

Leads

“Dewey’s Day at the Campground”

Dewey has been attempting to write the story of an exciting event that happened when he went camping. Look at the leads below and tell which one would engage you at the start making you want to continue reading the piece.

1. Hi. My name is Dewey and I am going to tell you about the time I went camping and had a big adventure.
2. It was a warm day outside when I went camping. The sun was shining brightly and I knew it was going to be a wonderful, wonderful day.
3. That morning I got up and began to get ready for my trip. I put all the sandwiches and drinks in the cooler and got out my maps. I loaded up the back of my pick-up truck and said goodbye to all my girlfriends. This trip was something I had looked forward to for a long time; a chance to get away from everything.
4. “Hello,” I said, as I walked up to the forest ranger. She was standing beside the standard issue red Jeep Cherokee; her blonde hair fell like a waterfall down her shoulders. As she turned, her eyes twinkled like sunlight across an aqua stream.
5. “Take a picture,” she said. “It will last longer.”
6. I could hear the deep, rolling growl as the hulking figure moved around the campsite, his silhouette blocking out the glow of the fire. My heart was beating so loudly I was afraid the massive creature wreaking havoc outside my tent could hear every thump. Suddenly, the giant bear shadow stopped moving and turned to face my tent; as I sat there, my breathing shallow, I began to wonder if this camping trip was such a good idea after all.
It had all started with a fluke. I heard a report on National Public Radio about John Starks, a man who had hiked the entire 1600 miles of the Appalachian Trail alone . . .