

Y4 Example Text Recounts: Newspaper Report Annotated Genre Features

All Text: written in third person and past tense

Hillside Observer

6th August

¹ name of the newspaper

Peaches and Scream!

² headline

Reported by Harriet Sayers, Media Correspondent, Manchester

³ reporter's name and job title

⁴ introductory paragraph that includes the 5 Ws

There were scenes of panic this morning as the famous giant peach at Hilltop House broke off its branch and flattened two sisters dead. The massive fruit then continued on a journey of destruction through the town before finally falling off a cliff into the sea.³



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⁵ pictures with captions

Popped off by a peach - sisters Sponge and Spiker.

⁶ facts about the main events

The unfortunate event began just after 9 a.m. this morning⁵ as sisters Sponge and Spiker were preparing to admit the first visitors of the day to see the twenty-foot-wide peach. The freakish fruit had mysteriously grown overnight in their garden a few days earlier.

A tremendous crash was heard as the peach broke through the fence and careered into Sponge and Spiker.⁵ The sisters were still reported to have been fighting and arguing as they frantically tried to dodge their fate.

Picking up speed, the fiendish peach hurtled down the

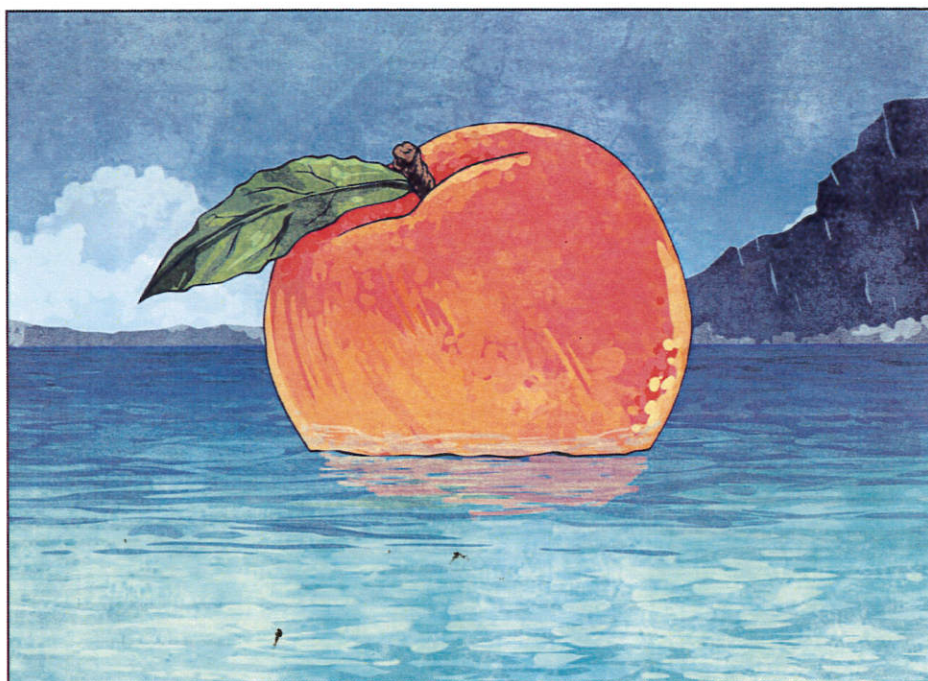
hillside towards the town.⁵ Arthur Brown, 74, was enjoying a spot of fishing when the uncontrollable fruit whizzed by. He was quoted as saying, "One minute I was sat by the river minding my own business and the next my new fishing rod was whisked out of my hands by a gigantic ball of fuzz. It was a very abnormal experience."⁶

Within half an hour, the naughty peach had squashed two parked cars, released a river of chocolate from a local factory and damaged hundreds of gardens before it bounced over the clifftop and splashed into the English Channel.⁵

⁷ quotes written as direct speech

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The peach at sea.

⁶ facts about the main events

Amazingly, nobody else lost their lives during the perilous incident and the death of the unpopular sisters from Hilltop House is unlikely to cause anyone much distress. However, police are concerned for the safety of the sisters' nephew.⁵ James Trotter has not been seen since Tuesday. The public are urged to report any sightings of him immediately.

It is thought that the peach will gradually perish in the saltwater or be eaten by

hungry sea creatures and it no longer poses a threat to human life.⁵ However, sailors are advised to avoid the area for the time being as a precaution.

Fruit tree experts are currently studying the old peach tree to work out how it produced the peculiar fruit. The tree will be relocated in the town square on Friday and a prayer service will be held at 11 a.m. in remembrance of the late sisters.⁷

⁸ a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next