Writing Detective® Level 1 Activities

Read the story below and then answer the Reading Comprehension questions. All the statements in the story are true.

Who Ate the Sandwich?

Witness: Kelly Barnett

"¹I was enjoying the first day of last weekend riding my bike when my sandwich was stolen. ²I reported the theft to my mom, dad, and brother before 1 p.m."

Witness: Tina Barnett (mom)

"³I made Kelly a sandwich and handed it to her around noon. ⁴Kelly took the sandwich from me and walked into the backyard of our home in South Bend, Indiana."



Witness: Dan Barnett (dad)

"⁵I don't know who took Kelly's sandwich. ⁶Kelly's mom and I came inside to eat our own sandwiches after putting the dog in the backyard so he wouldn't pester us during lunch."

Witness: Rich Barnett (brother)

"7I saw Kelly put her sandwich on the picnic table in the backyard while I was throwing the ball for the dog. 8Next, Kelly walked across the street to talk with a friend, and I went into the house to eat my sandwich. 9When Kelly returned ten minutes later, she asked me if I ate her sandwich. 10I told her, 'No, but I think I know who did.'"

Reading Comprehension Questions

Academy Comprehension Questions		
1.	Which three sentences are the best evidence of the day and time this story took place?	
2.	Which three sentences are the best evidence to show where the sandwich was when it was taken?	
3.	Which witness best explains what probably happened to Kelly's sandwich?	
4.	Number the events 1 to 5 in the order that they happened in the story.	
	Rich comes into the house to eat.	
	Dan puts the dog in the backyard.	
	Kelly walks across the street.	
	Tina makes sandwiches.	
	Kelly reports the stolen sandwich.	

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Outline

Fill out the writing outline to help you write a short article for the newspaper explaining what happened in the story.

1. When did this story happen?	
2. Where did this story happen?	
3. Who are the important characters in this story?	
4. What happened to these important characters in th	is story?
5. Explain why or how this happened to the character	S

Answers

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- 1. Sentences 1, 2, 3
- 2. Sentences 7, 8, 9
- 3. Rich Barnett
- 4. 4
 - 2
 - 3
 - 1 5

Use the Scoring Rubric for the outline answers and the article.

Outline

When: Saturday (the first day of the weekend) between noon and 1 p.m. Students should use last Saturday's date.

Where: Barnett home in South Bend, Indiana

Who: Kelly Barnett, Tina Barnett, Dan Barnett, Rich Barnett, and the Barnett's dog

What: Kelly Barnett's mom made her a sandwich which she took into the backyard and placed on a picnic table. Next, she left the backyard and crossed the street to talk with a friend for 10 minutes. When she returned to the backyard, her sandwich had been stolen.

Why/How: When Kelly left her sandwich on a picnic table in the backyard, her brother was in the backyard throwing the ball for the dog. When she left the backyard to talk with her friend, her brother went into the house leaving the dog alone in the backyard, free to eat Kelly's sandwich.

Sample Article

A Doggone Good Sandwich!

On Saturday, (last Saturday's date), at the Barnett home in South Bend, Indiana, Kelly Barnett had her sandwich stolen from the backyard of the Barnett home. Kelly's mother made her a sandwich and gave it to Kelly around noon. Kelly took the sandwich into the backyard where her brother and the family dog were playing and placed it on a picnic table. Next, Kelly left the backyard and crossed the street to talk with a friend for 10 minutes. Shortly after she left the backyard, her brother went into the house leaving the dog free to eat Kelly's sandwich.