniform so she was banned from the party.



While her classmates were enjoying themselves in the school hall, Tracy was left alone, crying in the playground.

Her mother, blonde 32 year-old scientist Maxine Smith from Jones Lane, Enfield, was very angry. 'This is the meanest trick ever played on a child,' she told us yesterday.

'My daughter was heartbroken. She came home and sobbed all night. She even left her chips on the plate.'

### Unfair

Mrs Smith told us that she had gone to the school when her daughter phoned her. She tried to see the headteacher but she was dancing in the hall.

'I saw other children there wearing brown shoes, and the headteacher was wearing silver dancing shoes. It's not fair,' Mrs Smith shouted.



- Write a brief newspaper article using the same features. Use this headline: **SCHOOL CLOSED BY STRIKE**

**Teachers' note** This activity links with sentence-level work on the use of direct and reported speech. Model with the children what makes a newspaper article different from other texts in layout and language. Discuss the reasons for this. Children should realise that different kinds of newspaper articles may have different purposes, for example, some may argue a case, some may give facts.

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# JOBS and WORK



- Read the ads and decide if each statement is true or false.

**Call Now!**



Do you like to fix sinks? If your answer is "YES", then we have a job for you! Call 457-9082 and ask for Bob.

**Speedy Plumbers**

**\$ Time Is Money**

Would you like to work at home, and still make a lot of money in your free time? We can show you how! Don't do anything. Just send us a check for \$5,504 and we will help you become rich! Hurry!

P.O. Box 1234 Sometown, USA

**ACTORS & ACTRESSES**

A big Hollywood movie company is now in town filming a new movie. We are looking for anyone with acting experience. Are you interested? Call us at:



**0967638974**

**'Mars Attacks' Space Agency**

The Mars Attacks Space Agency (MASA) is looking for two monkeys and one person to become **ASTRONAUTS!** Phone us for an interview.




**807-5192**

**WANTED WAITERS & WAITRESSES**

**ALI'S RESTAURANT**

Ali is looking for waiters and waitresses to work in his new downtown restaurant on Main St. Call Mr. Ali and start work tomorrow. 050-3449995



- If you like to work at your home, you can call Speedy Plumbers. **TRUE / FALSE**
- If you like to fix sinks, you can call Bob. **TRUE / FALSE**
- You don't need an interview if you want to become an astronaut. **TRUE / FALSE**
- Ali has a new restaurant. **TRUE / FALSE**
- You might have to work with animals at the Space Agency. **TRUE / FALSE**
- The Hollywood movie company is looking for people with acting experience. **TRUE / FALSE**
- You can start work next week at the restaurant. **TRUE / FALSE**
- You must go to Sometown, U.S.A. if you want to become rich. **TRUE / FALSE**
- Ali's Restaurant is located on Main Street. **TRUE / FALSE**
- You should call tomorrow if you want to work at Speedy Plumbers. **TRUE / FALSE**