

Toolbox for students

Tool 13: Writing newspaper articles

In order to inform others about your topic, you can try playing the role of a reporter and write an article for a newspaper. In EDC/HRE, writing an article is also a way of making topics public. This can help to change things that are bad in society.

A newspaper article is divided into different sections:

- headline: should be short and clear;
- lead paragraph: an introduction to the topic in very few and rather short sentences;
- authors: who wrote the article?
- running text: the article itself;
- headings: to help the reader to see “chapters”;
- picture: a meaningful picture relevant to the text with a short explanation underneath.

Checklist

- Compare a newspaper article from today’s newspaper with the example you see above. Can you find the different sections?
- Highlight the sections using different colours.
- Pay attention to the font styles (bold, normal, italics).
- Compare your newspaper article with those of your classmates.
- Use these sections in your own newspaper article.