



What is a stand first?

Newspaper reports always start with a stand first. It is a short paragraph made up of one or two sentences that gives a brief introduction to what the newspaper report will be about. Newspaper reports are written in formal language.

It includes the 5Ws?

- Where
- When
- What
- Who
- Why (sometimes this is not included)

Look at the example stand first below.

Yesterday, in a garden in Somerset, school teacher Mrs Ship discovered nine Roman coins which are now to be put on display.

What are the 5Ws?

What - nine Roman coins were discovered

Who - Mrs Ship

Where - in a garden in Somerset

When - Yesterday

There is not a why!

Task 1

Now you know what a stand first is, can you pick out the 5Ws in the next example? It is based on the story 'Little Red Riding Hood.'

Last week, in a house in the heart of the forest, a small girl was tricked by a cunning wolf.

Write down in your book what the 5Ws are. Do not worry about why.

Where?

When?

What?

Who?

Stand firsts normally start with 'when' and are a clear sentence that makes sense.

Task 2

Can you put the Ws below in order so that they make a clear stand first? Write the unjumbled stand first in your book.

Who - a beautiful, young girl

What - ran away, leaving behind her glass slipper

When - At midnight

Where - at the Prince's stunning palace

Task 3

As you have probably noticed, the 'when' are fronted adverbials and explain the time that something happened. Look at the ideas below. Can you think of 4 more of your own?

Last week,

Two days ago,

Earlier this week,

During,

At midday,

Yesterday evening,

At midnight

Whilst on holiday,

Task 4

Think about a nursery rhyme or story that you know really well. Think about what happens in it.

Try to write down the who, what, where and when. Now, combine them into a stand first.





