



Analysing Sports Writing

1. Write down the name of your paper and the date of publication..

2. Source a piece of sports writing in your paper.

3. Identify whether it is a match report, interview or sports feature article.

4. Write down the **headline/ sub head and byline (if they are all there)**

Headline: _____

Sub Head: _____

Byline: _____

Match Report: (not all the prompts will suit your article) :

• Select words and phrases the writer used to 'set the scene' for the match? (where the game was being played, significance of the game, key players named etc.)?

• How well did the writer capture the action in the match described? (note phrases or words that helped you understand the sequence of events or the build-up in tension.)

• What kind of factual details were included in the match report?



Interview:

- Select words and phrases the writer used to 'set the scene' for the interview? (where the interview was taking place and when, how they introduce to the person they are interviewing, key information on the person given etc.)

- What questions asked by the interviewer did you think were particularly good?

- Were there any questions you'd take out of the interview or were there any that you'd like to add in?

- What was the most interesting thing you learned about the person from this interview?

In pairs or small groups decide the following:

- Which match report/ interview/ or article did you prefer?



- Compare the way the pieces of sports writing were similar using the points you made when analysing the pieces earlier..

- Which would be the preference in the group; match reports, interviews or in-depth articles on a sports topic? Why do you think this is the preferred one??

- To what extent did photos and layout add to or take from the appeal of the pieces of sports writing you looked at? Explain your answer.?
