



Reporters Wanted!

Part 1

Teacher Reads There are three openings for reporters on the school newspaper, but there are more than three students who are interested. So, Ms. Sanchez, the teacher in charge of the newspaper, must come up with a fair way to choose the three people.

Reema liked Ms. Sanchez’s class a lot. But today she could
11 not wait for the class to end. At the end of class, Ms. Sanchez
25 was going to reveal who would get to work on the school
37 newspaper. Reema and some of the others had been waiting
47 all week for this news.

52 At last Ms. Sanchez said, “Class, I have some good news
63 and some bad news. The good news is that nine of you asked
76 me about being on the newspaper staff. I am thrilled about
87 that! The bad news is that we need just three more people.
99 It was too hard for me to choose just three of you. So, I have
114 come up with a plan that I hope you will all like. Let me tell
129 you about it.”

Part 2

Teacher Reads Ms. Sanchez plans to have interested students write a news story to help her choose the three reporters. Read on to find out how some students feel about her plan.

132 After class, Reema and some of her classmates sat down
142 on the school’s steps to chat about Ms. Sanchez’s plan. “What
153 a drag!” Reema said to Lewis and Carla. “Who needs another
164 paper to work on? Ms. Sanchez has seen what we can do.
176 She could have drawn names from a hat if she had too many
189 people to choose from.” Reema grew upset. “Another paper
198 is the last thing I need!”



Part 2 continued

204 “Be reasonable, Reema,” Carla said. “If you stop and think
214 about it, a paper is the best way to show that you are the best
229 person to work on the newspaper. Keep in mind that if Ms.
241 Sanchez just drew names, getting to work on the newspaper
251 would be luck, not skill. Besides, your name may not have
262 been drawn.”

264 “I think Carla is right, Reema,” agreed Lewis. “We have
274 a week to find a topic and come up with a news story. It will
289 have to be good, so let’s start thinking about that.”

Part 3

Teacher Reads Writing a news story is challenging. Keep reading to find out what a good reporter should do.

299 During the week, Reema, Lewis, and Carla met many
308 times at Reema’s home. They discussed the newest plans
317 they had for reports. Reema had not started yet. “I can’t help
329 it,” Reema said. She threw her hands up, then said “This is a
342 slow news week. I need to find exactly the right topic to do
355 my paper on. It has to have a new way to look at things. It
370 will come to me, wait and see,” she said.

379 “Do not wait too long, Reema,” Carla said. “We have to
390 turn in these papers next Thursday. Besides, Ms. Sanchez
399 said that good reporters find news. You can’t just wait for it
411 to come to you. I have to go home now, but good luck.”

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