

LI: To write the introduction of a newspaper report

#### **Success Criteria**

I can use descriptive language to engage my audience I can use the 5 'w's to introduce the subject I can write in a formal style



## Headteacher Miss Trunchbull exposed as 'tyrannical monster'!

You are going to write a newspaper report about Miss Trunchbull, telling the world what a terrible teacher she is! Read the example introduction below to help you. Remember that you only need to introduce the subject, not write a whole article.

### **BACK TO EARTH WITH A BUMP!**

Reported by Amanda Kelper, Media Correspondent, London

After a six month stay on the International Space Station (ISS), astronauts Tim Peake, Yuri Malenchenko and Timothy Kopra have finally returned home to Earth.

Last week, British astronaut Tim Peake returned home from an incredible six month stay aboard the ISS, alongside his crewmates Yuri Malenchenko and Timothy Kopra. He is the first British astronaut to have lived on the ISS



#### Think about:

Who is the report about?

When did the events occur?

Where did the events take place?

What is the main problem with Miss Trunchbull?

Why do people dislike her?

#### Don't forget to include:

A title (you may use the suggested title or think of your own)

Past tense

Third person

A range of adjectives and adverbs to describe

The name of the reporter (you!)





LI: To report on a character

Success Criteria
I can use a range of adjectives describe
I can compare two characters
I can write in a formal, factual style

Reread the chapter 'The Trunchbull' from our key text Matilda by Roald Dahl. You are going to write a detailed character description about Miss Trunchbull, using formal and factual language as you would see in a newspaper report. You might not find all the information you want in the text, so you may imagine some detail. Use your knowledge of Miss Honey to compare the two characters and show how horrid Miss Trunchbull is!

attractive	audacious
beautiful	bold
exquisite	brave
gorgeous	courageous
handsome	fearless
stunning	plucky
winsome	valiant
grotesque	almighty
hideous	big
repugnant	enormous
repulsive	gargantuan
revolting	gigantic
ugly	humongous
vile	massive
	beautiful exquisite gorgeous handsome stunning winsome grotesque hideous repugnant repulsive revolting ugly

#### **Example:**

Miss Agatha Trunchbull, headmistress of Crunchem Hall Primary School, has come under fire this week for her terrifying behaviour. The 'formidable female', a former athlete from Buckinghamshire, still bears the evidence of her competitive days with her 'bull-neck', 'big-shoulders', 'thick arms', 'sinewy wrists' and 'powerful legs' giving her the appearance of a rather cross rhinoceros! It's not surprising that children fear her with her cruel mouth and arrogant eyes. Compared to Miss Honey, a 'mild and quiet' teacher who never raises her voice, Miss Trunchbull truly is a terrifying woman. Miss Honey's warmth and kindness makes Miss Trunchbull seem more like an ogre than a teacher!

Use the sentence stems	below to	help you:
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Miss Trunchbull is a...

She has...

She is the type of person who...

Despite being...

Although she...



#### LI: To group information

I can include relevant information and ideas

I can order events chronologically using time connectives

I can use paragraphs to organise information

Today you are going to write the main body of your newspaper report, describing in detail the events surrounding Miss Trunchbull's behaviour.







Remember to use a new paragraph for each event. You may use the suggested events or think of your own, but you must use the text to support your work.

The chokey

The pigtails

The chocolate cake

Example: One such reported incident involved a young boy called Bruce and a chocolate cake. Having been accused by Trunchball of stealing a piece of her private cake, witnesses have claimed that the boy was then forced to eat the entire thing. However, this somewhat back fired, as the mighty Bruce ate the whole cake with ease. This only made Ms Trunchball more furious and matters for the children worse.

Make sure you use time connectives to order the events.

after	as soon as possible	before	earlier
eventually	finally	in the beginning	in the end
just at that moment	just then	later	meanwhile
next	several months later	suddenly	while
first	without warning	second	after that



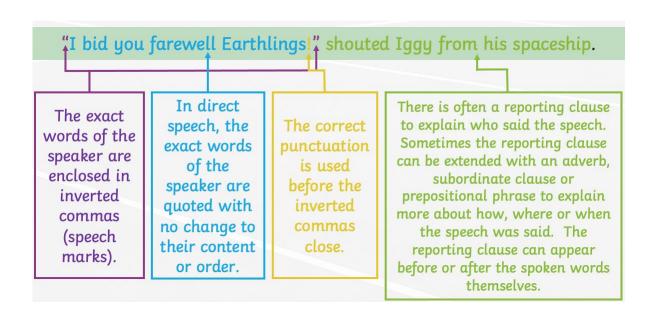
#### LI: To use direct speech

I can imagine what different characters' opinions would be I can use and punctuate speech marks correctly

I can adventurous vocabulary



Today you are going to report on the experiences of Miss Trunchbull's victims. Write a short paragraph describing each key event of the newspaper report, including direct speech from each of her victims. Use the reminder below to help you punctuate your speech.



#### **Example:**

Hortensia, a rugged ten-year old with a boil on her nose, describes her experience of being sent to the dreaded chokey. "In my first term, I was sent to the chokey six times! They were dreadful experiences. I had to stand as still as a tree, trying my hardest not to be poked by the hundreds of terribly sharp nails poking out of the walls. All I did was put golden syrup on her chair! Can you imagine punishing a child for such a hilarious joke?" Hortensia does not seem to show much remorse.

Choose at least 3 characters and report their experiences.

Hortensia
Lavender
Julius Rottwinkle
Amanda Thripp
Matilda
Miss Honey
Bruce Bogtrotter



LI: To write the conclusion of a newspaper report

I can summarise key information
I can use paragraphs and subheadings to organise information
I can write clearly and formally



Today you are going to write the conclusion of your newspaper report. Make sure to think about summarising the key information from the rest of your report writing this week, as well as imagining what might happen if Miss Trunchbull isn't stopped!

As you can see,

Use the sentence stems to help you:

In conclusion...

At the time of publishing, ...

If this doesn't stop...

If nothing is done...

Don't forget to write a 'Top Tips' section! Use a suggested subheading or think of your own.

How to avoid the terrible punishments of Miss Trunchbull

How to escape the wrath of Miss Trunchbull

#### Some ideas for top tips:

Make sure not to steal your teacher's chocolate cake if you do not want to end up having to eat a whole cake!

If you don't want to end up in the terrible chokey, make sure that you save your golden syrup for your pancakes!



### Example

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## **Golden Girl Caught in the Act!**

Reported by: Ms M Lovett

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Goldilocks Granger (aged 12 ½ years) was arrested yesterday on charges of burglary and damage to property.

At approximately 9.30am yesterday morning Nut Forest Police had a report of a disturbance at the cottage of three bears and went to investigate.

When they arrived they found three very distressed, brown bears that had suffered a terrible shock. The bears live in a lovely quaint cottage at the edge of Nut Forest, it is well known for its beautiful garden.

They had left their home earlier in the morning, while their breakfast cooled down. Unfortunately when they returned there was a terrible shock awaiting them. Someone had eaten Baby Bear's porridge, broken his chair AND slept in his bed!

Baby Bear, a male, who is only 3 years old, was upset but managed to speak to reporters. He said "My fur is still shaking from the shock but Mummy has made me some new porridge and we are going to get nice new chair."

Daddy Bear (a 32 year old forest worker) was too angry to speak however we heard a lot of growling from inside the house and he is thought to have been heard threatening to eat Goldilocks if he got hold of her!

Detective Fox told us that was deeply concerned by this case and would like any witnesses to contact the police immediately.



Mrs Brenda Bear was distraught at the scene

"We believe that someone unlawfully broke into the cottage of the three bears and caused damage to their home. This is very serious and if you saw anything please contact us straight away by phoning 999."

No-one from Goldilocks family was available to comment on what has happened or if it was really her that did it.

A neighbour cried to reporters, saying "Goldilocks is a sweet, kind little girl. I just can't believe she is capable of such wickedness. Maybe they have the wrong person."

Goldilocks will appear in court tomorrow morning to answer the charges.

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