

**Learning intentions: Develop reading strategies for understanding informative texts + Be able to write an informative news article.**

*Write the following in your exercise books*

**Write a heading: Weird Wilbur**

1. Write a one-sentence summary of the article
2. Write down the two examples of alliteration in the article. Alliteration is when there are two or more words near each other, starting with the same sound. Alliteration creates a rhythm and a light-hearted tone.
3. What things can you tell about Aydan from the picture?
4. From the article find synonyms for:
   1. Danger
   2. Start
   3. Rescue
   4. Lately
   5. Mixes

Synonyms are words with similar meaning. Eg large + big are synonyms

1. How many books has Aydan published?
2. How long did it take for him to write the last one?
3. Does Aydan prefer reading to playing sports?

**ACTIVITY**

1. Brainstorm 3 to 4 of your achievements in the last year. Choose one to be interviewed about. Eg practised really hard for a test and got a better result. Got into the local footy semi or Grand Final. Achieved the next level karate or Grade on a musical instrument.
2. Now write down 5 to 7 questions to ask someone else in the class about their achievement. Eg “How long did it take to achieve this?” “How did it feel when you finally achieved it? Who helped you? Who was your inspiration?
3. Now interview someone else in the class about their achievement. If they give you a short answer, then say “Tell me more about that” to get as much information as you can.
4. Write down their answers carefully and use your notes to write an article about them and their achievement. Article Templates can be found online, or in Resources – Miss Sky – Year 7 English folder
5. Try to get alliteration into your headline. Aim to include a photo – get one online if the person does not wish to have their photo used.

**Success Criteria:**

* Correct structure: catchy headline, lead paragraph (using most of the 5 Ws) followed by supporting paragraphs, byline (journalist’s name – that’s you!)
* Write in the style of a news article (eg use a matter of fact style, identify the people mentioned in the article clearly, use at least 2 quotes)
* Aim for accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar
* Presentation in the format of a news article (eg rectangular shape – photo, headline, justified columns,)