

Writing the News Report from a Picture



On the literacy test, you will be asked to write a news report based on a photograph and a headline.



This is really a creative exercise, because you get to make up all the details.

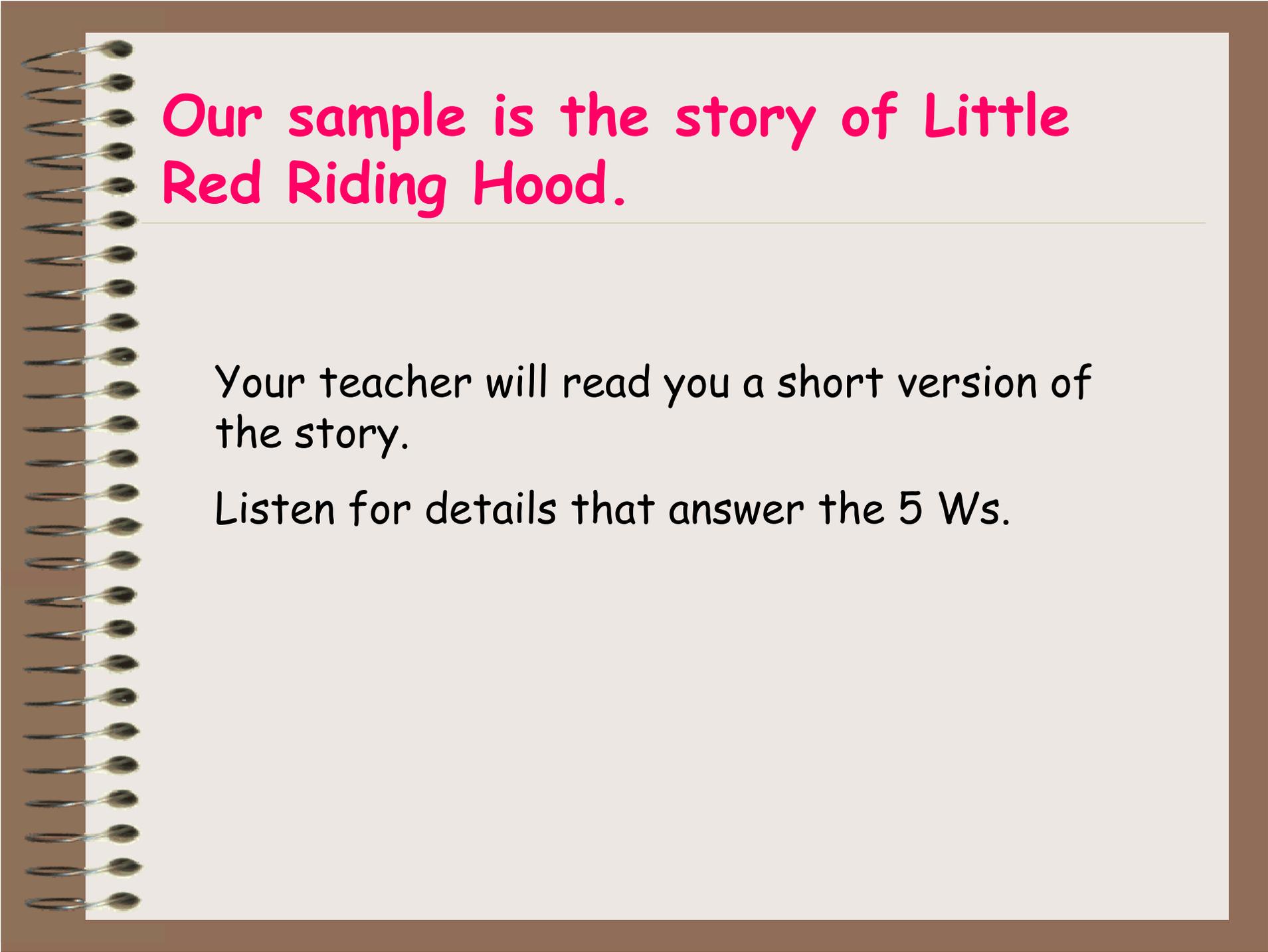
You need to make up the details of the story first

- o What could be happening in the picture?
- o What happened before the picture was taken?
- o Use ideas from the Headline to decide on the 5Ws.
- o Put the events on a timeline.

For a sample, we will use this picture and headline.



Woodsman saves the day

A graphic of a spiral-bound notebook with a brown cover and a light beige page. The spiral binding is on the left side. The text is written on the page.

Our sample is the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

Your teacher will read you a short version of the story.

Listen for details that answer the 5 Ws.

Now, make a timeline of major events in the story:

Red
sent to
granny's
house

Meets wolf
on the
way—he
points out
flowers and
she strays
from path

Wolf goes
to granny's,
eats her
up, gets
into bed

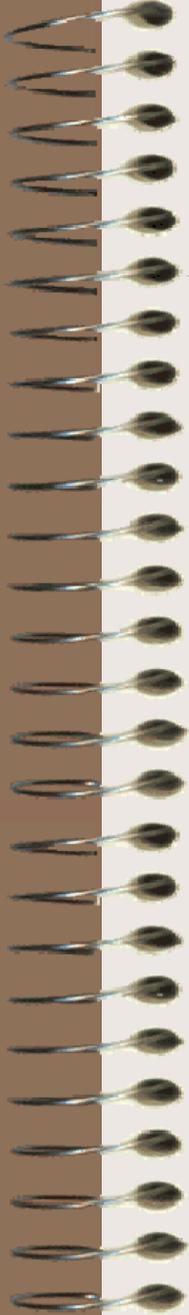
Red
arrives,
sees wolf,
questions
him

Wolf
eats
Red

Woodsman
arrives,
kills wolf,
slits him
open and
saves Red
and
grandma

Make a chart of the 5 Ws

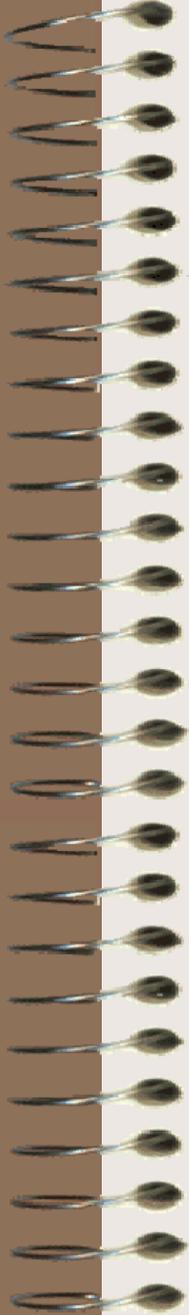
- **Who** Woodsman: Jonas Stupper (53), Little Red Riding Hood (10),
Grandma: Granny George (76)
- **What** Red sent to Grandma's house, met wolf, strayed from path,
wolf went to Granny's, ate granny, Red arrived; Wolf ate
Red, Woodsman saved them
- **When** Tuesday, June 23 at 3 p.m.
- **Where** Woods, granny's house
- **Why** Grandma sick, Red sent by mother, wolf hungry, woodsman
concerned



Now make up a statement that one of the people involved would have made.

Here's an example:

Red's mother, Mrs. Helga Hood said "I don't know how we can thank him enough for saving both my daughter and my mother."



To create the news report, start with the end of the story

“Only the lucky arrival of a woodsman saved the lives of a young girl and her beloved grandmother.”

Note that the opening sentence is written in very general terms. Details come later in the report.

Now you're ready to write the news report, filling in the 5Ws as you go.

Only the lucky arrival of a woodsman saved the lives of a young girl and her beloved grandmother.

Jonas Stupper, 53, of Elderberry Farm was in his back lot when he heard a scream coming from the nearby cabin where Granny George lived alone. He ran over and discovered a very fat wolf lying asleep on Granny George's bed.

Stupper killed the wolf, sliced him open, was amazed to find a young girl and an old woman inside the wolf.

Red Riding Hood, 10, the only child of Harry and Helga Hood,

and her grandmother, Georgina George of Idlewild cottage were taken to Wood's Hospital where they are recovering from their ordeal.

Red had been sent to take a basket of goodies to her ailing grandmother when she met was distracted from her errand by Wolfie.

The wolf rushed ahead ate Mrs. George and pretended to be her. When Red arrived she was suspicious, but did not react in time to escape being the second course..

Helga Hood praised the efforts of Mr. Stupper: "I don't know how we can thank him enough for saving both my daughter and my mother."

Now it's your turn to try to make up a news report from this photo and headline.



Fiery flow threatens town.