

When Did They Say It?

6+1 Traits of Writing

Lions and tigers and bears...as pets? Oh, my!



Barry Hoch stood close to the cage, holding a bunch of green grapes with one hand and poking a piece of the fruit through the chain links with the other.

The bear stuck out its tongue, greedily accepted the food, and grunted for more.

"Here you go. Here you go," the 65-year-old Hoch cooed to the hulking mammal.

For Hoch, it's just an everyday task. He and his wife, Barbara, have kept Jakie, a 350-pound female American black bear, in their Earl Township backyard for 25 years.

Earl Township has no ordinance prohibiting residents from owning exotic pets such as Jakie. And under state law, it's perfectly legal to own bears, lions, tigers and the like as long as the owner obtains a permit from the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

But that may soon change if a Senate bill introduced in March wins support in the state Legislature.

AP Associated Press If passed, the bill would prohibit private ownership of exotic wildlife, including bears, big cats, primates and other potentially dangerous animals. People who already have such pets would be allowed to keep them, as long as they have a permit.

"I think it's cruel to house wild animals," said Judy Schwank, a Ruscombmanor Township Democrat. "They are just not suited for living in confinement in a nonprofessional situation. This is why zoos were invented."

Schwank said this piece of legislation will likely make it through committee, but whether it'll be voted on by the end of this year's session is anyone's guess.

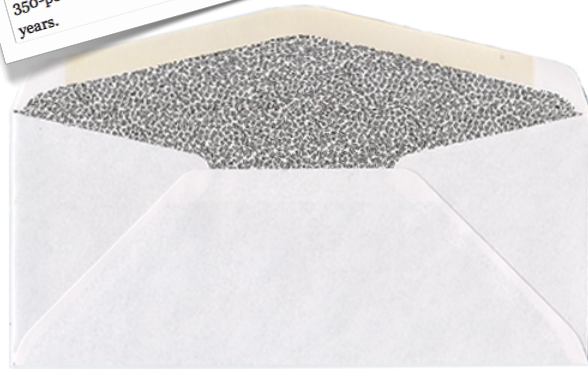
"These animals need specific care and treatment that the average person cannot provide," said Nicole Paquette of the Humane Society of the United States. "These animals don't belong in people's basements, backyards."

When the Hochs applied for a permit, they were required to have the bear to comfortably live in - 12 feet L... which Jakie hibern...

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Trait – Organization

Title: When Did They Say It?

Materials:

- Short informational text/article
- Scissors and envelopes

Teacher Steps:

1. Print a short informational text.
2. Cut up article into several segments by paragraphs, sentences, etc. (depending on the piece).
3. Shuffle segments so that they are not in order. Place pieces in an envelope.
4. In small groups, students will need to piece the article back together. Have students think about when the author might have provided the information (beginning, middle, or end). Students need to look for transitions and logical progression of ideas to assist them in determining the organization of the piece.
5. Students must record the group's process—either on chart paper or in their notebook— describing why the group organized sentences in a particular order. This is the most important step!

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