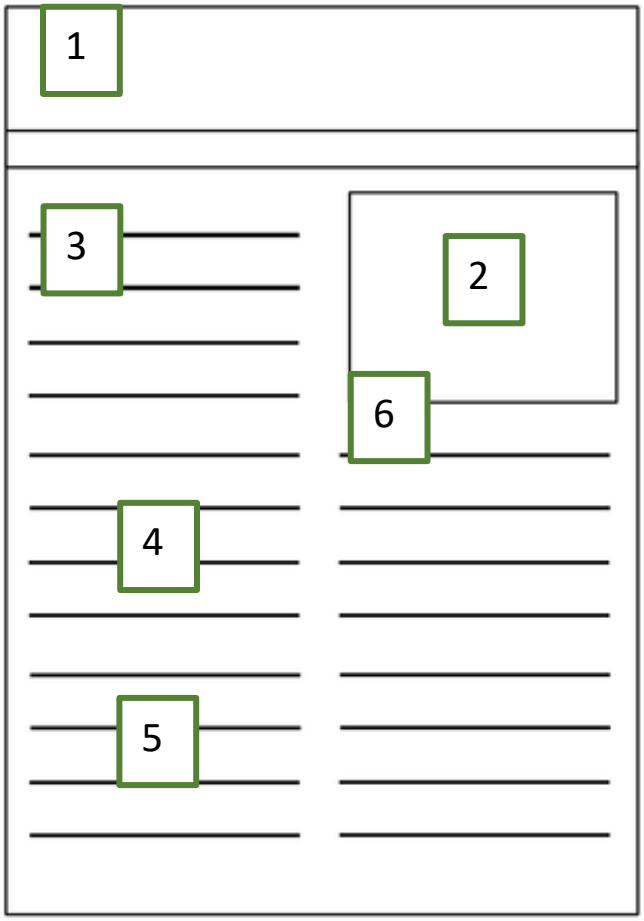
On Friday, you will be writing a newspaper article about the impact of the construction of the HS2 on wildlife, so today we will do a quick recap lesson on what you need to include in a newspaper article.



Match the features to where they belong in the article!

picture

paragraphs

headline

caption

information

lead sentence

Find the mistakes below:

In a newspaper article, you find the most important information in the caption. You can use a picture of anything you like in your article as long as it is pretty. Your information needs to be laid out neatly in paragraphs – one paragraph for each point.

Below is a table with two columns. On one side there are a list of sentences and on the other you will use the same statement but turn it into a sentence you would find in a newspaper. You are familiar with this formal language, but I have done some examples for you.

The purple shows where the sentence starters have been added. We also know that newspapers exaggerate facts to make them sound more exciting, so I have shown the descriptive language in red.

There is a word bank you can use on the next page.

A new train is being built.	**The government have told** us of its plans to build a **high- speed** train network across the **entire** country.
The train will take a long time before it is ready.	**It is reported that** it will be around 20 years before the building work is complete.
The new train will make journeys across the country quick.	
Some people love this plan.	
Homes may be taken.	
The train line will damage woodlands.	**Many people are worried** about the **devastating** effects the building of the train line will have on our ancient woodlands.
The habitat of many creatures will be destroyed.	
This project will cost a lot of money.	

Useful words	Sentence starters
HS2 high-speed faster rail network country city / cities distance building work / construction less pollution expensive government Boris Johnson Chris Packham destroy impact diminish (make less) devastating unrecognisable ancient habitat countryside wildlife animals squirrel bat bird	It has been reported that … Many people think … The government have told us … For example … There are many examples… Although…, Experts say … People who agree say that … People who disagree say that … In the future…

If you are thoughtful when you complete this task then your writing on Friday will be much easier!

Answers –

1. **Headline**
2. **Picture**
3. **Lead sentence**
4. **Paragraphs**
5. **Information**
6. **Caption**

In a newspaper article, you find the most important information in the lead sentence. You can't use a picture of anything you like in your article, it must show something that supports your article. Your information needs to be laid out neatly in paragraphs – one paragraph for each point.