

Web-based writing tools—Upper-Intermediate

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

A **writing tool** allows you to create written projects and share them easily with others on the web. These writing tools can help you to organize your thoughts and ideas. Writing tools help you to create texts that look like original material, for example newspaper articles, postcards, letters, diary entries, and some of them allow you to add photos and images to your work to make it more interesting and realistic.

1. By using a writing tool, what types of original material can you make your text look like?
2. Have you ever used a writing tool? Which one did you use?

Let's analyse

A Look at the two examples of written texts. Answer the questions in groups.

A

The News

Monday 30th May

Exhausted walkers found

Yesterday, after search and rescue workers had given up on their search to find four walkers missing in the Lake District, the men were found by another walker. The men were exhausted and starving, but by the time the paramedics arrived, the other walker, Mr Scott, had given them food and drink. Mr Scott said, 'I had seen the story on the news before I climbed the mountain, but I never thought I'd find them!' By the time Mr Scott found the survivors, they had already been on the mountain for two days and

nights. One of the men said, 'It was a terrifying experience. At first, we weren't worried because we thought someone would find us. But the first night was freezing, and we started to feel really hungry after that. We thought we were going to die, but eventually Mr Scott found us.'

The four men are recovering in hospital at the moment, and are delighted to have survived what was a truly terrifying experience in the mountains.

B

Dear Diary, 13th March
Today, I went on a fascinating course about survival skills as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award. We imagined we were going on a walk in the Scottish highlands for two days and we thought about which objects we would need the most. After we had done that, we chose the food and drink we wanted to

take. I had thought that having lots of food would be useful, but then I realized that it would be very heavy to carry. I think the most important objects are the first aid kit and map, and basic food supplies, too. Oh, and my mobile phone to call the paramedics!

1. What type of writing tool is text A an example of? What does the headline tell you?
2. Find five extreme adjectives in text A.
3. What is text B about? What type of writing tool is text B an example of?
4. What other elements could the writer use in texts A and B?
5. Is the date in texts A and B important? Why?

GLOSSARY

Headline: the title of a newspaper article, usually in larger letters than the rest of the article.

Let's do it!

Step 1 First, decide which type of text you would like to create. Here are some ideas:

- a postcard about an extreme stunt.
- a newspaper article about an exciting discovery.
- a letter about a survival story.

Organize your ideas before going online.

Step 2 Go online and search for an appropriate writing tool.

Step 3 Write your text. Include the date and photos or pictures.

Step 4 Once you have finished, share the link to your text with your teacher and classmates.