



NEWS NAVIGATOR

Discover how your newspaper is created in this special feature and you'll have the know-how to be a Kid Scoop™ News Navigator!

What's a lead?

The first sentence of a news article is also known as the **lead**. It tells the main idea of the article. It should also make the reader want to learn more details.

A lead sentence tells the reader the *who*, *what*, *when* and *where* of the news event. Reporter Rita Weil has made notes in her reporter's notebook about a strange news event in the town of Nada Vista. Read her notes and find the who, the what, the when and the where of the news event. Using that information, write a lead sentence about the news event on the lines below.

Standards Link: Language Arts / Research: Understand the organization of newspapers.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Pete's Pizza Parlor, near downtown mall police find gorilla in kitchen wearing chef's coat

gorilla's name is Cuddles

Cuddles escaped from the Nada Vista Zoo

Police Chief Mike Jenkins responded to call from a neighbor who saw the lights go on after the pizza parlor was supposed to be closed.

The call came in to the police department at midnight.

Police arrived at Pete's at 12:15 AM

News Know-How

Just the Facts.

A news story should be fair, accurate and tell both sides of a story. A good reporter does not express his/her opinion. They let the reader decide.

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Help Cuddles the gorilla find his way back to the zoo. Look through the newspaper ads to find items to get you past each obstacle:

- A 10' tall fence with a locked iron gate
- A deep river
- A dark alley

Standards Link: Research: Locate information in reference materials.