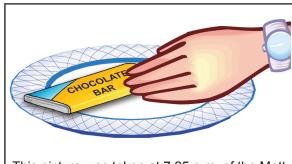
Writing Detective® Level 1 Activities

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

Who Took Ike's Candy Bar?

¹Ike, his sister Tonya, and his brother Bret were each given a small candy bar by their mom after dinner last night. ²The three candy bars were all placed on the Mott family kitchen table as the children watched TV with their dad. ³When Bret went to get his candy bar there weren't any left on the table. "He complained to the family that someone stole his candy bar. ⁵The family looked at each other, but no one admitted to the theft.



This picture was taken at 7:25 p.m. of the Mott family kitchen table in Stoneridge, New York.

Tonya:

"6I know I was the first to take a candy bar because there were three candy bars at the table when I picked up a bar. 7I also know that I picked that candy bar up at 7:21 p.m. because I checked my watch."

Bret:

"8I must have been the second person to choose a candy bar since there were only two left when I picked my candy bar. "I don't know what time it was because Ike and I don't have watches."

Ike:

"¹ºSometime just after 7:30 p.m. I went to pick a candy bar, but there weren't any candy bars left on the table. ¹¹I know it was just after 7:30 since the TV program we were watching is on from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. ¹²I saw Bret and Tonya eating candy bars during the show."

Mom:

"13I put three small candy bars on a plate and then placed the plate on the kitchen table a little before 7 p.m. ¹⁴I don't wear a watch, but we always eat dinner around 6:30 p.m. and it takes us about 20 minutes."

Dad:

 ^{15}I saw three candy bars on the plate when I left for the gym at 7:20 p.m. ^{16}I didn't take a candy bar."

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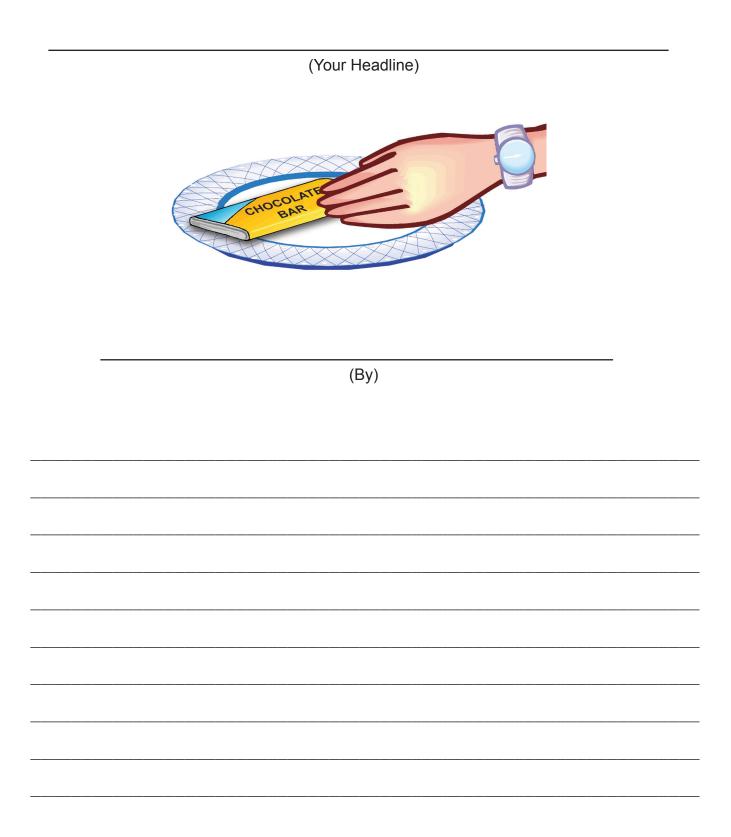
Outline

Fill out the writing outline to help you write a short article for the newspaper explaining what happened in the story. Your article must explain who took the candy bar, but it doesn't have to explain how you figured it out.

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 this story?
5. Explain why or how this happened to the characters.

Article

Remember, people reading your article have never read the story so be sure to include all the key information from your outline.



Answers

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

Outline

When: Last night (students should use yesterday's date) after dinner between 7:21 p.m. and a little after 7:30 p.m.

Where: Mott family home in Stoneridge, New York

Who: Mom, Dad, and the children Tonya, Bret, and Ike Mott

What: Mrs. Mott put three small candy bars on a plate and placed the plate on the kitchen table after dinner while the children watched TV with their dad. Tonya took the first candy bar at 7:21 p.m. and Bret took the second. When Ike went to take his candy bar just after 7:30 p.m., there were no candy bars left on the table, so someone stole Ike's candy bar.

Why/How: Since the theft took place between 7:21 p.m. and just after 7:30 p.m., and the picture caption shows us someone with a watch taking the last candy bar at 7:25 p.m., the thief had to be Tonya. We know it is Tonya's hand in the picture because the dad left the house at 7:20 p.m. and the mom, Bret, and Ike don't wear a watch.

Sample Article

The Wrong Time to Take Ike's Candy Bar!

Last night (yesterday's date) in the Mott family home in Stoneridge, New York, Ike Mott had the candy bar his mom set out for him on the kitchen table stolen by his sister Tonya. Before 7:21 p.m., Ike's mom put three candy bars on a plate on the kitchen table for the three children sometime after dinner. Ike's sister Tonya took the first candy bar at 7:21 p.m. Ike's brother Bret took the second candy bar after 7:21 p.m., but before 7:25 p.m. A picture taken at 7:25 p.m. shows Tonya taking Ike's candy bar. *Since the father wasn't home at 7:25 p.m. and the mom doesn't wear a watch and Ike and Bret don't own a watch, the hand with the watch in the picture had to be Tonya's.

* This last sentence is optional since students are not required to explain how they figured out the answer.