



Finding the 5 Ws

News reporting skills

Need to find out as much information as possible

Enable people to tell their stories by careful interviewing

Write an interesting article after checking your facts again and again

Share the story you have written

A news reporter needs to find out lots of details about a story. A reporter may interview people involved but will also carry out lots of research to make sure that all the facts are correct. Reporters always need to find the answers to 5 key questions called the 5Ws:

Who is the story about?

What is happening in the story?

When did it happen?

Where did the story happen?

Why did it happen?

Click on this link to read about [twin ring-tailed lemurs born at Chester Zoo](#). Look at the headline and the first 2 paragraphs. The reporter has included the 5Ws.

Who? Twin ring-tailed lemurs

What? Endangered primates born

When? 2 March

Where? Chester Zoo

Why? Endangered primate numbers shrunk by half in last 36 years





Using the example above, find the answers to the 5Ws in the attached story about a stolen painting. The answers are in the first 2 paragraphs:

Who?:

What?:

When?:

Where?:

Why?:

Now over to you: **write 2 paragraphs about a story that you are interested in**

Story ideas

1. Report on how a pet is behaving now you are at home and spending more time with them.
2. Interview someone at home about their day. It might be an adult who is either leaving the house to go to work or perhaps working from home at the moment.
3. You could report on a fun activity you have done at home in the last week.
4. Choose your own idea for a story.

We would love you to share with us what you have written. If an adult would like to share your story with us, we'd love to hear from you at educationcentre@guardian.co.uk or on [Twitter @GuardianEduCent](https://twitter.com/GuardianEduCent)



Van Gogh

Van Gogh painting stolen from Dutch museum

Thieves have stolen the £5m *Parsonage Garden at Neunen in Spring* by the famous artist from the Singer Laren museum

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▲ The painting had been on loan from the Groninger Museum and was stolen on the day Van Gogh was born 167 years ago. Photograph: Singer Laren Museum/Reuters

A painting by [Vincent van Gogh](#) with an estimated value of up to £5m has been stolen from a Dutch museum currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The thieves took Van Gogh's *Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring* after smashing through the front glass door of the Singer Laren museum, in Laren, at around 3.15am on Sunday morning. No other art is believed to be missing.

"A beautiful and moving painting by one of our greatest painters, stolen from the community ... This must come back as soon as possible, so that we can enjoy and be comforted by this beautiful art again.

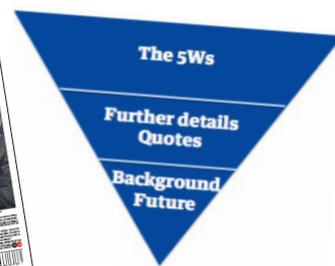
"Art deserves to be seen and shared by us, the community."

Arthur Brandt, an art detective, told the *Algemeen Dagblad* newspaper that the artwork could be worth up to €6m (£5m). However, another work from Van Gogh's Nuenen period sold recently for about £10m at a Dutch auction

The work was part of the exhibition *Mirror of the Soul*, an exhibition of more than 70 Dutch paintings, watercolours and drawings from the 19th century.

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▲ The Singer Laren Museum outside Amsterdam, where the work of art by Vincent Van Gogh was stolen. It had been closed to the public because of the coronavirus outbreak. Photograph: Piroshka van de Wouw/Reuters



The museum was closed on 12 March in line with national measures to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

The Groninger Museum, located in the northern Dutch city of Groningen, said in a statement: “The work from 1884, oil on paper on panel is the only painting by Van Gogh in the collection of the Groninger Museum.

“We are very shocked by this news. The investigation is currently in full swing and no more can be said about it due to the police investigation.”

The painting of a vicarage garden is one of a series of works by Van Gogh between 1883 and 1884 when he was with his parents in Nuenen, where the Dutch artist’s father was a minister.

The Singer Laren’s general manager Evert van Os said the museum’s security measures had gone “entirely according to protocol”.

In a statement, a police spokesman for the Gooi and Vecht region said art robbery experts from the national criminal investigation department would help in the investigation. The painting has been added to Interpol’s international list of stolen works of art.

The Singer Laren museum showcases the original collection of American artist and collector William Singer and his wife Anna.

In 2007, thieves stole seven statues from the museum’s garden worth an estimated €1.3m, including a cast of the statue The Thinker by the French artist Auguste Rodin.

The statue was later found in a damaged state. In 2010, the two thieves responsible were sentenced to prison for four and four and a half years, reduced on appeal to two and nearly three years imprisonment.



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