



A Winning News Story

Part 1

Teacher Reads Reema wants to be chosen to work on the school newspaper. She takes some time to think about topics for her news story. A suggestion from her mom may help her figure out what she will write about.

During the week, Reema spent a lot of time thinking
10 about topics and making notes. One by one she threw the
21 papers into the trash can. “Chewing on your pen will not
32 help, Reema,” her mother said one night. “There is not much
43 time left,” she added, as she turned on the TV. “Let’s see what
56 is on the nightly news. Maybe that will help you.” The TV
68 news team gave a report on a big storm that blew down trees,
81 a jewel theft, and a seaplane that had crashed by the lake.
93 “That’s it!” Reema exclaimed. She started to grin.
101 “I should have turned the news on last night,” she said.
112 “Thanks, Mom. You have been a lot of help!”

Part 2

Teacher Reads Watching the news gave Reema an idea. Read on to find out what she tells her friends about it.

121 On Thursday, Reema joined Carla and Lewis on the
130 steps of the school. They each had a news report to turn
142 in to Ms. Sanchez. “It’s about time,” Carla said to Reema.
153 “I see you have your news report. What’s it about?”
163 she asked brightly.
166 “You will have to wait and see,” Reema said. “I admit
177 that’s a sneaky thing to say, but I intend to keep it to myself,”
191 she said with a grin. “Ms. Sanchez said she would read
202 them all in class. You will have to wait until then.”



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213 Carla and Lewis looked at each other and smiled. “OK,
223 Reema,” Carla said. “Have it your way. We will all wait until
235 Ms. Sanchez reads them. Let’s go—class is about to start.”

Part 3

Teacher Reads Keep reading to find out what happens after all the stories are read.

246 “Well, class, the time has now come to read the reports.
257 After I read them all to you, I will ask you to vote for the top
273 three. That will help me choose the new school reporters.
283 As I read, think about the important points that each report
294 should mention: who, what, where, when, and why.” Then
303 Ms. Sanchez started to read the reports.

310 Carla’s was about the food served at school. The paper
320 Lewis turned in was about the school play. Another paper
330 was about the new **fire station** down the street. One paper
341 was on the art show in the park.

349 At last, Ms. Sanchez got to Reema’s report. It was about
360 the seaplane crash. The crew of the boat that had towed the
372 plane to shore had given Reema the facts. When Ms. Sanchez
383 came to the end of Reema’s report, all of her classmates
394 clapped and smiled at her. After the class voted, Reema was
405 one of the new reporters.

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