

Make sure you have read 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick – Introduction' first.



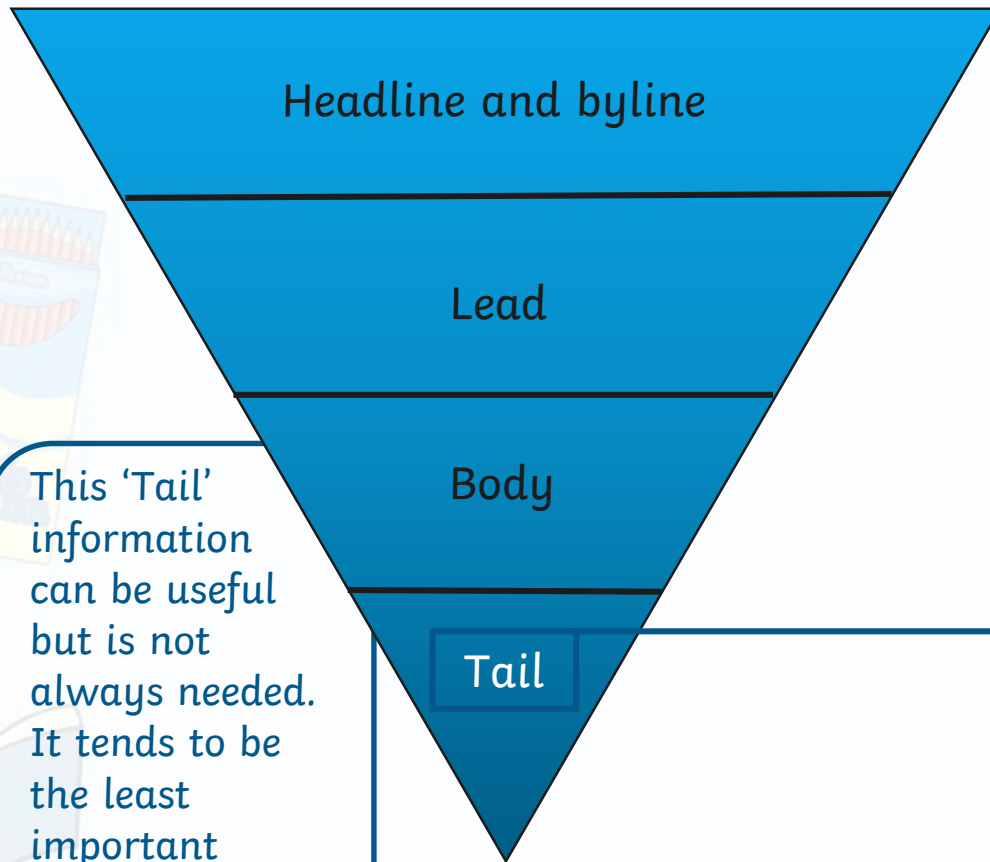
This week you will be working on a newspaper report detailing the events detailed in the introduction to the book.

You last write a news report in December, so there will be reminders each day to help you produce each section.





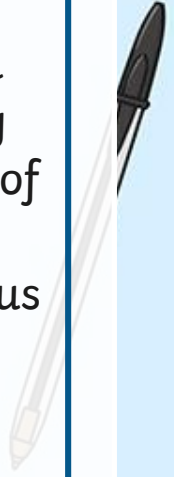

Tail



This 'Tail' information can be useful but is not always needed. It tends to be the least important information in the report.



For a good tail section:

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- Give the reader the opportunity to gain additional information if they are particularly interested in the topic of the news report;
 - Include links to previous news reports or useful websites;
 - Include a final quote from a witness or expert that helps to sum up the story or that could hint at what might happen next.

Example

School Children Raise Funds for Local Charity

Frances Trackall, Education reporter

A small group of Year 5 students from Arkwood Primary School have created a brilliant plan to raise money for a local charity that assists people in the community. Following a visit to the school from a charity representative, the students set out to create a way of raising much needed funds.

The students presented the fundraising idea to school principal Mrs Justine Knight, who saw great potential in the plan to sell produce from the school's vegetable garden to local restaurants and, in turn, raise money for the local charity. She stated that 'the children have displayed a true sense of community in their fundraising plan.' Following a meeting with teachers, it is hoped that the students can begin to implement the four phase plan. 'The school would support students wholly in the fund raising venture,' Mrs Knight added.

The school plans to sell the garden produce to two local restaurants, beginning in early September. For more information on this fundraising plan, visit the Arkwood Primary School website (www.arkwood.sch.com).

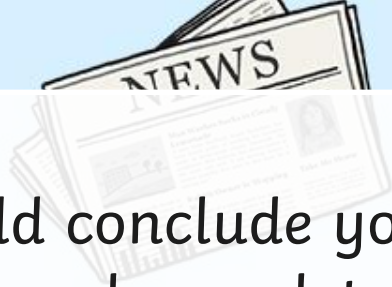
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Today, you should conclude your newspaper report (the tail) and complete any editing.

The tips on the next slide explaining how to 'Get it Right' should help you edit your report.



Get It Right!

For a GREAT newspaper report you need to:

Keep your most important information near the top of the report;

Keep your sentences short and punchy, so that the report is interesting to your reader;

Cut out the less important sections from the bottom of the report if it ends up being too long;

Check your spelling and your facts...and check them again!

