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# Hello Children

## Where was the first newspaper printed?



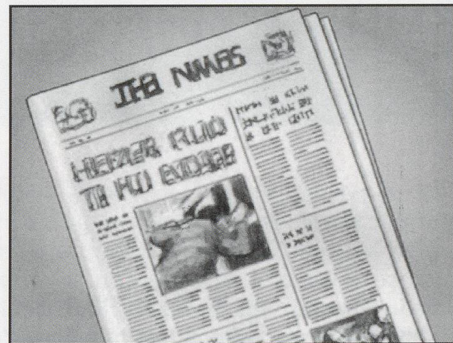
The first printed newspaper appeared in Germany in the late 15th century in the form of a news pamphlet or broadsheet, often highly sensational in content.

The history of newspapers goes back at least five centuries. In Renaissance Europe handwritten newsletters circulated privately among merchants, passing along information about everything from wars and economic conditions to social customs and 'human interest' features.

In the English-speaking world, the earliest predecessors of the newspaper were **corantos**, small news pamphlets produced only when some event worthy of notice occurred. The first successful published title was **The Weekly News** of 1622. The first true newspaper in English was the **London Gazette** of 1666.

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