

# A newspaper article

- Read the newspaper article.
- Write the correct labels from the newspaper checklist in the boxes.

## Newspaper checklist

- Headline
- Sentence to introduce the story
- Paragraph to explain the story in more detail
- Simple description
- Subheading
- Direct speech
- Reported speech
- Photograph

## PARTY BAN FOR TRAINING SHOES GIRL

Schoolgirl Tracy Smith was banned from her school disco because she was wearing training shoes.

Tracy, a Year 4 pupil at the local school, had taken her black shoes to be mended that day. 'All I had to wear was my trainers,' she said. She was not wearing proper school uniform so she was banned from the party.

While her classmates were enjoying themselves in the school hall, Tracy was left alone, crying in the playground.

Her mother, blonde 32 year-old scientist Maxine Smith from Jones Lane, Enfield, was very angry. 'This is the meanest trick ever played on a child,' she told us yesterday.

'My daughter was heartbroken. She came home and sobbed all night. She even left her chips on the plate.'

### Unfair

Mrs Smith told us that she had gone to the school when her daughter phoned her. She tried to see the headteacher but she was dancing in the hall.

'I saw other children there wearing brown shoes, and the headteacher was wearing silver dancing shoes. It's not fair,' Mrs Smith shouted.



- Write a brief newspaper article using the same features. Use this headline: **SCHOOL CLOSED BY STRIKE**

**Teachers' note** This activity links with sentence-level work on the use of direct and reported speech. Model with the children what makes a newspaper article different from other texts in layout and language. Discuss the reasons for this. Children should realise that different kinds of newspaper articles may have different purposes, for example, some may argue a case, some may give facts.

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