The Structure and Language of News Stories

Structure

- The most common structure of news stories is inverted pyramid in which information is presented in descending order of importance.

Lead- Most important information, who what when where why how

Body- elaboration background facts quotes

Least important information

Components of News Stories

1. Headline
2. Byline
3. Date line
4. Credit line
5. Lead
6. Body

1. Headline : title of a news story, appears at the top in bold and large letters, it is catchy

2. Byline: the name of the reporter or correspondent

3. Dateline: the place and the date of news story, Example Kathmandu, December 5

4. Credit line: source , news supplier, news agency, example Delhi, August 5, (PTI)

5. Lead or Intro: the first para, acts as the leader, 5 Ws and 1 H

6. Body: the rest of the news story or the remainder of the news story