the correct tense used consistently including the present perfect tense

'a' or 'an' used correctly

writing organised into paragraphs around a theme

simple layout devices in non-fiction, e.g. headings and sub-headings

adverbs to express time, place and cause, e.g. then, next, soon, therefore, etc.

prepositions to express time, place and cause, e.g. before, after, during, in, because of, etc.

subordinate clauses

inverted commas used for direct speech

prefix words spelt correctly, e.g. irrelevant, autograph, incorrect, disobey, superstar, antisocial, etc.

suffix words spelt correctly, e.g. usually, poisonous, adoration, etc.

common homophones spelt and used correctly, e.g. which and witch

Y3/Y4 statutory spelling words

past tense verbs

third person used consistently

the name of the newspaper

a headline

an introductory paragraph that includes the 5 W's

pictures with captions

facts about the main events

quotes written as direct speech

a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next