

Today, we are going to write the next section of our newspaper report: the quote.

What do we know about writing newspaper quotes?

**Quotations tell us what has been said and who said it. They can help to tell the story by giving the reader the opinions of the people involved.**

Eg. Class teacher for Year 6, Miss Froggatt, stated, "They are a lovely class of children and I really enjoy teaching them."

"It was the scariest moment of my life!" the 28 year old home owner told us.

"They're lucky to be alive!" reported Sam Fenton, (35) Chief Fire Officer for Greater Manchester Fire Service

There are key things to remember when writing a newspaper quote.

### 1) Punctuation

Mr Dursley, Dudley's dad, told reporters, "I simply couldn't believe what I was seeing! My poor Dudley will be scarred for life now."

"We've never had anything like this happen before. We're currently trying to figure out exactly what happened and how this boy ended up in the enclosure," John Stone, zookeeper at London zoo, explained.

### 2) 'Said' is boring! What other words could you use?

stated

reported

described

confirmed

witnessed

told reporters

explained

added

See our newspaper writing word mat for more ideas!

Now have a think about your newspaper quote.

Who is going to provide your quote?  
What are they going to say?

WALT write a quote for a newspaper article

**Greater Depth challenge:**

Can you write two quotes for your newspaper article, showing a difference in formality between the two speakers.

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12-year-old Tommy Morse witnessed the event. He stated, "What a shocker, hey? Me and my family was blown away by what we saw! Won't be going back anytime soon!"