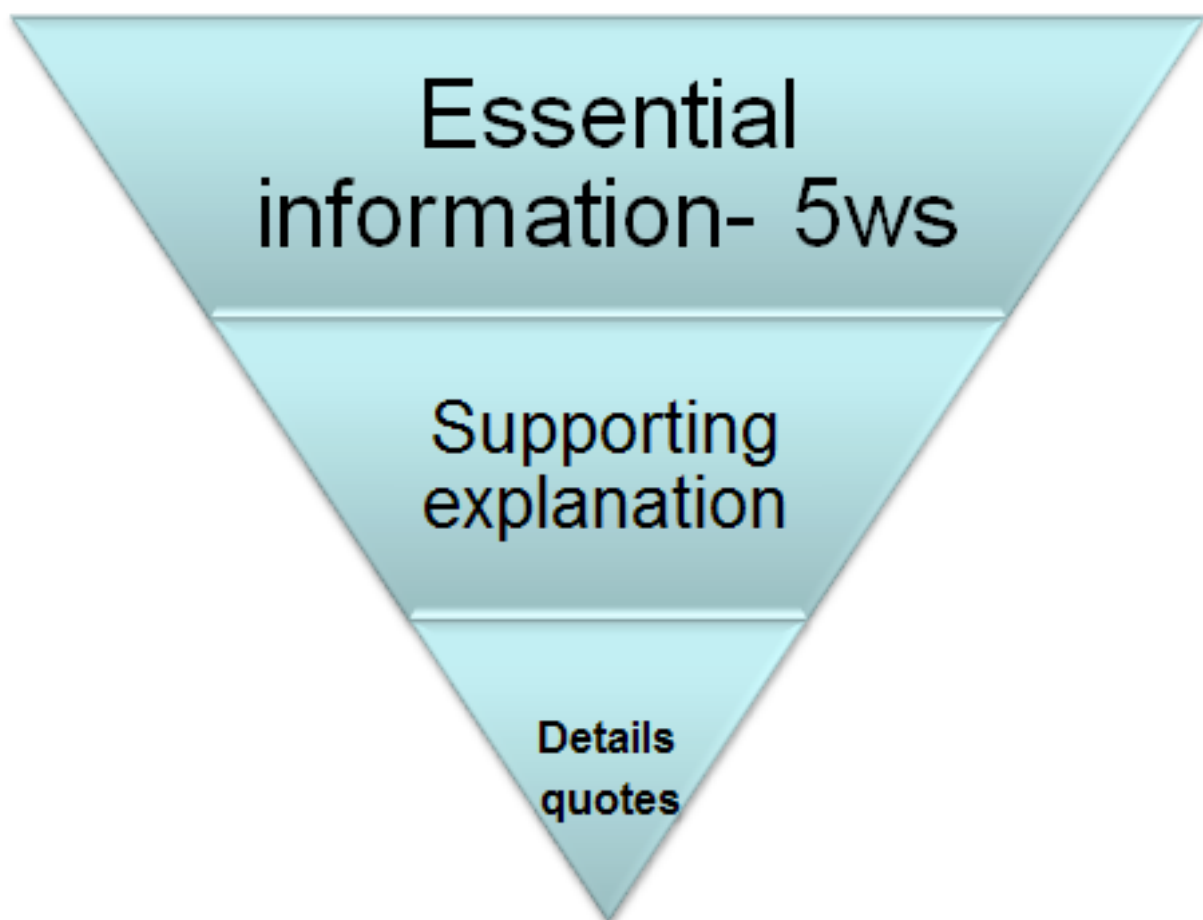




## News story structure

A news story needs to communicate the key elements of a story concisely and typically address the 5Ws: Who? What? Where? When? Why?

The structure tends to form an inverted pyramid with the most important elements at the top and the further details and quotes towards the end.





### Here's an example

It has prompted nightmares for teenagers across the world – even though many of us knew this day would come eventually. Zayn Malik has confirmed he will be the first member to leave [One Direction](#) after five years with the band, citing a desire “to be a normal 22-year-old who is able to relax and have some private time”. In a heartfelt statement apologising to his millions of fans around the world, Malik said he was doing “what feels right in my heart”.

“My life with One Direction has been more than I could ever have imagined. But, after five years, I feel like it is now the right time for me to leave the band. I’d like to apologise to the fans if I’ve let anyone down, but I have to do what feels right in my heart.

“I am leaving because I want to be a normal 22-year-old who is able to relax and have some private time out of the spotlight.

“I know I have four friends for life in Louis, Liam, Harry and Niall. I know they will continue to be the best band in the world.

Fans first feared [Malik might leave the pop group](#) last week after a spokesperson said he was signed off the tour in Asia owing to “stress”. It followed a week in which Malik was forced to publicly apologise to his fiancée – [Little Mix](#)’s Perrie Edwards – after he was pictured holding hands with another woman while in Thailand.

### Task

Choose a newspaper article and highlight the main ingredients of the 5ws.

Now highlight the key sections: *further information* and *the quotes*.