



Will Stephanie Get the Story? Study Guide

During Reading:

Why wasn't Stephanie accepted into the newspaper club the first time she tried?

Do you think Stephanie made the right decision when she told Vanessa she couldn't go ice skating?

List at least three things that Stephanie learned that helped her write a better second story.

Stephanie's story persuaded people to help clean up the park. Why do you think she was able to do that?

After Reading:

Look through a local newspaper or online news site. What sections does it have? List the sections and the purpose of each.

Take one headline each from the front/home page, the business page and the sports page and rewrite them.

After looking at the editorial page of a newspaper, write an editorial essay on a current topic.

Write a news story about a current event at school or home. Include the important questions from page 57 of the book.

Interview a classmate or someone you know to learn about a favorite activity, hobby, or what they want to be when they grow up. Prepare several questions that you want to ask. Write a news story and create a title that will catch readers' attention. Be curious!

Interview someone who has a job you are interested in, in person or by phone. Prepare several questions that you want to ask to learn more about his or her job and the path taken to get to where they are today.

Write an advertisement or marketplace post. Try to get your message across in the fewest words possible while still giving all the important details, such as size/dimensions, color, condition, and price.

Look at the ads in the paper or on the website. Pick 3-4 items and decide what the savings and new cost would be if there was a 10% or 25% discount.

Choose two or three of your favorite toys and write descriptions for them as if they were featured in an ad.

