

LINE MASTER 7-2 ■ Writing an Urban Legend News Story

Create your own news story about an urban legend by following these steps:

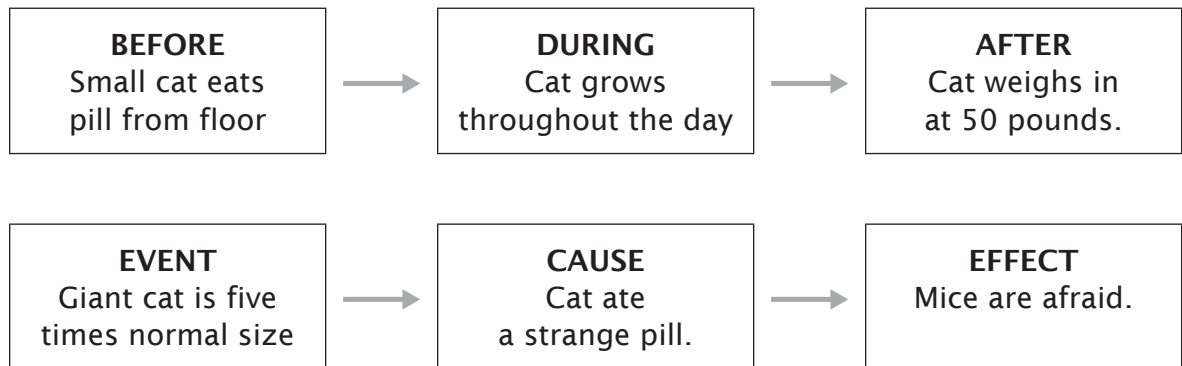
STEP 1 Find and print a photo using an Internet image search. This is what your news story will be about. The photo could be fake like the iceberg, or it could be something real (but very strange) like the tsunami fish (see page 129).

STEP 2 Make up some information for your news story using the following chart. You may use point form.

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| WHO? | (Who is it about? What person or thing is shown in the photo you found?) |
| WHAT? | (What happened to that person or thing?) |
| WHERE? | (Where did it happen?) |
| WHEN? | (When did it occur?) |
| WHY? | (Why did this happen? What could explain it?) |
| HOW? | (How did people find out about it?) |

STEP 3 Write the first paragraph of the news story. Begin by stating who (or what thing) the news story is about, and when and where it happened.

STEP 4 Plan your news story using one of these methods. You may use point form.



STEP 5 Write the rest of your news story. Follow your plan in Step 4 to organize it. Use your “Why?” and “How?” ideas from Step 2 to help you. Make up quotations to add interest. When you are finished, edit your work, and publish a final copy using word processing software.