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Mini class

“Newspaper Assignment”

Imagine that you work for ‘The Times’, a British daily national newspaper based in London. There was a robbery in the National History Museum in London. Your boss asks you to write a newspaper article about that robbery of at least 200 words.



Important information that you can include in your article are the answers to the following questions.

1. Where was the robbery?
2. When did it take place?
3. How many robbers were there?
4. Were they wearing disguises?
5. Were they armed?
6. What did the workers and customers do?
7. Was anybody injured?
8. What did the robbers take?
9. How did they get away?
10. Who called the police?
11. When did the police arrive?
12. Have the robbers been caught yet?



Before writing the article, you need to know the answer to each question. You are going to answer those questions yourselves using your imagination. You can use online dictionaries (Cambridge, Oxford, Macmillan ...), the internet, information out of movies you've seen, books you've read ... You can use anything you like to help you answering these questions.

First, take a look at how to write a newspaper article in 4 steps:

- 1: Think about an attractive/catchy headline/title.
- 2: Write an introduction paragraph: A preview of the entire article. It summarizes the story and what you think the readers will find interesting.
- 3: Write the story with the facts (answers to the questions) in a chronological order. Don't write down your own opinions.
- 4: End your article with a conclusion. This can contain a last bit of information, a short summary or a carefully chosen quote to leave the reader with a strong sense of your story.

Don't forget to:

- Use the past simple.
- Use the past continuous.
- Reread the essay to correct grammatical/spelling mistakes.

You can browse the internet for help, use an online dictionary, use your grammar grids ...

Before you start, take a look at the assessment grid (to see the aspects you will be assessed (beoordeeld) on) and the self-assessment grid (a checklist you have to fill in to help you perform the task) below. Good luck!

Assessment Grid

	Insufficient	Sufficient	Good	Very good
Content: -Relevance Feedback:	0 - 1	2	3	4
Grammar: -Used the newly learned grammar. Feedback:	0 - 1	2	3	4
Language use (grammar/spelling) Feedback:	0 - 1	2	3	4

Newspaper article structure: Feedback:	0 - 1	2	3	4

Self-Assessment Grid Write down a +, +/- or a – next to the statements.

The newspaper article is about a robbery in the National History Museum in London.	
The newspaper article is not too long/short.	
I followed the instructions on how to write a newspaper article.	
I used the grammar grids to help me using the past simple/past continuous correctly.	
I have read the sentences in the past simple and past continuous again and compared them to the grammar grid to make sure they are correct.	
I have read the newspaper article again. (spelling/grammar)	
I have consulted an online dictionary.	