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Reading Corner 1: Who is Jeremy King?

Summary

The first text is an advert for a sports club. They need a sports monitor to help with training and diet.

The second text is a letter of application for the job. It is from Jeremy King. He is 28 years old, he is into different sports and he has two medals. He has got a top secret programme for training and diet.

Activity

Imagine you are a famous sports star. Write your own top secret programme for training and diet!

First, decide the following information:

- Who are you? E.g. David Beckham, Ray Allen, Venus Williams etc.
- What is your sport? E.g. swimming, tennis, basketball, football, athletics, judo etc.
- What things do you need to do for your sport? E.g. run fast, be strong, be tall etc.
- What are good things to do to help you train? E.g. drink lots of water, sleep 8 hours a day, run 10 kilometres every day, train every day etc.
- What are bad things to do? E.g. drink alcohol, eat junk food, go out to discos every night etc.
- What are good things to eat and drink? E.g. water, fruit etc.

Now use the information to write your programme.

Reading Corner 2: Limericks

Summary

There are 6 limericks about different people – a swimmer called Greg, a girl called Rose, a student called Brett, a student called Daisy, a robot called 'WorkMate' and a young lady from Rome.

Activity

Read the limericks again and choose one of the characters. Now imagine you are that character. Write about what you are like (physical description) and what you do every day (your routine). Add any other information you want.

E.g. *My name is Greg. I've got brown hair and blue eyes. I live in Liverpool. I'm not very tall.*

Every day I get up at 6.30. I have biscuits and eggs for breakfast. Then I go to the swimming pool. I train for an hour. I swim 100 metres – I'm very slow because I've got short legs! Then I go to school.

At 1 pm I have lunch. I have biscuits and eggs. After school I go to the park with my friends. After tea (biscuits and eggs, of course), I do my homework.

My favourite sports star is Serena Williams. She's tall! She plays tennis. I like comedy films.

Now choose your character and write about yourself!

Reading Corner 3: Serious Desert Summary

The main text is about 8 teenagers who went on an expedition to Namibia in Africa to help the black rhino. They travelled long distances, ate strange food and built camps. They tracked rhinos and found useful information about them. Finally, they crossed the desert on foot.

There is also a short extract from the diary of one of the students who went on the expedition.

Activity

Write your own adventure in the desert.

Think about these things first:

- What was the adventure about? E.g. a problem with the weather, getting lost, meeting some people (who?), a problem with an animal (a snake, a scorpion ...) etc..
- What happened?
- What did you do? How did you solve the problem?
- What happened in the end?

Reading Corner 4: The Winner Summary

The text is part of a story called *The Winner*. It is about two friends, Kara and Hannah. They enter a competition to be on TV and interview Leonard DiCaprio. Kara's favourite star is Leonardo DiCaprio, but she doesn't win. Hannah is one of the winners and Kara is the reserve – if Hannah is ill, Kara will do the interview. On the day of the TV programme, Hannah goes to Kara's house. She tells Kara that she's going to be ill so that her best friend can meet Leonardo. In the end, Kara doesn't go because she wants Hannah to enjoy her chance to be on TV.

Activity

Imagine you are an interviewer on a TV programme. Write your interview with a film star. Ask him/her questions about his/her work and about his/her latest film.

- Choose your film star.
- Write a list of the questions you want to ask in the interview.
- Look on the Internet or in magazines and find the answers.
- Write the interview on large paper for the wall. Add a photo of the star.
- Act out in the interview in pairs for the rest of the class.

Reading Corner 5: Bonfire night Summary

There are 3 texts on the theme of Bonfire Night.

Text 1 is about the history of Bonfire Night.

Text 2 describes how people celebrate Bonfire Night today. It explains about typical things like making a guy, having fireworks, having a bonfire and what food people usually eat.

Text 3 is a play about 4 friends who make a guy to raise money for the local children's home. On Bonfire Night they burn their guy on the bonfire and then watch the fireworks.

Activity

You are Guy Fawkes. The king's men arrested you an hour ago and you are in prison now. Write your diary entry for 5th November, 1605. Describe what you tried to do and what happened.