



The Evening Herald

**WHAT MAKES A  
GOOD ARTICLE?**

**WEDNESDAY  
FROM THE WULFLE**

To write a GOOD newspaper article follow these rules:



1. Create an eye-catching headline

2. Don't make your article too long or too short (100-120 words)

3. Remember about paragraphs

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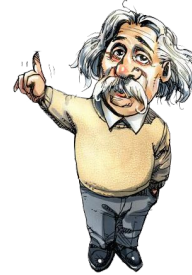
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# How to choose a topic of an article?

Ask these questions:

Is it interesting?



people

Is it informative?



places

Is it true?



events

Your story gives information about:

Provide your article with arguments:

- ✓ so
- ✓ because
- ✓ although

# The structure of the article

## 1. Write an introduction (a lead)

This paragraph - usually one or two sentences - must be a brief summary of the main purpose of the article, which answers the basic questions of "who, what, when, where, how and why."

## 2. Explore your topic in paragraphs

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## 3. Read over the article body and where necessary, provide it with arguments

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## 4. Write a conclusion to re-summarize the most important facts of the article.

## 5. Think of the headline

Remember, people read it first. It must attract their attention.

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Although the nurses of RSPCA try to do their best to help animals in this truly important hospital, we, owners of our pets, must be responsible for the life and health of our little friends. As it said in one famous book *"You're responsible for those you have tamed"*

## Edit the article



- ☐ Check spelling
- ☐ Check capitals and endings
- ☐ Check you have used so, because, and, although **CORRECTLY**
- ☐ Check the size
- ☐ You can supply your article with the appropriate picture



**Write an article with the headline:**

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## **PEOPLE AND PLACES**

How do people live in other countries?

Write about:

- the amount of “poor” countries in the world, how people live there, what do they need;
- Your experience of writing a letter to Felicity Marks and her project;
- include people’s ideas about the following topic: how can we help them?

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## **SAVE FRIENDS**

What is happening to homeless animals (strays)?

Write about:

- the situation on the streets of your town; which homeless animals do you meet most often?
- how animals become homeless?
- include people's ideas about the following topic: how can we help animals?



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