Writing a newspaper article

1 Think about the writing style. Find other examples in the newspaper articles on page 50.

1. Write a title: *Shark in Sydney!*
2. Start with an opening statement: *Children were swimming in the ocean when they saw the animal.*
3. Write the facts. Who? *Children* When? *Yesterday afternoon* Where? *City Beach*
4. Say what happened (use past tense or past progressive tense): *While the children were playing, a man was diving in the ocean.*
5. End the story with the words a person says: *He said, "It wasn't a dangerous shark. It was a dolphin!"*

2 Work it out.

Look at the example: *She said, "It was amazing."*

Do we use quotation marks (" ") before and after a question? or before and after the words a person says?

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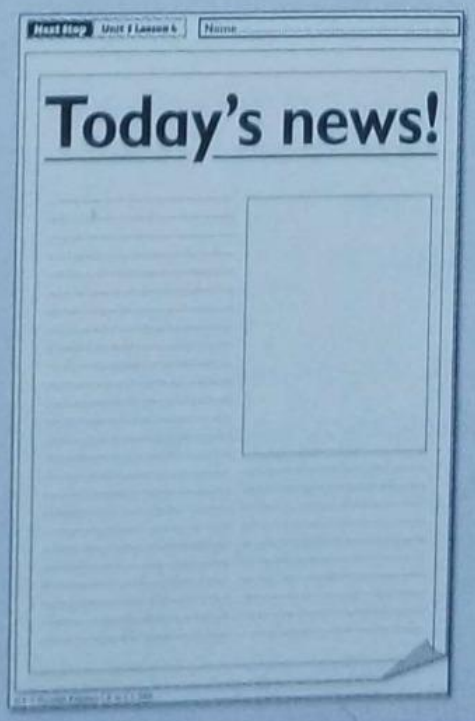
3 Make notes for your own newspaper article.

1. What's your title?
2. What's your opening sentence?
3. What are the facts? Who was there? When did it happen? Where did it happen?
4. What happened?
5. What did somebody say?

4 Write your newspaper article using your notes from Activity 3 and your Writing File Worksheet.



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