

# Caption Writing Exercise: 5Ws/1H

## Instructions

With virtually every photo, there are at least six basic facts that can be answered early in a caption. Using the photo and information provided below, write three captions, each emphasizing a different Who, What, When, Where, Why or How. Decide which of your captions you believe to be most effective and explain why.



## Information

- *Thoroughly Modern Millie* production.
- Production presented by Drama Club.
- Cast selected from open tryouts.
- 72 students were part of the cast and crew.
- Max Rushmore was the director. He is a sophomore. The youngest director for a school production.
- Leads: Millie Dillmount played by Jennifer Dyller (junior); Miss Dorothy Brown played by Caitlyn James (senior); Jimmy Smith played by Ryan Miraz (senior); Trevor Graydon played by Billie Henderson (senior).
- Location: Paul W. Laird Auditorium, Prairie Village Academy, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Three-day show, Nov. 14, 15, 16. All three shows were sold out.
- The film is set early in the flapper era in 1922.

- In this photo, Mr. Gradon (right) has just dictated a letter to Millie (center) as a part of determining whether she is qualified to work as a part of the secretarial pool for Sincere Trust. He begins slowly but increases the speed of his dictation throughout the song. Despite the speed of the dictation, Millie is able to keep up and is hired. This is the final pose in the song “Speed Test.”
- “I was so surprised that I got the role of Millie. I was sure that a senior would get the lead.”  
— Jennifer Dyller
- “My friends used to tease me about being in musicals but now they think it’s pretty cool. They know how much I enjoy performing.” — Billie Henderson

**Caption 1**

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**Caption 2**

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