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THE
RHYMES TIMES 25P
FAIRYLAND'S FAVOURITE DAILY NEWSPAPER

PEEP LOSES SHEEP!



Over twenty sheep went missing yesterday from the farm belonging to Little Bo-Peep.

Peep, 25, is said by friends to be devastated by the loss. Her best friend Humpty Dumpty said, "She came home from the shops last night to find them all gone, every last one of them." He also said that Bo-Peep had then spent the whole night searching nearby woods, fields and hills but with no luck.

Local police officer, PC John asked people to be on the look out for the twenty sheep. "At this time we are not treating the matter as suspicious," he said.

He added, "You can't miss them as they all have bright pink fleeces." Friends say Miss Peep's favourite dress is pink and so she had all her sheep dyed to match.

Beautiful Bo has not been seen in public since this morning. It is believed she has been told that if she leaves them alone they will come home wagging their tails behind them.

Headlines

PEEP LOSES SHEEP!

Grabs reader's attention. Tells them what the story is about in less than one sentence. Word play (alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhyme) is often used.

By Line

By Our Reporter
Jack Spratt

*Informs the reader
who wrote the article.*

Lead Paragraph

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Orientation: This has ALL of the who, what, when, where, why and how in it. A writer must find the answers to these questions and write them into the opening sentence(s) of the article.

Explanation

After the lead paragraph has been written, the writer must decide what other facts or details the reader might want to know. The writer must make sure that he/she has enough information to answer any important questions a reader might have after reading the headline and the lead paragraph. This section can also include direct quotes from witnesses or bystanders.

Additional Information

This information is the least important. Thus, if the news article is too long for the space it needs to fill, it can be shortened without rewriting any other part. This part can include information about a similar event.

Quotes – Direct Speech

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Quotes add to the news story the feelings of those involved and opinions of what happened.

Indirect Speech

He also said that Bo-Peep had then spent the whole night searching nearby woods, fields and hills but with no luck.

Friends say Miss Peep's favourite dress is pink and so she had all her sheep dyed to match.

Avoid too many quotes by using indirect or reported speech.

Formal Language

Miss Peep's

Local police officer

There is a level of formality which is required in recounting news. Slang should not be used.

Pictures and Captions



One of Peep's Prize Sheep

The picture is used to reinforce the realism of the event and should have a *caption* giving details about the picture.