

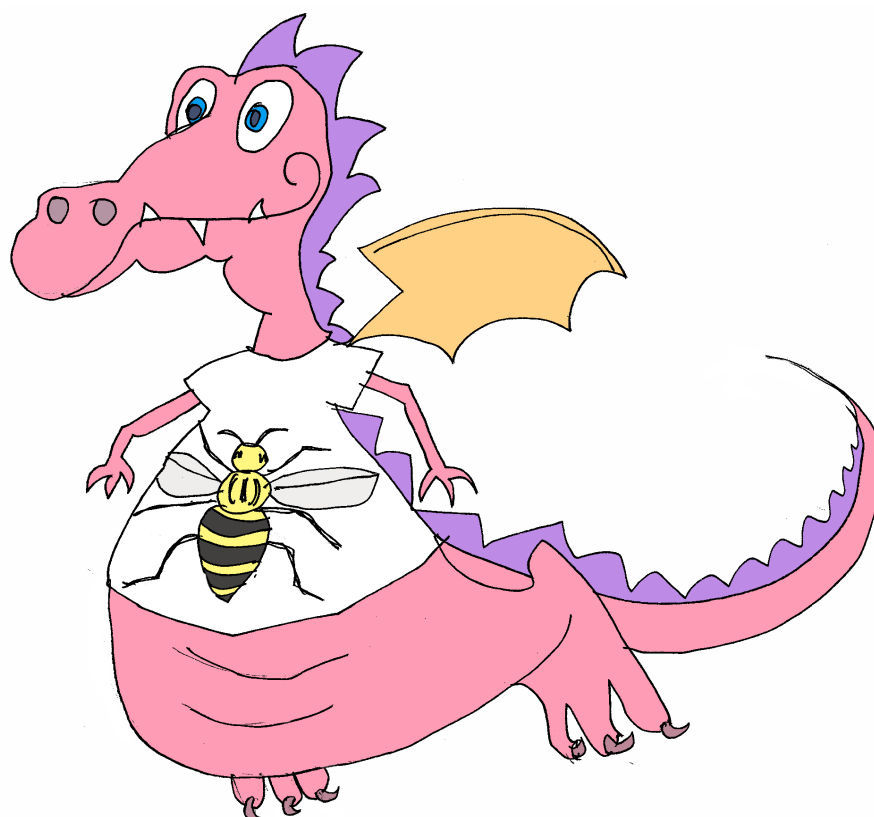
Activity 1: write a 'news break'

Have a read below and listen to me read the text aloud here:

<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/newsbreak/s-5cybdYhKhMB>

News break - Dragon spotted!

We are interrupting this programme to announce that dragons have been sighted over Salford. At lunchtime, police were disturbed to see an adult Manchester Ridgeback Dragon



swooping over the city. Local residents have been warned to keep away from windows as these venomous pests have been known to smash windows when hungry. Residents have recently claimed that baby dragons have been seen breaking out of their shells. "We found a nest of baby dragons chewing on a black bin of rubbish," one resident claimed.

The council is concerned that this could lead to dragon infestation. Further updates in the six o'clock news.

As a member of the local Dragon Watch, you have been asked to write a newsbreak about what has happened locally. Use the structure from the text above to help you:

Structure	Model text	Your ideas
Introductory sentence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when did it happen? - what happened? - where did it happen? 	<p>We are interrupting this programme to announce that Dragons have been sighted over Salford.</p>	
More information - add detail	<p>At lunchtime, police were disturbed to see an adult Manchester Ridgeback Dragon swooping over the city.</p>	
Human interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reactions - what people have seen 	<p>Local residents have been warned to keep away from windows as these venomous pests have been known to smash windows when hungry. Residents have recently claimed that baby dragons have been seen breaking out of their shells.</p>	
Quote	<p>"We found a nest of baby dragons chewing on a black bin of rubbish," one resident claimed.</p>	
Reaction of those in charge	<p>The council is concerned that this could lead to dragon infestation.</p>	
When will we hear more?	<p>Further updates in the six o'clock news.</p>	

Rehearse the basic structures and grammar before writing:

This morning/afternoon/ evening ...

A report has come in from ...

A dragon has been ...

There have been reports of ...

A dragon has been ...

Residents described ...

Residents saw/heard/noticed ...

One resident said that ...

The police are ...

This example was written by Finlay from Southdale CofE Primary Academy and posted on Radioblogging.net.

Breaking News - Dragons have been spotted in Wakefield

This is the 6 o'clock news. The main headline today is that astonishingly dragons have been sighted in Wakefield!

There have been reports that they are burning dustbins with their ferocious flames. Residents have described them as "overgrown lizards with wings." One farmer said it had "burnt all his crops!"

The police are asking anyone who has seen these terrifying yet magnificent creatures to get in touch with them immediately.

The fire brigade say that they don't feel they have enough fire-fighters to put these fires out. "We are sad to report we have yet to contain the fires of Wakefield Cathedral."

Tune in later for further updates.