

Your task

For your last task of this half term, you will need to write a newspaper report on the construction of the HS2 and its effects on the countryside, using the research you have done.

On the next page is an example that I have written. Have a look at the list of things to remember and see if you can find them in my example, underlining them with a ruler.

Things to remember:

- **Headline** – choose punchy words to draw the reader in.
- **Lead sentence** – Include as many of the 5 'w's as you can (who, what, where, when, why) to tell the reader what the article is about and get them interested in the article.
- **Paragraphs** - Put each new point in a different paragraph.
- **Use facts.**

Challenge: add an eye witness statement, with the correct speech punctuation.

open speech marks

close speech marks

what is said

punctuation

speech tag

who said it

how he/she said it

FULL STOP

As well as this check list, you also have the word bank from Wednesday. You can use the sentences you wrote in your last piece of work too!

Deforestation and

Friday 22nd May 2020

Ancient woodlands across the country to be destroyed by the building of a high-speed train line.

The government have laid out their plans for a high-speed railway that will join the main cities of England. The network, named HS2, will start from London Euston and, at first, will join with Birmingham. It is said the second part of the train line will continue the connection on to Manchester and Leeds. Many people have shown great interest in this building plan as it will make journey times considerably shorter. 'I am so pleased that I will be able to spend more time with my family as my journey home will be much shorter,' one city worker told us. Another reason people are pleased with the plan is that trains will be able to carry goods across the country, so there will be many fewer lorries on the roads.

This is not the opinion of everyone. Many people have protested against this catastrophic build because it will destroy many green areas along



Woodland destruction in Ruislip, north west London.

the way. It is reported that 63 ancient woodlands will be destroyed or damaged, with many more along the way being disrupted. 'Many of these woodlands are hundreds of years old and planting new trees just won't be the same!' shrieked an angry protester. She told us that her grandfather walked in these woods with his father and she, like many others in the area, is worried her memories would be destroyed with the forest.

Chris Packam, a TV naturalist and animal lover, is incredibly concerned for the safety of many different British animals. He passionately told us, 'The destruction of their habitat will leave them without a home or a future.'

We can only wait to see the effects of the government's plan.

