

Nod y wers: Can I create a newspaper article to report on what I have created for the Minecraft stadium event?

Skill focus: Use a variety of sentence structure, punctuation, and persuasive language techniques to generate interest and understanding.



Orlando City's new stadium - Ed Cahill

Success Criteria:

- **Write between 250-300 words describing either your journey so far and the steps that you took to complete your stadium OR interview a classmate's stadium.**
- Create at least three clearly laid out paragraphs.
- Construct a variety of sentences (simple, complex, compound, questions, exclamatory)
- Use tripling to describe the environment of the stadium using three different adjectives.
- Use reported speech to explain the actions you or the person you are interviewing took to complete the stadium.

Using reported speech:

Reporting other people's or your actions can be done in various ways:

He **said** that he was going to start by setting the floor...

I **told** myself that I would keep trying...

Oscar **identified** that I should have done it this way, but...

He **may** have struggled...

Ashley **says**, "..."

I can **report** that...

I **observed** a lot of change over the...

Sentence starters:

I realised when I told myself that I would...

Although I started this project on my own...

Predicting that I could complete...

[name] said that he would try to...

Struggling, I created a way to...

Firstly/secondly/thirdly, I identified how many...

Provided that I could work on the project after school,

3 Paragraph Plan:

Describe your project:

P1: Introduce your project.

P2: Write about the steps you took and the challenges that you faced. (Use reported speech here)

P3: Conclude what you learned from completing this project.

Interview a classmate's stadium:

P1: Introduce who you are interviewing and details about their project (size, colours, time)

P2: Use reported speech to express his/her challenges with the project and how they managed to work through it.

P3: What did they learn? And what did you learn from his/her creation?

Minecraft project: Stadium

How would you task yourself to create a replica of a building? You would probably have used some special architecture program, or a 3D tool to dive into realistic imagery, but that is no fun. Questioning myself from the start, I thought that I had taken too much on my plate with schoolwork and with this project, but I battled through and completed it within twelve hours in total. How long would it have taken you?

Firstly, I told myself to line up the tiles on the ground, and to make sure I created solid and appealing looking foundations, floor, and exterior walls. Secondly, I built upwards, combining different materials as I went and eventually completed the trickier part: the ceiling. Exasperated, confused, and attacked, I pulled through under the ten-hour mark that I gave myself for this project. The biggest challenge was setting it to scale; it took me ages to really think about how I could make the blocks to represent a stadium in all its glory.

To conclude, I could have handled it in several different ways, but found that once I started, I could not stop. The hardest part of the journey was to find time throughout the day to get through it, and to convince my mum that it was for school, not against it. That was a battle in itself!

Your answer: