

**MYSTERY PRODUCT**

**1 Read the text and circle which product was made and sold.**

- a. magazine                      b. newspaper
- c. novel                            d. comic

First, obviously, it was written by the author, on his portable laptop computer. Then the story was sent to the publishers. The editor thought that the general idea was fantastic, although the story was a bit flawed in places, so parts of it were rewritten.

When everyone had decided that it was ready to be printed, the complete work was loaded onto the publisher’s main computer. The work was 326 pages long, so 163 sheets of paper were needed, as both sides are used. These were loaded into the printer and a test was printed. When everyone was satisfied, thousands of copies were printed. Also, the front and back covers were designed. An artist was employed for this job, and when they were approved by the author and the editor, these were also printed, on special, more expensive paper, and in color.

The product wasn’t advertised heavily, but copies were given to critics, whose reviews were read by many people. The product was sold in specialized stores and also in department stores, in their literary section, and because the reviews described it as “excellent” and “superb,” nearly a hundred thousand copies were sold.

**2 Reread and answer the questions.**

1. Where was it written?  
on the author’s laptop computer
2. Where was the story sent?  
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3. What did the editor think of it?  
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4. What happened because of this?  
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5. Why were only 163 pieces of paper needed?  
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6. What happened when it was approved?  
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7. Who were the reviews written by?  
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8. Were they positive?  
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9. Was the product a success?  
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**> Write**

**3 Describe how two of these things are made. Try to use the passive voice.**

- a paper airplane
- a chair
- a Spanish omelette
- a ham and cheese sandwich

*A paper airplane is made like this: A piece of paper is selected. It is folded ...*  
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