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TASK:

Look at the examples of newspaper articles on pages 3 and 4 or find your own. Identify as many features as you can from the list on the next page

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Features of a Newspaper Report Checklist

How many of the following features can you spot in the newspaper report?

Features	✓ / X
The name of the newspaper	
A headline that uses a pun, rhyme or alliteration	
A subtitle which gives a bit more information about what the report is about	
The reporter's name	
An introductory paragraph containing the 5 Ws (what, where, when, who, why)	
Information about the main events presented in chronological order	
Pictures with captions	
Written in the third person and in the past tense	
Direct and reported speech	
Formal language	
Rhetorical Questions	
A conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next	

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VE DAY CELEBRATING IN LOCKDOWN

The Red Arrows will fly over London again today

TODAY (Friday 8 May) marks 75 years since VE Day, as Britain remembers the end of World War Two in Europe.

by editor in chief **Nicky Cox**

Plans for street parties, parades and concerts have been put on hold because of the coronavirus, but don't worry, as it's still possible to celebrate in lockdown.

What is VE Day?

VE Day – Victory in Europe Day – on 8 May 1945 was the day the Allied forces announced the surrender of

Germany, which ended the Second World War in Europe. The big four Allied powers were Britain, the USA, France and the Soviet Union (Russia).

Celebrations began straight away throughout Britain, with more than one million people partying in the streets. King George VI appeared on the Buckingham Palace balcony with Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Princess Elizabeth (now our Queen),

her mum Queen Elizabeth and her sister Princess Margaret joined them.

VE Day is recognised every year with street parties and community gatherings, and commemorates the millions of civilians and millions in the armed forces who lost their lives in battle.

In 2015, you might remember the 70th anniversary of VE Day was marked with three days of

celebrations. The Queen joined 1,000 veterans and their families in a service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey.

Lockdown means things are different today. The Queen will deliver a special television message from Windsor Castle at 9pm – at the moment that her father, King George VI, gave a radio address back in 1945.

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Read an interview about VE Day with America's Ambassador to Britain, Robert 'Woody' Johnson, on [page 18](#)

2. CORONAVIRUS NEWS

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SOUTH KOREA: "YOU CAN'T CATCH IT TWICE"



There are two types of tests: one that can tell whether you have COVID-19 now, and another that can tell whether you have the antibodies that fought off the virus

SOUTH Korean scientists say that they do not believe that you can catch the new coronavirus more than once.

In the first few weeks of the outbreak, several countries, including China, Japan and South Korea, reportedly saw COVID-19 patients who tested positive for the illness again after they had recovered.

Now, new research from South Korean scientists says that they think this is unlikely, and that cases where people had caught the disease more than once were most likely due to "testing failures".

Apparently, tests had detected "dead virus traces", rather than the

actual virus. If it's confirmed that you really can't catch COVID-19 more than once, you might begin to hear more about 'immunity passports'.

These will be government-issued documents that would mean you were less restricted by the lockdown if you have antibodies that can fight off the virus.

However, the World Health Organization (WHO) says that "the use of [immunity passports] may increase the risks of transmission," but that "guidance is constantly kept under review and could be updated."

HOW TO CELEBRATE VE DAY WHILE IN LOCKDOWN

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Although social distancing means gatherings and parties have been cancelled, there are still other ways to mark the day during lockdown.

A two-minute silence is taking place at 11am. Then, at 3pm, there is The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2, with people across the country standing up and raising a glass of their favourite drink while saying the following toast: "To those who gave so much, we thank you." The Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial

Flight will perform a flypast over Buckingham Palace.

Many people are decorating their homes in red, white and blue, and holding 'stay-at-home street parties'. Neighbours are hanging bunting over their homes, having picnics in their back or front gardens, while remembering social distancing and keeping at least 2m apart from others.

Maybe colour in the poster in the centre of this week's First News and put it in your window. The Royal British Legion has also launched the Tommy

in the Window campaign, which celebrates national heroes. They're asking us to place a special image of a Second World War soldier, Tommy, in our windows.

The official VE Day 75 Government website includes party planning tips, plus food tips to help you celebrate at home. There are more posters that can be printed out and displayed at home.

Hundreds have also signed up to take part in a virtual VE Day "parade" with standard bearers across the world filmed lowering their flags.

POOR PAYING A HIGHER PRICE

A NEW Government report has revealed that the coronavirus is killing people in deprived areas at double the rate of richer areas in England.

The report from the Office for National Statistics shows that the death rate in underprivileged areas was 55.1 deaths per 100,000 people, compared to 25.3 deaths per 100,000 in wealthier areas.

Normal death rates are usually higher in more deprived areas, but COVID-19 has pushed them

even higher.

The data also showed that the virus has affected more men who live in poorer areas than women.

However, it is important to remember that, while a lot of media attention is given to the sad numbers of people dying, the overwhelming majority of people recover fully.



LOCKDOWN LATEST

AS First News went to press, the Government hadn't said too much about the end of lockdown.

According to reports earlier this week, the prime minister Boris



Johnson will reveal on Sunday 10 May how we'll be leaving lockdown.

The news came after the PM announced that we had "passed the peak," and that cases had begun to fall.

Until now, Government officials have decided not to explain their 'exit strategy', as they say that doing so would make the message to stay at home less effective.

Labour leader Keir Starmer said that his party agreed the lockdown "needs to remain in place, but to maintain morale and hope, people need a sense of what comes next".

WOW!

TV chef John Torode (right) had a kitchen nightmare last week when he accidentally set a tea towel on fire while cooking on live television! The chef was in the middle of making a homemade version of a McDonald's Egg McMuffin, for ITV's This Morning, when flames could be seen behind him! Fortunately, the chef stayed calm and dealt with it quickly. "I felt like a bit of a duffer," he said later.



A HELPING PAW!



RICOCHET the surfing dog is offering free virtual canine therapy sessions to healthcare workers.

While Ricochet is perhaps best known as a champion surfing dog, she's a pup of many talents, and can also provide support to those suffering from anxiety or depression.

Her website has a place where you can sign up for a video chat with Ricochet, along with a bunch of pictures of her lovely furry face – set to calming music to relax you.

Give it a try by heading to www.surfdogricochet.com.



Steppingstone activity

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Direct speech	

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POPPY PEDALS FOR A GOOD CAUSE



A FOUR-YEAR-OLD girl has cycled a mammoth 26 miles for charity.

Poppy Naphine has completed the huge journey over seven days to raise money for YMCA DownsLink Group, which tackles the issues of youth homelessness and provides a safe home to 1,400 young people across Surrey and Sussex.

So far, Poppy has raised more than £1,400 as part of the 2.6 challenge, which was set up to raise money for charities that will have lost out because the London Marathon was cancelled. Poppy admitted she had found going up hills hard and that she also liked to "stop for snacks". Us too!

Poppy's dad told us: "The family are really proud of her... I can't believe that she has cycled so far. It's a real positive that will come out of these times." Well done, Poppy!

BAREFOOT BETTER?



A NEW study says that modern running shoes are actually doing more harm than good.

The research, published in the *British Medical Journal*, suggests we might all be better off running barefoot rather than using certain types of trainer. It concludes that we were much less likely to get hurt before cushioned running shoes became all the rage.

Led by Dr Peter Francis of Leeds Beckett University, the study found that a staggering 35-50% of runners are injured at any one time.

The five most common injuries all take place below the knee. According to Dr Francis, that's because shoes have changed the way we move and have developed more quickly than humans have evolved. Since the 1970s, a lot of running shoes include cushioning and support for our foot's arch, which the new study says can lead to a "disconnect" between our feet and our brain, which puts us at risk of injury.

Running barefoot could be the way we reduce getting hurt. But, of course, that isn't always possible or safe. So the study recommends that, for those who cannot run barefoot, "minimalist shoes" (basic ones) may help to rebuild strength in the areas of the foot that barefoot runners would use.