

Leonardo Da Vinci



"Learn how to see.

Realize that everything

Connects to everything else."

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NAME:

Imagine these are some notes found in Leonardo's notebook. They are about the parachute he invented. You are a journalist who is going to write an article for a newspaper about Leonardo's invention. Read these notes and plan your article.

My Parachute

13th January 1483

I have designed a new invention. This time it will work. It will not be like the other flying inventions that were so difficult to build and didn't work at all.

The wings for a man that I built didn't work. They were far too heavy and I was not strong enough to lift them off the ground and keep them in the air. But my new invention will be perfect.

I will make a model before I build the real one. I will call it a parachute and it will allow men to fly off from any hill in Florence. They will land smoothly and without suffering any injury.

To make my model I will use simple materials. I think I will only need some light material like a large square of silk, a pair of scissors and some string. But I will also need a small object to act as a weight. Oh, yes, that tiny marble angel I made yesterday will do.

First I will cut out a large square of silk. The edges should be trimmed so that it is an octagon (eight sided shape). If I cut a small hole near the edge of each side, I will be able to pass eight pieces of string, that are of equal length, through each of the holes. Then they will be firmly attached to each of these holes.

I will finally tie my little angel to the eight pieces of string and it will hopefully work.

14th January 1483

I tried my parachute yesterday. It was amazing. I was a little afraid when I let it go. It was a lovely morning and there was no wind. My parachute descended slowly and gracefully to the ground and my angel landed safely.

I am now ready to build the real one. I am going to make it with linen and a wooden frame. I hope it will work like the model.

PLAN YOUR ARTICLE

Your article will be in a newspaper from Leonardo's time. Think of a name for the newspaper. Remember Leonardo lived in Florence for a long time. So, you might want to include Florence as part of the name of the newspaper or if you like you can give it a different name. You will also need to write the date.

These are some examples of some names of newspapers: *The Daily Mail, The Sun, The Mirror, The Herald Tribune, The Times, The New York Times, Manchester Evening News...*

Name of newspaper

Now you will need to think about a **headline**. A headline has to be catchy. It interests the reader and encourages people to read the article giving the reader some idea of the contents. Sometimes alliteration (repetition of first letters) is used. For example: *Sending up the Stars and Stripes*. You can also use rhyme: *Green Queen Glass with Class*.

Use a verb in the present tense and at least one powerful adjective.

Examples of headlines: *Schoolboy sleeps in Palace, Hero girl stops robbery, Hot weather brings sharks to Britain, Kids make delicious dinners, The child who wins the hearts of all.*

Your headline should be about Leonardo's invention (the parachute) and its importance.

Ideas for my headline : _____

Opening paragraph: It introduces the story. It is one or two sentences in which you explain WHO, WHERE, WHAT and WHEN (and sometimes HOW, WHICH, WHY)

Example:(**WHO**) Isabel Lord, a student at Chippenham School, (**WHAT**) has made a new school record. She scored ten goals for her school football team (**WHERE**) in a match at Brighton (**WHEN**) last Saturday.

This is a short paragraph that should summarise the main points of the story: who made the invention, where , when, what the invention is. Use the present perfect for the first sentence and the past tense for the rest of the paragraph. (as in the example).

Ideas for my opening paragraph: _____

Main body text: Written in the past tense. Use clear sentences and paragraphs. Make sure it is in chronological order and that you add specific information. Here you will need to write a recount based on Leonardo's notebook entry (but with verbs in the past). Use connectives (first, afterwards, just then, next, after that, finally) and don't forget to include:

- What the purpose of the invention was.
- Why his previous invention didn't work.
- How he made his model.
- If he tried the model and if it worked.
- How he is planning to build the real one. Here you will need to use "going to" to explain that he is going to build a real one.

Ideas for my main body text:

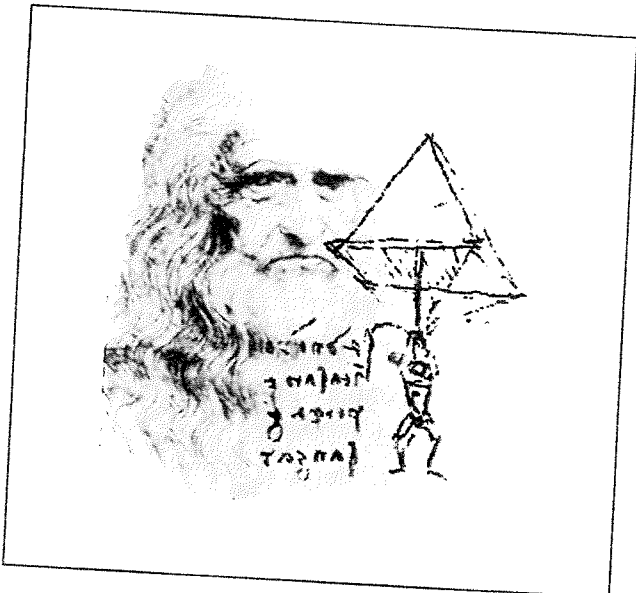
Conclusion: Write three or four lines about what is your point of view about Leonardo's new invention. Use " will" (e.g "will allow") or "might" (e.g might change the lives of) to explain the impact and the importance of this invention for future generations.

Ideas for my conclusion: _____

Photo and caption : A caption is like a label for a photo. It is in the present simple and identifies the main people and objects in the photo. It can give some extra information we cannot see in the photo. Write a caption for the picture of Leonardo and his invention .

Ideas for my caption: _____

Date _____ YOUR DAILY FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER _____



Now that you have finished use the checklist on the following page to make sure that you have met the criteria for the features of a newspaper article. After going through it, read your article again and make any change that you think could improve your piece of writing.

CHECKLIST:

	yes/not sure/no
I have written a title for the newspaper in big writing.	
I have included all the ideas in the planning sheet.	
I have written a headline that is catchy and it gives an idea about the content.	
I have explained WHO, WHAT, WHERE and WHEN in my opening paragraph and used the suggested past tenses.	
I have used the past tense in the main body except when I explained what Leonardo would build next.	
I have used the verbs from Leonardo's notebook and included my own.	
I have used time connectives in the main body to write a recount about the parachute model.	
I have written the main body in chronological order and punctuated correctly.	
I have written a conclusion to explain the importance of the invention for the future using "will" and/or "might".	
I have written a caption for the photo of Leonardo and his invention. It is one short and clear sentence in the present tense.	
My spelling is correct.	
I have changed some things in my story after going through the checklist.	