

Answer the 5 Ws and *How*

A good news story answers the questions *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, and *why* about an event. It might also answer the question *how* about the event.

Directions Read the news story. Answer the questions.

Lunch Guest

A Boulder family had an unexpected lunch guest yesterday. At approximately 12:45 P.M. the Charles Martin family was eating lunch on their back deck. They suddenly remembered that Alex had soccer practice and rushed inside, leaving their uneaten food on the table. Just as they were about to leave, Mr. Martin decided to bring in the food. “I didn’t want to attract any squirrels or raccoons,” Mr. Martin said. “Little did I know what had already shown up.” When he went outside, Mr. Martin found a huge black bear enjoying the family’s chicken salad and apple pie. Mr. Martin went indoors and called the fire department. However, the bear—and the food—were gone before help arrived.

1. *Who* was involved in the event?

the Martin family

2. *Where* did the event happen?

at the Martin family’s home in Boulder

3. *Why* was the bear able to steal the food?

The Martins had gone inside.

Directions Write a good “lead” sentence to begin a news story about a special event at your school. Include as many answers to the 5 Ws as you can in a smooth sentence.

Possible answer: On Tuesday, October 27, Ms. Ruiz’s fifth graders took a bus to Brower’s Pumpkin Patch in Saxeville.
