



# Read All About It



A news story reports just the facts about an event and answers the questions who, what, when, where, why, and how. The most important information is included at the beginning of the article in a paragraph called the lead.



WHERE did it happen? →

## Grass Fires Burn Out of Control

headline

GREENSBURG—Grass fires, fueled by wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour, spread into a residential area early Tuesday morning. All residents had to be evacuated. Within minutes over 25 homes were engulfed by flames and destroyed. According to officials, no injuries have been reported.

WHY did it happen?

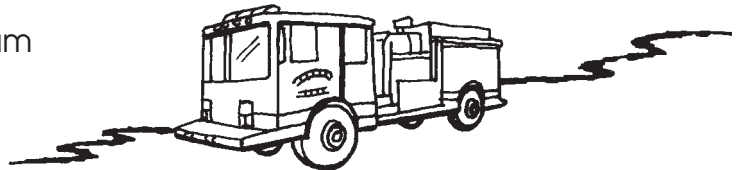
WHEN did it happen?

WHO was affected?

Planes and helicopters battling the blaze had to be grounded because the heat of the flames was so intense.

Write a news story using the information below. Remember to write about the facts and events in the order they occurred. Follow the model lead above.

- Who: Roseville Emergency Rescue Team
- When: April 10, 2003; 5 A.M.
- Where: Slate Run River
- What: team and rescue vehicles sent; worked for three hours; rescued residents
- How: used helicopter and boats
- Why: residents along river stranded by flash flood after storm




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Use your imagination to write a news story on a piece of paper for one of the following headlines or one of your own.

**Mystery of the Missing Dinosaur Solved**  
**City High Wins Championship**

**Students Protest School Lunch Menu**  
**First Female Elected President**