

News Story

A **news story** describes an interesting recent event. It answers the questions *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, and *why* about the event. These questions are called the 5 Ws. The news story often also answers the question *how* about the event.

Saving Whales

First sentence provides an interesting lead.

Thousands of whales in the Northern Hemisphere owe their lives to a young girl. On April 18, a herd of whales became stranded near a shore of the Antarctic Ocean. At the same time, the Edir Konek family set out on sleds. They discovered the group of whales stuck in the bay. The Koneks called an icebreaker to save the whales.

News story answers the 5 Ws and *how*.

Captain George Turner and his crew arrived and cleared the ice, but the whales would not follow the boat out of the bay. Young Glashka Konek had an idea. “I suggested the crew play music for the whales,” Glashka said. Captain Turner played classical music. The whales followed the boat and were saved.

Last sentence provides a conclusion.