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Use this worksheet to help you plan and write a news article.

Headline

Begin by writing a simple statement.

New Satellite Launched into Space

After you have written the rest of your article, return to the headline and aim to improve it by:

- a sharper focus on the content of the article
- more accurate vocabulary – use words with more connotations or multivalence

Checkpoint Space Agency lead the way in mining satellite technology

Hook or Key Sentence

Tell the whole story as briefly as possible.

Include the 5 Ws: who, what, where, when, why

Last Wednesday, the Checkpoint Space Agency launched its latest satellite from the Space Centre in Aberllefenni in a bid to survey mining opportunities within our solar system.

Copy: 2 - 3 paragraphs

Develop the detail of the story. Include names, facts etc. but avoid bias.

The Gasparis Satellite, named after the astronomer who discovered the metal asteroid Psyche in 1852, carries the latest in digital scanning equipment and has taken over ten years to develop. Once in orbit around its target planet B 612, its long-range scanners can locate valuable mineral deposits hundreds of metres below the surface.

Ask your teacher if you need more paper. Don't forget to check SPaG.