

KIWI KIDS NEWS

LITERACY BOOKLET

TERM 1 2025



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Welcome

Welcome to the Kiwi Kids News Literacy Booklet for Term 1 2025.

This edition has been designed to be used alongside the Kiwi Kids News website to help you learn about all that goes on around our world. The website can be found online at www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz

Within this booklet, you'll find a variety of learning activities for you to complete. We suggest working through them week by week at your own pace. For help each week visit our literacy booklet page at <https://www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz/kiwi-kids-literacy-booklet/>



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How do I use this Booklet?



Accessing the Website

You can visit our website anytime, anywhere, at www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz

For the best experience, we recommend using a laptop, iPad, or Chromebook. However, you can also access the site on a mobile device.

Daily News Articles

We publish 4 or 5 news articles every day, covering a wide range of interesting topics. Most of these articles do not require a username or password. Simply click on the article to read it.



Username and Password

If you come across an article that asks for a username and password, you will see a box pop up like the one on the left. Don't worry! Just enter your username and password given to you by your teacher to access the content.

Feature Article (Wednesday)

Our Feature Article is published every Wednesday morning. This term our Feature Article series is titled - **Big Issues**. We will explore issues such as overpopulation, refugees, deforestation and climate change.



Weekly Quiz (Friday, 9 AM)

Get your thinking caps on! Our weekly quiz goes online every Friday morning at 9 AM. Test your knowledge and have some fun with our interactive quiz. This can be played individually or as a class.



WEEK 1 LITERACY TASKS

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Your task is to read 2 articles from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Following that you must create new headlines for four of the articles you have read.

NATIONAL	Old Headline -
	New Headline -
WORLD	Old Headline -
	New Headline -
SPORT	Old Headline -
	New Headline -
ODD STUFF	Old Headline -
	New Headline -



WEEK 1 NEWS QUIZ

SCORE

Complete the Kiwi Kids News Weekly Quiz.
You can find this on the website on Friday morning.

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FEATURE ARTICLE – Climate Change

Your task is to read the article on climate change on the Kiwi kids News website and then complete the comprehension questions. Your answers to the questions go in the boxes below. Once you have completed those you can try some of the practical activities.

TITLE	
Comprehension Question 1	
Comprehension Question 2	
Comprehension Question 3	
Comprehension Question 4	

WEEK 2 LITERACY TASKS



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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

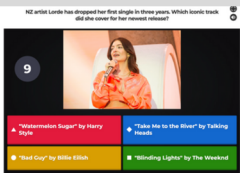
Your task is to read an article from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Place the headline of the article you read in the space below.

NATIONAL -

WORLD -

SPORT -

ODD STUFF -



WEEK 2 NEWS QUIZ

Complete the Kiwi Kids News Weekly Quiz.
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SCORE

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Write down one interesting fact you found from reading the Kiwi Kids News website this week.



WHERE IN THE WORLD



Where in the world did our news come from? On the left-hand side, list 8 countries, cities, or places where our world or odd stuff news came from this week. Place a dot on the world map to show where each of these places can be found.

Country:





WEEK 2 LITERACY TASKS



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Question the Content: After reading an article on Kiwi Kids News, come up with three questions you would ask the author about the topic to gain a deeper understanding.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

FEATURE ARTICLE - Plastic Pollution



This week our Feature Article looks at the amount of plastic pollution in our world, what it is doing to our world, and what we can do to stop this problem.

YOUR TASK - Read the article at www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz and then complete the comprehension questions that are below the article. Put your answers in the spaces below.

Question 1 : _____

Question 2 : _____

Question 3 : _____

Question 4 : _____



WEEK 3 LITERACY TASKS



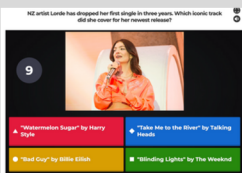
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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Your task is to read 2 articles from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Write a sentence explaining what each article was about in the box below.

NATIONAL	1.
	2.
WORLD	1.
	2.
SPORT	1.
	2.
ODD STUFF	1.
	2.



WEEK 3 NEWS QUIZ

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SCORE

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Cities and Towns

Where in New Zealand did our news come from?

On the left-hand side, list 5 cities, town, or places where our national news came from this week. Place a dot on the map to show where that place is.



WEEK 3 LITERACY TASKS

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Write down two interesting facts you found from reading the Kiwi Kids News website this week.



FEATURE ARTICLE - Food Waste

This week our Feature Article looks at the topic of food waste.

YOUR TASK - Read the article at www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz and then complete the comprehension questions that are below the article. Put your answers in the spaces below.

Question 1 :

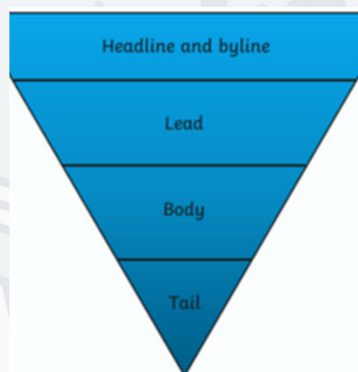
Question 2 :

Question 3 :

Question 4 :

How to Write a Newspaper Article

Newspapers and news websites deliver news, information, and stories from around the world. Understanding the structure of a news article is essential for budding writers and journalists. In this activity, we will break down the key structural features of a newspaper article.



The Inverted Pyramid

Imagine a pyramid turned upside down, with the broad base at the top and the narrow point at the bottom. This shape represents how a news article should be structured. The inverted pyramid starts with the most critical information at the beginning and gradually includes less crucial details as it progresses. This approach ensures that readers grasp the essential points even if they only read the first few sentences.

The Headline

The headline is the newspaper's first point of contact with the reader. It serves to grab the reader's attention while summarising the main point of the article.

The Lead

The lead is arguably the most important part of a news article. It consists of the first two or three sentences that should convey the article's main message. Key features of an effective lead paragraph include:

Conciseness: Use as few words as possible to convey the message.

Clarity: Explain clearly what has happened.

The Four Ws

To ensure that readers understand the essential details of the article, include the Four Ws in your first three or four sentences

Who: Identify the people mainly affected by the events.

What: Explain the key events.

Where: Specify the location of the events.

When: Provide the time, day, and, if necessary, the year of the events.

The Body

The body is the heart of the newspaper article, where you delve into more detail about the events. It typically consists of 10 to 12 sentences. Key features of the body include:

Give information about the How and Why: Explain how the events occurred and then explore why they happened.

Detailed Information: Provide a comprehensive account of what happened.

Background Information: Include relevant background information.

Evidence and Quotes: Incorporate facts, evidence, and quotes from relevant individuals.

Grammar

News articles are always written using third-person language.

Good news articles avoid using personal opinions about the topic.

Past Tense: Use the past tense in all news articles.

How to Write a Newspaper Article

Understanding the structure of a newspaper article is vital for both writers and readers. It ensures that information is presented in a clear, organised, and engaging manner, making it easier for readers to grasp the news and stay informed. Whether you're a budding journalist or simply someone interested in writing, these structural elements will serve as a valuable guide for crafting effective newspaper articles.

Now it is your turn. Look at the article below and see how many of those features you can find. Work through the checklist and highlight the various parts of the article you can find. Show by highlighting the text or drawing a line.

AIR NEW ZEALAND NAMED WORLD'S SAFEST AIRLINE

📅 January 7, 2024



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Air New Zealand has secured the title of the safest airline in the world for the year 2023, recapturing the position from Australia's Qantas airline. The award was announced by Airline Ratings, a website dedicated to providing travelers with valuable information.

This recognition was based on Air New Zealand's extensive safety record and current systems. Airline Ratings considered factors like the rarity of serious incidents, the gravity of recent accidents, the airline's safety oversight and compliance, its financial performance, safety measures, and the age of its aircraft fleet.

Not included in the assessment were factors beyond the airline's control, such as bird strikes, turbulence-induced passenger injuries, flight route adjustments due to adverse weather conditions, and lightning strikes on aircraft.

Geoffrey Thomas, the website's editor, praised Air New Zealand's unwavering commitment to passenger safety and lauded its exceptional performance in ensuring passenger security, particularly in the face of challenging weather conditions at airports like Wellington and Queenstown.

The website revealed that among the top 25 safest airlines worldwide, variances in safety records were minimal, underscoring the industry-wide commitment to upholding safety standards and ensuring a secure flying experience for all passengers.

Captain David Morgan, responsible for Air New Zealand's safety protocols, expressed elation at the airline's designation as the safest. He said that their "primary focus remains on the safety and well-being of passengers".

This latest recognition adds to Air New Zealand's already impressive track record. Previously, the same website declared Air New Zealand as the world's best airline.

NEWS ARTICLE CHECKLIST

- The Headline
- The Lead
- The Body
- Third person language
- Background information
- Quote
- Past Tense

WRITE A NEWS ARTICLE

Choose a school event or something that has happened in New Zealand and write a newspaper article.

Remember to use the writing features you have learnt about.

If you would like your article published, then send a copy of the article to

editor@kiwikidsnews.co.nz and you might find it in our Student Article section.

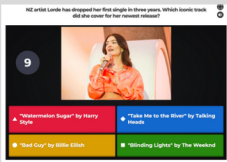


WEEK 4 LITERACY TASKS

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Your task is to read 2 articles from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Write the headlines of these articles in the boxes below.

NATIONAL	1
	2
WORLD	1
	2
SPORT	1
	2
ODD STUFF	1
	2



WEEK 4 NEWS QUIZ

SCORE

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FEATURE ARTICLE – Air Pollution

Your task is to read the article on air pollution and then complete the questions that are below the article. Use the boxes below to record your answers and remember to answer these questions with full sentences.

TITLE	
Comprehension Question 1	
Comprehension Question 2	
Comprehension Question 3	
Comprehension Question 4	

SPELLING SLUTH

In this task, you must find and correct eight spelling errors in the news article that was written at the end of 2024. After finding each error, write the misspelt word and its correct spelling in the box at the bottom of the page.

New Zealand's Top Tunes and Podcasts in 2024!



Spotify Wrapped is here! It's that fun time of year when we get to see all the music and podcasts we couldn't stop listening to in 2024. And guess what? Taylor Swift is still the quene of our playlists! Her album The Tortured Poets Department: The Anthology was the most-streamed album in New Zealand.

Other superstars like Billie Eilish and Sabrina Carpenter were also big hits this year. Meanwhile, Benson Boone's catchy song Beautiful Things was New Zealand's most streamed trak, proving he's a rising star around the world.

For homegrown music, SIX60 stayed on top as New Zealand's favorite locel artist, with L.A.B and Stan Walker right behind them.

When it comes to podcasts, The Joe Rogan Experiance was the most-listened-to podcast in both New Zealand and around the globe. Over in audiobooks, Prince Harry's Spare was the top pick, followed by Colleen Hoover's It Ends with Us and J.R.R. Tolkien's classic The Fellowship of the Ring. Local audiobooks like Jared Savage's Gangland and Scotty Morrison's Māori Made Easy were also big hitti.

So why is Spotify Wrapped such a hit? Dr. Jesse Austin-Stewart, a music expert, says it's because it's fun and easy to share. It lets us see what our year sounded like and gives us something cool to talk about with frends!

What's on your 2024 Spotify Wrapped? 🎵

ERROR	CORRECT SPELLING	ERROR	CORRECT SPELLING

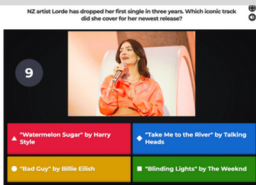


WEEK 5 LITERACY TASKS

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Your task is to rank the TOP10 news articles on Kiwi Kids News this week. In the box write the headline of the article and brief description of what it was about.

Number 1	
Number 2	
Number 3	
Number 4	
Number 5	
Number 6	
Number 7	
Number 8	
Number 9	
Number 10	



WEEK 5 NEWS QUIZ

Complete the Kiwi Kids News Weekly Quiz.
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SCORE

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Write down two interesting facts you found from reading the Kiwi Kids News website this week.



FEATURE ARTICLE - Deforestation



Picture this: You are walking through a green forest, surrounded by trees which tower above up into the canopy. Leaves are crunching under your feet, piwakawaka are singing their song, and there is not a cloud in sight. Now imagine all of that gone: empty fields with an array of tree stumps poking out is all that you can see, animals vanished, and the air does not feel so clean now.

This is what is happening in our world right now. It's called deforestation, and it's one of the biggest challenges our planet is facing. In this article, we are going to be continuing our topic of 'The big issues' and seeing what Deforestation is, why it's a problem, and what we can do to help.

Firstly, what is deforestation? Deforestation the purposeful cutting down, burning, or clearing of forested land. People cut down forests to make space for farms and buildings, for certain foods such as palm oil, and for timber.

Every minute forests the size of several football fields are being cut down. That's not just bad news for the trees—it's bad news for all of us. Forests aren't just homes for animals or places to visit. They're like the Earth's lungs, helping us breathe and storing carbon dioxide.

You might be wondering, why is deforestation such a big deal? Deforestation affects the climate, animals, people, and it even impacts global issues. Firstly, there's the climate. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, making the air clean and breathable. Then there are the animals. Forests are home to millions of species, and when forests disappear, these creatures lose their homes and often can't survive elsewhere.

Deforestation doesn't just hurt animals—it also affects people. There are groups of people who have lived in forests for generations, relying on them for food, water, and medicine. When their forests are destroyed, their way of life is threatened. And finally, the global impact. Deforestation contributes to soil erosion, where rich, fertile land becomes useless for farming. It also makes flooding worse because trees help soak up rainwater.

To put a stop to deforestation, there are a few things that we can change in our everyday life. We can help by using less paper and wood, recycling, and choosing products made from sustainable materials. Supporting companies that protect forests or use eco-friendly practices also makes a difference. Planting trees is a great way to replace what's been lost, and donating to or volunteering with organisations that fight deforestation can help your impact.

Deforestation is a big problem, but we can all help solve it. By recycling, planting trees, and choosing sustainable products, we can protect forests and the animals and people who depend on them. Every small action adds up, and together, we can make a difference for our planet's future.

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is deforestation?
2. Why is deforestation considered bad for the environment?
3. How does deforestation impact animals and people?
4. What can be done to help stop deforestation?
5. Why are forests often referred to as the Earth's lungs?



WEEK 6 LITERACY TASKS



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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

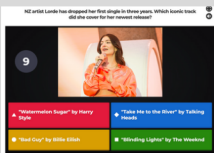
Your task is to read an article from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Place the headline of the article you read in the space below.

NATIONAL -

WORLD -

SPORT -

ODD STUFF -



WEEK 6 NEWS QUIZ

Complete the Kiwi Kids News Weekly Quiz.
You can find this on the website on Friday morning.

SCORE

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WRITE A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Choose a school event or something that has happened in New Zealand and write a newspaper article. Remember to look back at pages 7 and 8 to remind yourself the key aspects of a news article.



WEEK 6 FEATURE ARTICLE

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This week's Feature Article is about refugees.

Read the article on the Kiwi Kids News Website and then complete the following activities.

SHORT OVERVIEW – Write a sentence explaining what this Feature Article was about.

VOCABULARY - Find three words from the article that you are unsure of their meaning. Place it in the first box and then then put the dictionary definition in the box beside it.

COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES – Complete the following comprehension questions that come with this article.

Question 1 : _____

Question 2 : _____

Question 3 : _____

Question 4 : _____



WEEK 7 LITERACY TASKS



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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

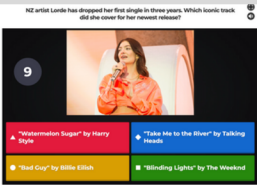
Your task is to read an article from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Place the headline of the article you read in the space below.

NATIONAL -

WORLD -

SPORT -

ODD STUFF -



WEEK 7 NEWS QUIZ

Complete the Kiwi Kids News Weekly Quiz.
You can find this on the website on Friday morning.

SCORE

/10

WEEK 7 FEATURE ARTICLE - WORD CHALLENGE

Read the Feature Article on the Kiwi Kids News website from this week. Your task is to find as many words as possible that have the suffix 'able'.

'able' word	What article did I find this word in?	What does the word mean?



WEEK 8 LITERACY TASKS



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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

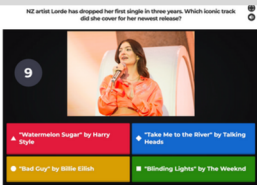
Your task is to read an article from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Place the headline of the article you read in the space below.

NATIONAL -

WORLD -

SPORT -

ODD STUFF -



WEEK 8 NEWS QUIZ

SCORE

Complete the Kiwi Kids News Weekly Quiz.
You can find this on the website on Friday morning.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD

Where in the world did our news come from? On the left-hand side, list 8 countries, cities, or places where our world or odd stuff news came from this week. Place a dot on the world map to show where this is.

Country/City/ Place





FEATURE ARTICLE REVIEW

Read this week's Feature Article on overpopulation. Then write a review of the article by completing the boxes below.

Headline

Summary

Your Opinion

What do you think about this article and what will happen in the future?

Rate this Article



VOCABULARY

Find 4 new words and put them in the left-hand column below. Then find the dictionary definition for each word and put it in the right-hand column.



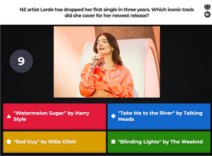
WEEK 9 and 10 LITERACY TASKS



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Your task is to read an article from each of the main sections from the Kiwi Kids News website. Place the headline of the 2 articles you read in the space below.

NATIONAL	1.
	2.
WORLD	1.
	2.
SPORT	1.
	2.
ODD STUFF	1.
	2.



END of TERM SUPER QUIZ

Complete the Kiwi Kids News Weekly Quiz.
You can find this on the website on Friday morning.

SCORE

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VOCABULARY BUILDER

Below are 2 word grids. To the right of each grid make as many 4, 5, and 6 letter words as possible.

G	M	O
S	T	A
P	I	W

A	S	E
V	U	T
B	I	C

1 Find an article about Australia.	2 Find an article with 6 words in the title.	3 Find an article with a letter d in the title.	4 Name someone who has broken a Guinness World record.
5 Find a silly odd stuff article about an animal.	6 Find a silly odd stuff article. Who was the person involved?	7 Find an article about our Prime Minister - Chris Luxon.	8 Find an article about a kind of food that you love.
9 Find your favourite Kiwi Kids News article.	10 Find an article about a health issue.	11 Find an article about an area of NZ that you have travelled to.	12 Find an article about a political person in New Zealand.
13 Find an article which features a Black Cap.	14 Find world article about a place that you would like to visit.	15 Find your favourite with an amazing image.	16 Find a music-based article and rewrite the headline.

KIWI KIDS NEWS BINGO

Get ready to explore the Kiwi Kids News website and become a news detective! Your goal is to find the answers to the clues below by searching through different sections of the website. Once you find the answer, mark the box with an "X" and then write the article headline in the box below. Can you complete the entire bingo card?

ANSWERS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

ANSWERS

- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.