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### Abstract

The aim of the current study is to investigate the child accidents news through the *Harian Metro* newspaper online. The main justification for this research is a good news holistically must have multiple element such as who, when, where, why and how in the newspaper (Chamil Wariya, 2008). Without a valid fact and six elements of a news item, undoubtedly readers having some difficulties to understanding the reported issue. Two objective of this study are Identify the elements of who, what, why, when, where and how in the Harian Metro children's accident news, and elemental analysis of who, what, why, when, where and how in the Harian Metro children's accident news. Selection of research data was conducted from June till September 2018 because a lot of news on child accidents were reported due that period. Thus, an overall of 17 sample news topics were selected to identify the element of what, who, when, where, why and how to analyze based s content analysis. Descriptive qualitative analysis was used to analyze the result. The findings of the main study show the six elements of news namely what, where, who, when, why and how often frequently used in news involving tragedy or child accident. The elements of how it is used in this type of news to tell the community about a tragedy or accident that happened more clearly and refer to authorities such as the police.

**Keywords:** 5W 1H, Writing, News, Accidents, Kids, Newspapers

## **Introduction**

General reading such as newspapers is still relevant for reading (Zawawi & CKee, 2013). The existence of the press around 1930 due to the need to change the fate of the Malay community is 'extremely poor and underserved' by the press as a medium to make socio-political demands. As such, newspapers are seen to play a role in changing the thinking of a nation. Newspapers are basically used to raise awareness of the sociopolitical and economic aspects of the local community. Amir (2005) states that the role of the press today remains the same even though it has evolved over time.

## **Problems of Statement**

Various political, economic and social events are taking place in Malaysia. Each event is reported in the news through print and electronic media. Masri & Ayob (2002) described news of child accidents such as murder, run-off, drowning, abduction and other natural disasters and fires as major topics that appeared in the newspapers. However, Lippmann (2006) contradicts the statement of Masri & Ayob (2002) by saying that not all events can be made headlines. This is supported by Erik (2011) who believes that effective news delivery does not necessarily reflect the reported events but rather prioritizes different aspects such as background, interpreting priorities and evaluating future events.

News is a matter of fact, current and exciting (Wariya, 2008). When it comes to news reporting, it leaves a deep impression on readers. Therefore, every piece of information that is conveyed lies in the fact that it is not merely a design as it is in creative works. Without a valid and accurate fact, it can be difficult to understand the news message that is driving the reader and the guidelines.

Various types of journalistic writing mediums are used to express something in a newspaper besides emphasizing creativity, imagination and sharpness of mind as decisive means of capturing the attention of the audience. Writing a news article has 'articles used in news reports, news reviews, and news articles' (Karim, 2008). However, Masri & Ayob (2002) describe journalism as a result of interviews, news writing, reviews, reports and articles.

Zainuddin & King (2006) states that every thing that a reader reads, hears and sees will create a different perception and perception of the audience. For example, a horrific accident involving five people involved four vehicles, including a trailer truck at 28th Oya-Sibu Road near Sibu, at 3.40pm. The results revealed that the identity of the victim and the cause of the accident have not been identified (HM Digital, Metro, 2018).

## **Research Objective**

Child accident news research emphasizes the following two objectives to identify what elements, who, when, why, where and how (5W & 1H) in the news Harian Metro children's accident online, and to analyze what elements, who, when, why, where and how based on the Writing Approach elements, 5W & 1H.

## **Study Limitations**

Researchers focus on only one type of online newspaper, the Metro Daily newspaper. Research studies emphasize the elements of news value, the who, the when, the where, the why, and the content of the child accident news that have been scanned from June to September 2018. Limitations of this study were determined so that the scope of the study was not too broad in addition to the

information the researcher wants to convey can be accurate, clear, complete and informative. Therefore, the limitations of this study play a role in ensuring that the study is accurate and orderly.

### Literature Review

The study of 'Transformation of News Writing Patterns in Malaysian Prime Minister's Press' was conducted by Saad, Mustafa, Ahmad & Abu Hassan (2016). This study has described in detail the aspect of information delivery in the by-election news and journalist writing patterns. This study uses quantitative content analysis methods with Utusan Malaysia's mainstream press and Daily Newspaper unit as 419 research data with three different years 1987, 1997 and 2014 to examine the development of writing patterns in the by-elections. The findings show that there has been a shift in journalistic writing from descriptive to descriptive and interpretive. With the change in writing patterns, journalists have maintained that they are still using conventional or descriptive writing in reporting a news story.

The study entitled 'Language Use in Newspaper Plans' was carried out by Hassan (2017) with two objectives, first to identify the language features of newspaper article writing and secondly to analyze grammatical usage in article writing based on Waterhouse's (1989) approach. The two dailies the Malay newspaper Berita Harian and Utusan Malaysia used in this study. A total of 20 articles as a sample of the study were selected using systematic sampling method and analyzed using content analysis method. The results showed that there were 128 errors in language use in article writing. Overall, the study will elaborate on effective use of language as determined by word selection and sentence formation in the writing of the article. The lengthy selection of sentences and over-elaboration gives the audience difficulty in understanding the content of the article well and effectively.

In addition, Peng & Mohammed (2013) in their study entitled 'Effectiveness of Press Use'. Through this study, the use of newspapers in teaching essays helped and influenced the students. The results of the study found that the use of the newspaper had a great impact on the students in daily reading of the essay development process. Therefore students will acquire and write essays well as they often fill their free time by reading the newspaper. The content of the newspaper content extends the meaning of the simple and easy to understand.

Meanwhile, the study entitled 'News Report on TV al Hijrah' was conducted by Daud (2015). The research method used was the interview with the respondent with emphasis on the reporting constructor (al Hijrah). In addition, the study also touted news reports from the Al Hijrah television station that featured news of the 2014 tragedy. The results revealed that the tragedy began with the mystery of flight MH370, followed by flight MH17 that was shot down at the Ukraine-Russia border. Additional flooding occurred on the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia besides the plane crash in Indonesian waters. Such things clearly indicate that the Al Hijrah television station has its own approach to reporting a news story without losing credibility for every news report it presents.

The study entitled 'Theory of Agenda Determination and Selection of Child Labor News' was conducted by Salleh & Ibrahim (2015) by citing Kosmo newspaper! often featured news related to child labor compared to Utusan Malaysia newspaper. However, Ahmad Ghazali & Omar (2016) explain that the newspaper is enriched by one's knowledge when making it a daily reading material. The findings show that teens receiving newspapers are low because information in the press does not meet the readers' wishes. Such phenomenon is seen with some Malay daily existence in the first half of the 20th century (Abdullah & Salleh, 2015).

### **Methodology**

The writing of this paper was conducted by analyzing the content of 17 Harian Metro news online reports involving children in accidents or tragedies. Selection of research data was conducted from June till September 2018. Then, all of this data is processed based on 5W and 1H news writing elements. This is done to answer two objectives of the study which is to identify and analyze news reports of children involved in accidents or tragedies. All of these elements of the news need to be carefully researched to identify the news stories that engage children in newspapers.

Selection of research data was conducted from June till September 2018 because a lot of news on child accidents were reported due that period. Thus, an overall of 17 sample news topics were selected to identify the element of what, who, when, where, why and how to analyze based s content analysis. Descriptive qualitative analysis was used to analyze the result.

### **The Elements of who, what, why, when, where and how in the Harian Metro children's accident News.**

From objective 1, the researcher will identify the six elements in the *Harian Metro* children's daily newspaper. A total of 17 samples of *Harian Metro* children's accident news will be analyzed to meet the objectives of the study.

**Table 1. List of Child Accident News with 5 W + 1 H Elements in the *Harian Metro* Newspaper Online**

Bil.	Date	Arcticle	Element 5 W + 1 H (1=what,2=who,3=when,4=where,5=whya, how=h)					
			1	2	3	4	5	H
1	6 June 2018	Kenapa Ayah Tinggalkan Rizky?	/	/	/	/	/	/
2	10 June 2018	'Pergi' Mu Di Hujung Ramadhan	/	/	/	/	/	/
3	12 June 2018	Nak Emak!	/	/	/	/	/	/
4	12 June 2018	Budak Maut, Jet Ski Bertembung	/	/	/	/	-	/
5	12 June 2018	Di Mana Rizky Nak Raya... ?	/	/	/	/	/	/
6	13 July 2018	Ya Allah, Tangan Ku...	/	/	/	/	/	/
7	15 July 2018	'Bapa Sempat Lafaz Allahu Akbar...'	/	/	-	/	/	/
8	15 July 2018	'Jaga Mak dan Adik Elok-Elok'	/	/	/	/	/	/
9	19 July 2018	Seorang Lagi Meninggal Dunia	/	/	/	/	/	/
10	21 July 2018	Khumaira Rindu Rakan, Guru	/	/	/	/	-	/
11	9 August 2018	Aduh, Sakitnya...	/	/	/	/	-	/
12	17 August 2018	Tragedi Berhenti di Lorong Kecemasan	/	/	/	/	-	/
13	17 August 2018	'Mata Kanak-Kanak, Bayi Berair Menahan Sakit'	/	/	/	/	/	/
14	31 August 2018	Tergilis Anak	/	/	/	/	/	/
15	5 September 2018	Siapa Budak Tu?	/	/	/	/	-	/
16	13 September 2018	Tragedi Tingkat 17	/	/	/	/	/	/
17	18 September 2018	Dikebumi dalam Satu Liang Lahad	/	/	/	/	/	/
Amount of frequency :			17	17	16	17	12	17

Based on Table 1, the researchers found that 11 of the 17 study samples met the six elements of a news item. In this study, what element refers to the incident reported in the text. From the research findings, among the findings of the study were road accidents, road divisions, broken arms and legs, serious injuries to the spine, JKM identified beneficiaries, left-handers, multi-purpose vehicles (MPV)

hit by a trailer , families involved in road accidents, four-vehicle crash, hot water in electric kettle, two-vehicle accident, two-sister and one-vehicle accident, car accident, fatal crash, fall from 17th floor and fatal accident.

In addition, the element of focus is on the perpetrator and the victim involved. Overall, the researchers saw that the majority of victims were parents and children. In addition, the element is where the event is located and the element when it is the time description of each incident. For what element, then, the researcher looks at each incident that occurred in the text of the study being reviewed by Divine while the element of how it relates to the process of the reported accident.

A total of 11 of the 17 news samples studied met the six elements that covered the headline *Kenapa Ayah Tinggalkan Rizky?, 'Pergi' Mu Di Hujung Ramadhan, Nak Emak!, Di Mana Rizky Nak Raya...?, Ya Allah, Tangan Ku..., 'Jaga Mak dan Adik Elok-Elok', Seorang Lagi Meninggal Dunia, 'Mata Kanak-Kanak, Bayi, Berair Menahan Sakit', Tergilis Anak, Tragedi Tingkat 17, dan Dikebumi dalam Satu Liang Lahad'*. Five sample news ie *Khumaira Rindu Rakan, Guru, Aduh, Sakitnya..., Tragedi Berhenti di Lorong Kecemasan dan Siapa Budak tu?* has no element of frequency with 12 out of 17 samples. However, the sample headlines *'Bapa Sempat Lafaz Allahu Akbar...'* found no element at a frequency of 16 out of 17 samples studied.

### The analysis of who, what, why, when, where and how in the Harian Metro children's accident news.

The analysis of who, why, what, when, where and how based on Metro Daily data online can be explained by a few key examples. This description is from Table 2 to Table 9.

**Table 2. Data of Element 5W 1H- Kenapa Ayah Tinggalkan Rizky?**

Arcticiel : Kenapa Ayah Tinggalkan Rizky? (6 June 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro Online</i>
What	Road accident
Who	Rizky is five years old Mohd Faizal Adenan
When	21 February
Where	Hospital Serdang
Why	Bad on the head
How	The worst father left his biological child

Table 2 is the topic of *'Kenapa Ayah Tinggalkan Rizky'* which was published on June 6, 2018. As a result of research into news text content, a father known as Mohd Faizal Adenan has left his niece known as Rizky, 5 involved in a road accident.

As a result of the accident, the victim was sent to Serdang Hospital for a severe head injury to receive further treatment on February 21. Subsequently, while the child was in the care of the victim's father, he disappeared without any identification documents of the victim and the individual concerned. The victim was sent to the National Forensic Medical Institution (IPFN) HKL for dental and bone examination to determine the age of the child in facilitating the registration of the birth certificate.

**Table 3. Data of Element 5W 1H- 'Pergi' Mu Di Hujung Ramadhan**

Arcticiel : 'Pergi' Mu Di Hujung Ramadhan (10 June 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro online</i>
What	Breaking the road divider iron
Who	Ahmad Dhaifullah Nazir Mohd Junaidi, 4 Nur Damia Adriana, 9 Nurul Arifah Talha, 37
When	5.30 pm
Where	Kuantan-Kemaman road, near Taman Pelindung, Kuantan Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Mat Kilau Hospital Tengku Ampuan Afzan (HTAA)
Why	Died after a severe head injury
How	Failure to control vehicle before exiting to right side of road

Table 3 is the news topic reported on June 10, 2018, 'Pergi' Mu di Hujung Ramadhan". According to the news content, researchers found a teacher known as Nurul Arifah Talha, 37 dead after a multi-purpose vehicle driver (MPV) failed to dodge a vehicle before breaking into the right side of the road and violated a road divider. Victim in charge of Mat Kilau National School (SK). The incident happened at 5.30pm on the Kuantan-Kemaman Road near Protective Park, Kuantan. Among the victims were Kamarulzaman's husband and Ahmad Dhaifullah Nazir Mohd Junaidi, 4, who was injured. Nur Damia Adriana, 9, suffered no injuries while sitting in the back seat. Nurul Arifah Talha, 37, from Sungai Soi was pronounced dead at the Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital (HTAA) after a serious head injury.

**Table 4. Data of Element 5W 1H- Nak emak!**

Arcticiel : Nak Emak! (12 June 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro online</i>
What	Traumatic, fractured hand and foot due to accident
Who	Nur Damia Adriana, 9 Ahmad Dhaifullah Nazir Mohd Junaidi, 4 Nurul Arifah Mohd Junaidi Othman, 36
When	5.30 pm
Where	Kuantan-Kemaman road, near Taman Pelindung, Kuantan Hospital Tengku Ampuan Afzan (HTAA)
Why	Dead, injured
How	Dead after multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) violates road divider iron

Table 4 addresses the news topic published June 12, 2018 titled 'Nak Emak!' Which is an extension of 'Pergi' Mu di Hujung Ramadhan published on June 10, 2018. Through the news, Nurul Hilda Mohd Amin, 33 is known as an aunt. to Ahmad Daifullah Nazir Mohd Junaidi, 4 admitted that he was unable to disclose the truth that the victim's mother died in the 5.30pm incident while accompanying the child to the Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital (HTAA). Children identified as Ahmad Dhaifullah Nazir



Mohd Junaidi, 4 suffered traumatic injuries to their hands and feet due to an accident on June 10, 2018 while Mohd Junaidi Othman, 36, was injured. Another child, identified as Nur Damia Adriana, 9, was not injured in the back seat.

**Table 5. Data of Element 5W 1H- Budak Maut, Jet Ski Bertembung**

Arcticle : Budak Maut, Jet Ski Bertembung (12 June 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro online</i>
What	Death from serious injury to spine
Who	Jordan Phang Wen Jie, 9 Looi Ting Ching
When	7.30 pm
Where	Beach Batu Ferringhi, Georgetown
Why	-
How	The coast-to-coast ski jet suddenly lost control of the storm. Speed skating is contagious and slides on a ski jet guided by the victim's mother. As a result of the collision, the victim fell into the water

Table 5 refers to a news topic titled '*Budak Maut, Jet Ski Bertembung*' on June 12, 2018. Through the news that has been revealed, researchers have discovered the element of why it is not in the news text. A boy, known as Jordan Phang Wei Jie, 9 died after a jet ski aboard a coast rescuer collided with a ski jet on Batu Ferringhi Beach in Georgetown. Investigations revealed that the accident occurred after a coast-to-coast ski jet suddenly lost control due to high winds and speeding, in violation of a jet ski driven by the victim's mother, Looi Ting Ching. Due to a collision between the two ski jets, the victim fell into the water and was pronounced dead from a serious spinal cord injury at about 7.30pm. While there were no injuries to the victim's mother and beach rescue from the accident.

**Table 6. Data of Element 5W 1H- Di Mana Rizky Nak Raya... ?**

Arcticiel : Di Mana Rizky Nak Raya... ? (12 Jun 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro online</i>
What	Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) Subang Jaya it takes two months to identify the heir
Who	Rizky, 5
When	21 February 6 June 12 April
Where	Hospital Serdang Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL) Institut Perubatan Forensik Negara (IPFN)
Why	He suffered severe head injuries
How	The NSTP reports that Rizky abandoned his biological father after being sent to the emergency unit. Men act when they are children in treatment. Rizky underwent plastic surgery following a head injury. Dental and bone examination to determine the age of the child. Rizky was released from the ward and handed over to the Subang Jaya JKM before being placed in the BRDB Rotary Child Welfare Home

Table 6 is a news release on June 12, 2018 with a news topic titled 'Di Mana Rizky Nak Raya...?'. This is an extension of the news topic 'Why Father Leaves Rizky' which aired on June 6, 2018. From the research, researchers believe this news topic is intended to find the victim's legacy, Rizky, who is two months old due to his grandfather and grandparents currently in Sarawak. The NSTP reports that the victim was left behind after being sent to the emergency unit in addition to disappearing while the child was in treatment. During treatment, the victim was asked to perform plastic surgery as a result of head injuries and to have dental and bone examinations aimed at determining the child's age. On April 12, Rizky was released from the ward and handed over to the Subang Jaya JKM until the placement of children, the victim was placed in the BRDB Rotary Child Welfare House.

**Table 7. Data of Element 5W 1H- Ya Allah, Tangan Ku...**

Arcticiel : Ya Allah, Tangan Ku... (13 Julai 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro online</i>
What	Left-handed after his shirt was wrapped around a moving motorcycle
Who	Seven-year-old girls
When	9.30 pm
Where	Kampung Binjai Bongkok, Marang Hospital Sultanah Nur Zahirah, Kuala Terengganu
Why	The victim's hands were pulled into the rim of a motorcycle tire before falling from a family-owned motorcycle until her hands were cut off.
How	The victim was wearing a large size shirt, causing the part of the shirt to get stuck on a motorcycle tire

Table 7 is a news topic titled 'Ya Allah, Tangan Aku...' which was published on July 13, 2018. Through the news, a seven-year-old girl broke her left after wearing a victim's shirt on a motorcycle tire. Binjai Village, Marang. The victim was wearing a sizeable sweater that caused the shirt to be stuck on a motorcycle tire at about 9.30pm. Sources said the accident caused the victim's hand to be pulled into the rim of a motorcycle tire before falling from a motorcycle ridden by a family member and causing the victim to lose his hand. The victim was rushed to Sultanah Nur Zahirah Hospital in Kuala Terengganu for further treatment. However, sources from the victim's family confirmed that the child's hands failed to connect during the surgery.

**Table 8. Data of Element 5W 1H- Bapa Sempat Lafaz Allahu Akbar...'**

Arcticiel : 'Bapa Sempat Lafaz Allahu Akbar...' (15 Julai 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro online</i>
What	Multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) was hit by a trailer
Who	Ezzudin, 11 Maskiah Mat Saad, 41
When	-
Where	Kilometer 446 North-South Highway, South Rawang intersection
Why	Ezzudin suffered head and chin injuries
How	The accident involved six vehicles

Table 8 is a news topic entitled 'Bapa Sempat Lafaz Allahu Akbar...'... published on July 15, 2018. The reported news topic clearly states that Allahu Akbar had been alerted by his father before the multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) was hit by a trailer at Kilometer 446 North Highway- South, the Rawang Selatan intersection involved six vehicles. Among the victims were Ezzudin, 11, a third-grade student from the Seri Princess School who was placed in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) due to serious injuries to his head and chin. Meanwhile, the mother of the victim Maskiah Mat Saad, 41, was found to have bruises and both were treated at Sungai Buloh Hospital.

**Table 9. Data of Element 5W 1H-‘Jaga Mak dan Adik Elok-Elok’**

Arcticle : ‘Jaga Mak dan Adik Elok-elok’ (15 July 2018)	
Elements 5 W + 1 H	<i>Harian Metro online</i>
What	The family was involved in a road accident
Who	Noorakhirludin Alam Mohamad Noor Anak bongsu Noorakhirludin Alam Three friends are 24 years old
When	12 noon
Where	Kilometer 446 North-South Expressway (PLUS) near Rawang Hospital Sungai Buloh (HSB)
Why	Badly injured
How	The trailer went off before entering the opposite lane and collided with several vehicles in the lane, including the victim's car

Table 9 refers to a news release published on July 15, 2018 entitled ‘*Jaga Mak dan Adik Elok-Elok*’. The accident claimed the life of Noorakhirludin Alam, who also killed three 24-year-old friends while the youngest child was reported seriously injured and treated at Sungai Buloh Hospital (HSB) around 12 noon at Kilometer 446 North-South Expressway (PLUS) near Rawang. The tragic incident happened to the family of the victim as a trailer broke out before entering the opposite lane, breaking several vehicles along the route including a vehicle driven by Noorakhirludin Alam.

From Table 2 to Table 9, it clearly shows that all the stories involving children in accidents and tragedies contain 5W 1H elements. Most notably, all of these stories have an element of how, which tells the cause and what happened. This demonstrates the role of the 5W 1H element in providing comprehensive, easy-to-read news reports and benefits the community in protecting and loving children.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, it can be concluded that the writing of children's accident news in *Harian Metro* online has an element of what, when, where, why and how. All of these elements can be studied based on the pyramid format in the writing. The findings of the main study show the six elements of news namely what, where, who, when, why and how often frequently used in news involving tragedy or child accident. The elements of how it is used in this type of news to tell the community about a tragedy or accident that happened more clearly and refer to authorities such as the police. The analysis also shows that children involved in accidents or tragedies are also receiving media attention and that their writing is still prudent and complete with details of the writing, and a clear meaning paragraph structure to public.

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