

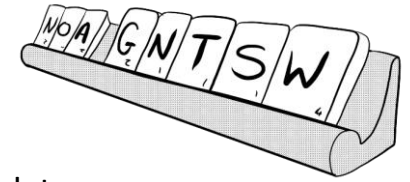
Vocabulary: newspaper recounts

Newspaper: a daily or weekly publication containing news reports, features and opinion articles, originally produced on printed sheets but increasingly available on-line.

Recount: to give an account of the details of an event or experience.

Origin: Mid-15th century: from the Anglo-French word *reconter*; meaning 're'- again, and 'conter' to relate.

Types of news recounts: reports of newsworthy events such as court hearings, crimes, protests, natural disasters.



Synonyms:

newspaper

paper

journal

media

recount

retell

relate

impart

outline

describe

news

report

dispatch

bulletin

Text features:

Introduction (who, what, where, when, why)

Some chronological order

Written in past tense

Includes important details

Quotes from witnesses and relevant authorities

Factual descriptions

Sequential conjunctions

Concluding statement or quote

Useful words:

yesterday

report

according

eyewitness

public

demanding

complain

accident

injury

injured

protest

protesters

demand

emergency

services

ambulance

court

jury

sentence

guilty

decision

statement

announcement

survivors

victims

continues

Useful conjunctions:

when...

meanwhile...

later...

immediately...

finally...

eventually...

without warning

while...

although...

because...

suddenly...



What are you reporting? Have you covered all the key information?
Have you stuck to the facts and avoided your personal opinions?

To introduce your newspaper report, always state clearly and briefly what happened where, when and to whom. For example:

There was a ... yesterday.

Three people were ... yesterday.

A burglar was sentenced...

Hundreds of protestors ...

Fronted adverbial sentence openers:

Without warning ...

Without delay ...

Quickly and calmly ...

Clearly distressed ...

Addressing the jury ...

First on the scene ...

Standing outside the courts ...

To conclude your writing:

A spokesperson for the police said

The trial continues tomorrow ...

The search for survivors ...

Demand for stronger safety measures is expected to grow.

The protesters promised to continue

...

Examples of this language used in context:

Three people were hurt in a serious road traffic accident on the Fanchester Bypass last night.

Hundreds of Green Earth protestors marched through Bigly town centre yesterday to challenge the council's decision to cut trees.

Without warning, the flood water rushed down the valley, carrying trees and vehicles its path.

Addressing the jury, the judge thanked them for their service through what had been a long and difficult case.

A spokesperson for the police appealed for calm and assured the public that they were doing everything they could.

First on the scene, the police immediately secured the area while ambulance crews attended to the injured.

