

LO: To innovate a newspaper report using your box up and toolbox

The last few weeks we have learnt all about the Twin Towers, Philippe's daring feat, grammar for parenthesis, reporting clauses, and direct and reported speech. You have also boxed up a newspaper report and identified a newspaper report toolbox.

Now you will put all these together to write your newspaper report about what happened that day at the Twin Towers. Today you will write an introduction and a commentary of the main events,

Make sure that you use the **model example**, your **box it up** and **toolbox**. Keep checking them to help.

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Brilliant Bolt Grabs Gold Again!

Jamaican Sprinter Takes London by Storm Winning Three Olympic Gold Medals

Exclusive Report by John Stevenson

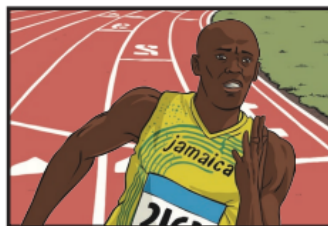
Usain Bolt reaffirmed his title as the World's Fastest Man by achieving a marvellous third gold medal of the games this week. In front of a deafening capacity crowd in London's Olympic Stadium, the 25-year-old world record holder completed a remarkable set of victories to establish himself as one of the greatest sprinters of all time.

Following earlier victories in both the 100m and 200m individual sprint, Bolt inspired his Jamaica team-mates to a third triumph in the 4x100m relay. The three gold medals are added to his personal collection alongside similar achievements in the corresponding individual events of Beijing in 2008.

Afterwards, the reigning 100m and 200m world champion was understandably buoyant in his celebrations.

"It's a brilliant feeling. It's been a long road. I'm happy, but I'm relieved. It's great to be in the history books as one of the greatest. I'm proud of myself," he told reporters.

Although other athletes have won more medals than Bolt, including American sprinter Carl Lewis who was commentating for a television network, no-one else can match the explosive power and unrivalled pace exhibited by Bolt.



Usain Bolt: winner of three Olympic gold medals in London

The sprinter's Jamaican team-mates were equally jubilant following their relay victory, describing it as a momentous day in Athletics history. Even the American team, who were disqualified from the relay following a disastrous illegal baton handover, were gracious in defeat. Admitting disappointment at missing out on a team medal, Justin Gatlin promised supporters that the team had given it all they could and refused to criticise the officials' decision, but did apologise to the US fans.

Now thinking ahead to his future and the potential of bringing down the curtain on a glittering Athletics career, Bolt confirmed that he intends to compete in 2016 but retire before the next Olympic Games in 2020. Instead, he will focus on charity work, a likely ambassador role in the sport or could even consider a dramatic switch to another sport such as football. As the crowds filtered out of the magnificent stadium, the talk was all about just one man - the incredible Usain Bolt, who is surely already an Olympic legend.

Structure	My text ideas:
Introductory paragraph (5Ws)	Early this morning - a man - <u>Philippe</u> Petit - attempted a daring feat - walked on a tightrope - Twin Towers - north and south - 110 stories up. In front of hundreds of shocked bystanders - completed the daring feat - nearly one hour - without any safety net.
Commentary of main events	Under the cover of darkness - dressed as construction workers - <u>Phillipe</u> and friends broke into the WTC - Used a 440 tonne steel rope - Draped the rope between the two towers - When morning broke - Philippe walked out - only had balancing pole - walked and danced with the bird - police alerted - a large number of police gathered over at the top - activity is illegal - tried to get him to come off - ignored - walked - danced - lay down - after nearly an hour - walked off with hand out to be arrested.

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Which of the toolbox have been used in the first two sections?

Early this morning in the financial district of New York, Philippe Petit (a street performer) attempted the daring - but illegal - feat of walking between the Twin Towers on a tightrope. One hundred and ten stories above hundreds of shocked bystanders, he completed the high risk stunt for over one hour without a safety net.

Under the cover of darkness, Philippe and some unknown friends had broken into the World Trade Centre (WTC). It is thought that they were dressed as construction workers to avoid detection. Once at the top, they draped a 440 tonne steel rope between the two towers (North and South). When morning broke, the street performer - who only had a balancing rope and no safety net - walked out onto the rope. Police arrived at the scene once he had been spotted but were unable to talk him off the rope immediately. It is reported that he continued to walk, dance and even lie down whilst police tried to persuade him to come to the safety of the tower top. After about an hour, the contented showman walked off with his hands out ready to be arrested.

Self-assessment

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Underline

- the 5Ws in the first section
- two linking words between sentences or paragraphs
- a relative clause beginning with a pronoun
- parenthesis for extra information
- a use of the 1st person past tense