Task: Newspaper Challenge

Activity 1

What do you notice about these headlines?

Otter-ly amazing: Otter captured on camera

OH DEAR

OH DEER

OWL ON THE PROWL

Activity 2

News items and stories in newspapers have headlines above them. A headline usually has only four or five words. The idea of a headline is to attract the interest of the readers by telling them in an interesting and short way what the story is about.

Read the newspaper stories below and then write a headline for each story.

Try to write each one in about five words.

1) Three children were walking across a field in Hounslow when they discovered a hole. At the bottom of the hole was a chest filled with gold and silver. The children ran and told the police about their discovery.

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2) Two days ago a kitten called Cookie, belonging to Mrs Daniels, climbed a tree. It got stuck at the top and could not get down. A large crowd gathered. They could not help the cat. In the end they sent for the fire brigade. The firemen put a ladder up the tree and brought the frightened cat down.

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3) Late last night, three men disguised wearing wigs and sunglasses stole over £1000 worth of goodies from a sweet shop. They smashed their way through the front door around midnight and filled sacks with delicious treats. It is hoped that they will be found and arrested soon.

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4) Mrs Sullivan, the headteacher, is celebrating her first prize win at a local gardening contest. Her beautiful display of flowers beat many other contestants. Rumour's have it that her own back garden looks better than the Queen's! Photographs of her display can be seen on our website.

Activity 3

1) Collect some headlines/story titles, cut them out or copy them and place them on a sheet of paper

2) Collect some pictures from your chosen newspaper/magazine/comic- put a caption by each

3) Choose your favourite thing from your chosen newspaper/magazine/comic and draw/write etc about it

Activity 4

Click on this link below and create your own newspaper articles

http://www.makemynewspaper.com/uk/free-newspaper-templates

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