

**Exercise 4**

Here are materials for five stories. Write a lead for each one.

a. The Ourtown High School drama department is going to stage a play. The play will be performed Dec. 12 and Dec. 13 in the Main Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The play will be "Sweeney Todd: Demon Barber of Fleet Street." Brent Snow, a senior, has been chosen for the title role. The audience will be encouraged to participate by booing and hissing at the performers. Rehearsal starts Monday, Oct. 12. Both drama classes will help stage the show. Sponsor and director of the play will be Helen Mays, head of the drama department.

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b. Enrollment at Ourtown High School is up this year from last year. Last year, the school had 457 students. This year, enrollment is 502. That's an increase of 45 students. Most of the increase seems to be in the freshman class, Principal Robert Slote said. He added that he was "delighted" by the increase. "The more the merrier," he said. He also said the school's budget goes up with its enrollment. "We can always use more money," he said.

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c. An Ourtown High School student has been selected as a finalist in a national contest to design a poster for the Drunk Driving Awareness Campaign. His name is Jim Bishop, and he is a senior. Asked about his reactions to being chosen, Bishop said, "I am thrilled, delighted, happy. This is a real honor for me and the school." His poster previously had been declared the regional winner. The national first place winner will get a \$1,000 scholarship for college.

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d. Journalism adviser Phyllis Megay and 10 students from the Ourtown High School Bugle attended a conference at State University on Nov. 4-5 sponsored by the journalism department of State University. Total attendance was 300. Journalists and journalism professors from all over the state also attended. Results of the yearly contest for high school journalists were announced. The Bugle was declared the best newspaper in the state for the third straight year. Ms. Megay said of the award, "I could get used to this."

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