

Analysing a feature

1. The opening para

What type: anecdote/basic facts/orientation to the article/quote/humorous/scene setting

What is the author trying to do: create a tone/introduce key information/set up a metaphor or symbolic reference/create suspense/create a specific picture

2. The next paras

Look at the next three or four paras and analyse how the author has

- Developed aspects of what he/she set up in the first para
- Created links between the paras to create a sense of flow
- Created a rhythm in the writing

3. Key devices

What are the key devices the author has used throughout the piece?

Look for

- repeated words or word groups
- key symbols or metaphors
- the way quotes are used

How would you describe the overall style of the article?

How would you describe its impact?