



## 11+ Persuasive Writing — Newspaper Article

### Student assignment — Write a newspaper article with the following headline: **Aliens crash-land in London!**

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This morning aliens landed their UFO in the **river** Thames in London knocking Big Ben over.

Friday 13 November 2020

#### Notes for student

- This is a good opening to a newspaper article Henry, well done!
- You have included a headline, subtitle and the date to open your work. This is a perfect structure.
- Remember to capitalise both words in “River Thames” as they are both part of the river's name, and we always capitalise names.
- To improve, you could have included an exclamation mark after your subtitle. This is a dramatic and shocking subtitle.

At dawn this bright morning a silver UFO toppled into the river Thames, London, and Big Ben the famous clock tower crashed into the dark, dirty water. The extraordinary ship had markings on it saying that it was from a planet billions of miles away from earth. It was flying out of control from space and crashed into the top of Big Ben knocking both the clock tower and itself into the rushing river.

PHOTO

#### Notes for student

- This is great content for your article Henry. It is very informative.
- Great use of alliteration and listing adjectives. You have described the events well.
- Well done for leaving space for a photo in your newspaper article.
- To improve, don't forget to include your persuasive techniques — remember PARCC and RELEEFF. You could have included some persuasive language or exaggeration here to make this more persuasive. For example, "the president reassured the nation that the aliens posed no threat at all"
- Again, remember to capitalise 'river' in 'River Thames'.

The police were called to make sure there was nothing inside the large spaceship and to calm the people of London. People on Westminster Bridge were frozen in shock. Someone said "this is one of the most crazy and strange thing that has ever happened to me. When I was walking along the bank opposite Big Ben I saw a bright light towering above me on the other side of the river. I stood there gasping!". The frightened citizens of London were shocked about this impressive ship.

### Notes for student

- Great work Henry!
- Well done for including a quote from an eyewitness. It makes your article seem more credible. To improve, always try to name the sources of your quotes or statistics. This makes them seem more realistic. You could have given your witness any name here as long as it was a realistic name.
- To improve, remember to start your speech on a new line when a new person begins speaking. You also need to capitalise the first word of the sentence when someone speaks. For example, "This is



one of the most crazy and strange thing that has ever happened to me."

The world immediately got alerted because of this strange happening. Therefore everyone around the world began to panic about there being aliens. "This is one of the most extraordinary and impressive things that has ever happened to the country" said Boris Johnson.

### Notes for student

- This is a very informative paragraph Henry, well done.
- Well done for including another quote, this time from the Prime Minister.
- To improve, try not to use the word "got" in formal writing. Instead, you could have said "The world immediately **was** alerted...".
- Think about other persuasive techniques you could have included here. Remember PARCC and RELEEFF.

Special scientists from around the world are coming to work out where this UFO is actually from. 50 percent of the world population before this incident believed in aliens. It follows that now 75 percent of the world population believe in aliens.

### Notes for student

- This is a good ending Henry. Well done!
  - Great use of statistics to end your article. To improve, you could have said where your statistics were from. For example, they could be from the BBC or a famous newspaper.
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## Progress Plan

- Overall, this is a great newspaper article Henry! You should be proud of this work.
  - You have structured your article brilliantly!
  - Don't forget to try and include as many persuasive techniques as possible when writing a newspaper article. This can be tricky but try to remember PARC and RELEEFF (you can find these on your class notes). Remember that when writing a newspaper article you want to both **inform** and **persuade** the reader. You included some great statistics at the end but you could have easily added in a few more techniques.
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**Your work was marked by Ellie.**

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