

EPISODE ACTIVITY

THE NEW SPECIES

GIVE IT A LISTEN!



Season 4, Episode 24
Popsicle Sweater/
The New Species

What's This Activity About?

Creating your own imaginary news stories

What Stuff Do I Need?

Paper and something to draw and write with!



In "The New Species," by a 9 year-old from Texas named Shaan, "the greatest detective in the world" Tech Jones and his "partner in mysteries Dr. Jim Bennett" are on the hunt for "the mysterious creature from the papers." Their adventure winds up being "the strangest case we've ever had!"



When we read this story, we were inspired by the words "the mysterious creature from the papers." It made us think about newspaper "headlines."

A "headline" is the title of a news story. It tells you a tiny bit about something really important that happened, and aims to get you excited to read more. For example, if the news story was about a dog who brought food to some people who were lost in the woods, it might say:

"HELPFUL HOUND BRAVELY SAVES HUNGRY HIKERS."

Then there might be a picture of the dog underneath the headline.



We made some headlines of our own that are all sentences taken right out of "The New Species." Take a look on the next page!

Here's our challenge for you today! You can choose to either:

★ Make up your own headline of an exciting story from your imagination, and draw a picture to go along with it. Headlines are supposed to be short, so try to keep them to 6 words or less, just like on our "6 Word Headlines" page.

★ Choose one of the headlines we pulled from "The New Species" and use them as the title for your own, brand new, completely made up news story. Your news story could be inspired by "The New Species" in some way, or it could have nothing to do with that story at all! For example, if you chose "The Strangest Case We've Ever Had," you could imagine the details of your own "strange case." When writing a news story, it can be helpful to remember to write about the "5Ws and H" of a good newspaper story:



Who was involved? What happened? Where did it occur? When did it occur?
How did it happen? Why is it newsworthy? (In other words, why is it important?)

You can think about those questions to help you decide what to write. Be as weird as you want to be, and we can't wait to see what you come up with!

Share It!

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6 Word Headlines

These headlines are all taken from dialogue in “The New Species”

The Mysterious Creature From the Papers

We Were Never in Any Danger

The Creature Didn't Make Any Sound

A Pixelated Hologram in the Woods

Cillian Smith. A Pile of Gold!

Finder's Fee. For Me, Jerry Hodge?

What am I going to do?

The Strangest Case We've Ever Had