**Newspaper Quotes for Boy Falls Overboard**

You may remember that there is a particular way that we write quotes for a newspaper. Look at how the sentence below is set out:

A devastated Mrs Sarah Blue (Michael’s 42-year-old mother) reports, “Michael was such a competent sailor. I just don’t understand what could possibly have happened. I just want to see my son again.”

Name + info about the person (age, where they’re from, occupation) + newspaper language + comma + quote

**Read through the quotes below. Can you identity the different parts of the quotes?**

Eddie Larksmith, Michael’s 8-year-old friend from school, was shocked and upset at the news of his friend’s disappearance. “I just can’t believe Michael has gone. I hope he is found safe and well. I have every faith in Australia’s coastguards.”

In an interview last night, Barnacle Bill – the family’s sailing instructor – stated, “I knew it was going to end badly. I warned them of the dangers of taking a child and an animal on board a powerful yacht like the Peggy Sue. It was a recipe for disaster!”

Coastguard coordinator, 35-year-old Mr Benjamin Ogaloowoo, claims, “We received the Mayday call at approximately 7:05 am yesterday. The team responded immediately and lifeboats were launched to search the area of the Pacific believed to have swallowed up the young lad!”

Now, have a go at writing some of your own quotes, using the newspaper language below, for your newspaper article. Think about who the quotes would be from and what would they say?

Newspaper Language

In an interview this morning/last night, stated/states,

claimed/claims, reported/reports, maintained/maintains, believed/believes, alleged/alleges quoted/quotes