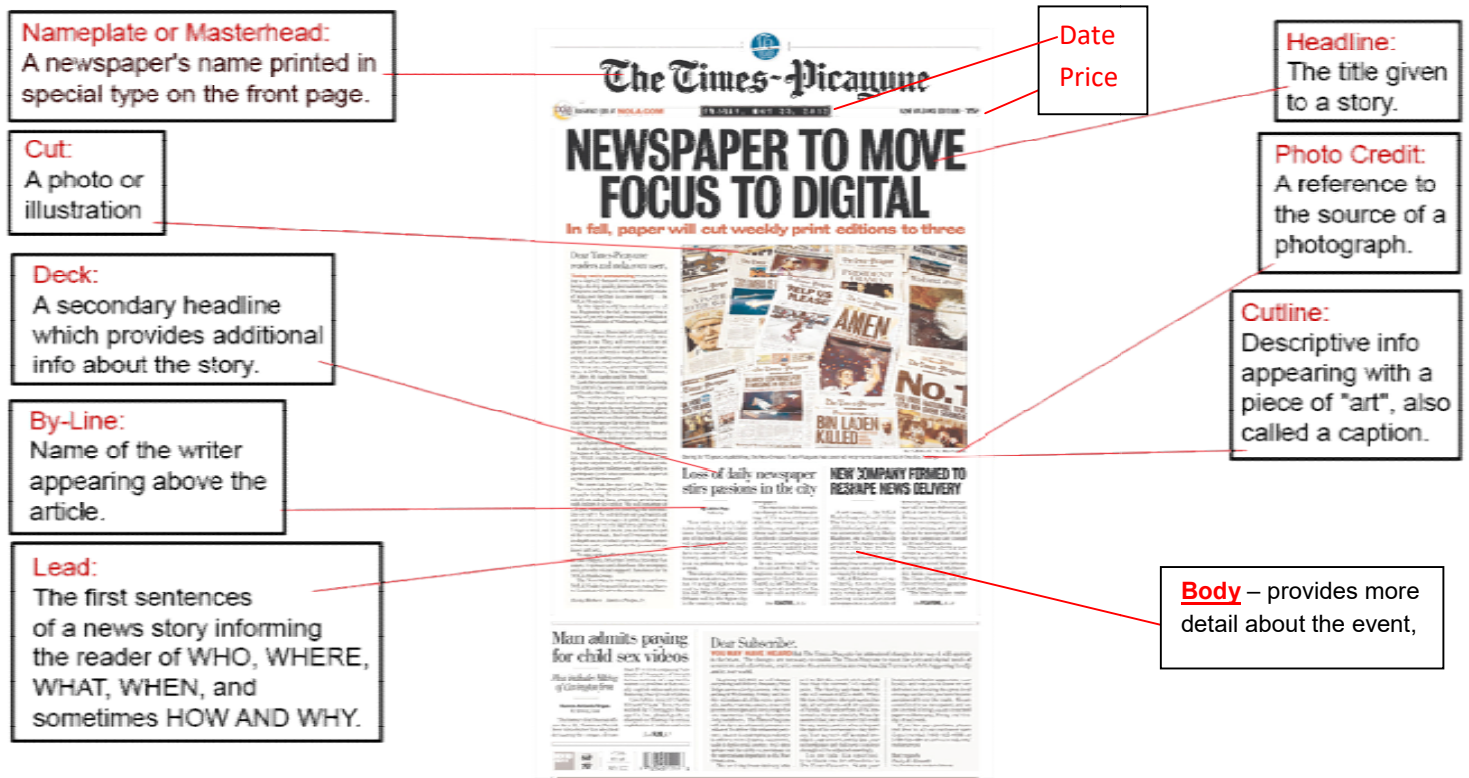


C. Key Features of a Newspaper Article

Newspapers are designed so that people can easily identify the name of the paper, the different headlines and articles, and pictures that help tell the story. The most important recent event is the top story, presented above the fold of the newspaper. Below are a few parts of the newspaper's **front page**. Other parts of the paper may include:

- **Advertisements** which are designed to make you want to buy something.
- **Editorials** which are articles that present a person's opinion on something that happened.
- Newspapers are also organized into different **sections**, such as *world news, national news, regional news, sports news, news about music, theater and art, comics...*



Practice:

Task: *Let's recall the key features of a newspaper article and their functions, then, we skim through the newspaper article below to answer the following questions:*

Headline – usually only four or five words. It tries to attract the interest of the reader by telling them what the story is about, in a short and interesting way.

- What is the headline for the article? _____
- How many words are in the headline? _____

By-line – the person who wrote the article.

- Who wrote this article? _____

Introduction (Lead) – It will set the scene and summaries the main points of the article: who, what, when, where.

- Can you identify these important points in your article?
 - Who is the article about? _____
 - What happened? _____

 - When did it happen? _____
 - Where did it happen? _____

Body – provides more detail about the event.

- What else do you know now? _____

Quotes – sometimes articles will include what a person (like an eye-witness or an expert) has said. These will be in speech marks.

- Does the article have quotes? If so,
 - What was said? _____

 - Who said it? _____
 - How are they related to the event? _____

Photograph and caption – sometimes articles have a photograph, and a sentence explaining the photograph

- Does your article have a photograph? What does it show – describe exactly what you see?

- What does the caption say? _____

The Daily News

Wednesday 19th December

89p

Pure Hell!

Death toll climbs to at least 9 as floods wreak havoc in the South-East and Wales. Amongst all the devastation a miracle blooms...

Lead Reporter: Zack Benserghin

The worst floods in decades caused widespread chaos to road and rail, killed nine people and left thousands of others without food and shelter last night. The monstrous storm lashed the South-East coast and Wales on Monday at 3:37am and continued with terrible consequences for 48 hours.

Torrential rain and winds of up to 110 mph (177km/h) uprooted trees, blocked roads and cut electricity supplies. Two firemen died in Dorset, on their way to an emergency call and four people died in Plymouth harbour. Rescue workers and emergency



-Woman makes a dramatic escape.

services have been inundated with a record number of calls. They have advised people to remain at home if possible as roads have been blocked and railway lines flooded.

"We didn't expect to be hit hard..." stated Kelly Smith, 48, a mother-of-three, "So we didn't evacuate. When we realised our garden was flooding and more water was coming, it was too late to move. We had to climb on top of our roof to get away. We camped out in the bitter cold for 24 hours without any food and water..."

The floods have caused unthinkable damage. Entire neighbourhoods are now submerged in water. As thousands of people fled their water-damaged homes many wondered when, and if, life would return to normal. Some analysts expect the damage to cost in excess of £5 billion.

Military officials and rescue teams have been drafted in and will move into flooded areas and provide practical help amid fears of further flooding. The Meteorological Office has noticed a depression over the Atlantic and has forecasted heavy rain and high winds over the weekend as the weather shows no mercy and continues to hit coastal areas.

One of the most dramatic tales came from Devon, where a tiny baby and two women were airlifted to safety after their car was swamped in fast-rising flood waters.



-Mr Patterson being shouted at by protesters

Environmental minister, Owen Patterson, has been heavily criticised for not doing enough to help flood victims. He responded by saying, "We are doing our utmost. But we must recognise that nature is an awful lot more powerful than we as humans are..."

Today, Theresa May is due to visit the affected areas and will reassure the population that the government is doing its best to provide immediate assistance to those in need.