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Writing Activity-Forensic Scientist

A llama is on the loose and has caused a mess around a city! A newspaper wants you to write an article about the mess the llama caused. First, choose one of the following places the llama caused a mess. Then, plan out your ideas on the planning page before you write your newspaper article.



Movie Theatre:

The llama ripped the screen! People now cannot watch any movies. The llama also shed all over the movie theater seats.



School:

The llama took a huge bite out of the textbooks! On top of that, it tracked muddy footprints into the lunchroom.

Restaurant:

The llama ate all of the ingredients in the kitchen. To make matters even worse, the llama even took a bite out of some of the tablecloths!





Steps to Write Your Newspaper Article

Step 1: Title

A title catches the readers attention and gives basic information about the article.

Example Title: Breaking News! Superman Loses Cape and Cannot Fly!

Step 2: Summary About What Happened

The summary tells the reader important information about what happened. Summaries are usually 5 sentences long. The summary should not go into specific details (like the carpet color in a movie theater or what the weather is like outside).

Step 3: Quote From A Person

A quote from a person who witnessed a crime will help people believe that the newspaper's summary is true. The quote should include a person's name and one sentence about what the person saw.

Example Quote: "I was eating at a restaurant when a llama ate part of the table cloth!" said Carla.

Step 4: Cost To Repair Damages

This information tells the reader how bad the crime was. If the damage was only \$20, then the reader might not care. But, if the damage was \$1,000, then the reader might be more interested in what happened.

Step 5: Steps To Take If People See the Llama

This information tells the reader how they can help. This information should include what number to call or text if the llama is spotted.

Example: Call or text 1-455-LLAMA if you see the llama.



Organizing Your Newspaper Article



Title:

Summary of what happened:

Quote from a person who was at the scene of the crime:

Cost to repair damages:

Steps people should take if they see the llama:



Title



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