28/12/2022            The Moon

         Chaos at the bank as a robber breaks in.

The new playstation is out order one before it is too late. The PS5 has better conditions and has more ~~coller~~ (cool) games. Grab one out before they are all finished.  (lovely use of an advert!)

The brand new iPhone 12 max is out now and is on a 20% discount until Sunday 29th of January. Quickly get them before it is too late.

The robbers got away.               (aha! I love the photo and caption! I had to delete the photo from this document so it would upload properly, just to let you know!)

On Friday 27th of January 2022 at 9pm there was a break in, at the local bank in Trafalgar Square. (great! You’ve already established the when, where and what!) The police were informed immediately but the robbers managed to get away just in the nick of time. The police have informed (try to avoid reusing words, maybe try ‘illuminated’) the famous detective Sherlock Holmes and he is doing everything he can to discover who they were. At the moment the bank is ~~now~~ closed as more detectives come and try to find out who did it. (good tense switch!) Chase Maddison, who works in the bank, stated, “One moment I was helping an old lady with her balance and then the thunderstorm broke when the alarm was on. I ~~dialed~~ (dialled) the police as fast as I could but the robbers got away.” (great use of a witness testimony!) Police are trying to get people who saw what happened to come out of line and give the police their point of view. The police (could you say ‘officers’ instead in some places, as you repeat the word ‘police’ frequently) are looking out for anyone suspicious and if anyone knows what is going on they should step out of line before it is too late and the whole town is robbed.  (great sensationalist language!) The police are doing everything they can and have told the town to be aware of anything suspicious.

**What Went Well:**

-You use some great sensationalist language in this article, Thea! Your plea to ‘step out of line before it is too late and the whole town is robbed’ is a great example of this hyperbolic language, that would make the reader panic slightly. Great!

-You very successfully set out the 5 Ws, giving your reader all the information they would need to understand this case, and then letting them know where there is information missing, such as the identities of the robbers.

-I love your testimony from a witness, Chase Maddison, here. You’ve also used a great metaphor within that, calling the robbery ‘the thunderstorm’, encapsulating the panic and chaos of the event!

**Even Better If…:**

-Be careful that you don’t repeat certain words or phrases too much, as it can become rather overwhelming. For example, you say ‘the Police’ many times throughout, where you could switch this occasionally with ‘officers’ or ‘law enforcement’.

-I would love to see you using more techniques like alliteration, sibilance, juxtaposition, oxymoron etc. in your work! These techniques would serve the lighten up the writing and give it even more life. This si something of paramount importance in a newspaper article, as you want to keep your reader’s attention!

-You use a great metaphor in here, but I would love to see you challenge yourself to use an extended metaphor or simile in your work. This would be something like, ‘like a thunderstorm, the panic a cloud in my mind, and the threats of the robbers lightning strikes straight to my weak heart.’ As you can see, by extending the simile, we can use a lot more imagery. This is a really advanced technique that I would love to see in your writing!