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MODULE 4: Achievements

Pushing the limits

→ words

→ chamber, manned, set a record, submerged

Reading

Before you read the article about Steve Fossett, complete the chart below with your own ideas.

Record-breaking attempts

Pros	Cons
Amazing achievement	Extremely dangerous
Amazing achievement	Extremely dangerous
Leading to fame	Leading to death
Leading to courage	Tiring
Visiting different places	Causing diseases

Steve Fossett – a record-breaker

In 2002, Steve Fossett became the first person to travel solo round the world in a hot air balloon. His balloon, The Spirit of Freedom used a mixture of helium and hot air and was 42 metres tall by 18 metres wide. To keep at a constant altitude, the balloon used a sophisticated autopilot system controlled by a computer.

Fossett commenced his journey in Western Australia, travelled east to South America, over the Southern Atlantic Ocean towards South Africa, then over the Indian Ocean to reach Australia. This record-breaking solo journey took 14 days, 19 hours and 50 minutes. Fossett only slept for four hours in every twenty-four hour period and never slept for more than 45 minutes at one time. He frequently had to leave his tiny cabin for the sub-zero exterior in order to check that the balloon's burners were working properly. By the time he arrived in Australia, he had travelled 33,195.30 km and broken the world speed record for a manned balloon flight, achieving at one point a speed of 322.2 km/h. Steve Fossett was especially pleased with this successful round-the-world journey as it was his sixth attempt. His first attempt had been six years earlier, in 1996.

One previous attempt, in August 1998, had almost ended in disaster when Fossett's balloon was sucked into a thunderstorm off Australia's Northeast coast. The capsule plummeted 0,000 feet into the sea but also caught fire, causing the balloons propane burners. Fossett managed to escape through a submerged hatch and clambered aboard his life raft. He was rescued by a boat 10 hours later.

Steve Fossett held four other world records for non-stop journeys round the world as a pilot and as a solo air pilot. Before Steve Fossett's record, there had been no world record for a non-stop flight longer than ten days. In 2002, Fossett also set three achievements under the Aviation Almanac Record for Gliders when he flew over 5000 km in one flight in a glider, and his co-pilot wore full pressure suits. Steve Fossett has also claimed 116 world records in five different sports. Fossett was 59 years old when he died in February, 2008 just over five months after a plane crash in which he was

Unit 10: Pushing the limits

Read the article and choose the correct answer to the following questions.

a) Steve Fossett was declared legally dead in ...

1 September, 2008.

2 February, 2008.

3 September, 2007.

4 November, 2007.

b) Why did Fossett wear a full pressure suit during his Absolute Altitude Record for Gliders attempt?

1 to cope with the psychological stress of the record attempt

2 to cope with the reduction in atmosphere

3 to show his sponsorship

4 to keep warm

c) What is the main message of the text?

1 Steve Fossett escaped a downed balloon

2 Steve Fossett died in a plane crash

3 Steve Fossett set many impressive records

4 Steve Fossett was a rich man

What do the following phrases taken from the article mean?

constant altitude

1 unchanging temperature

2 inconsistent prices

3 sustained height

4 perpetual motion

submerged hatch

1 small door which is underwater

2 broken window

3 propeller system

4 aquatic incubation

clambered aboard

1 to inflate something

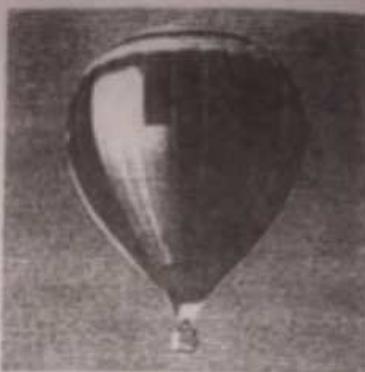
2 to jump from

3 to get on or into something

awkwardly

4 a plank of wood covered in shellfish

4 Look at the timeline of Steve Fossett's records. What do you think are the most important dates? Summarise in full sentences.



I think Feb. 21., 1995 is the most important date as on this day he was the first person to fly balloon solo over the Pacific Ocean .

I think also 2005 is also important because he was the first person to fly round the world solo in balloon .

Over to you

5 Why do you think people push themselves to extreme limits?

I think they did so because they like adventures .

Language practice

- 1** Complete these sentences with the correct word. There are two extra words.

night sun sleep burning
similar sleeping

- a The dark night was illuminated by the burning logs at the centre of the clearing.
 b He was exhausted and his eyelids looked heavy. Despite my best efforts, I couldn't stop him from sleeping.
 c He's a very famous man and always seems to be wearing the same clothes. That's not true though; he just owns many similar things.
 d Police reports say that it was a freak accident and a marvel that everyone involved was still alive.

- 2** Replace the underlined words with the words in the box.

get away - running after
turn forward
comes in handy
sing out - starting an argument
strike a friend

- a The robber thought he had escaped unnoticed and was surprised to see the police chasing him.
 b Despite the importance of the task, few people volunteered to help.
 c Don't throw that away. You never know; it might be useful someday.
 The novel was released recently to critical success, despite the author being faced with some problems whilst writing.
 I'd had such a great time that I was really upset when my holiday finished.

- 3** Give one-word synonyms for the following definitions.

- a extreme tiredness
fatigue
- b the best part or moment
highlight
- c the top of a mountain
summit
- d go up or climb
ascend
- e full of danger and risk
perilous

- 4** What would you say in the following situations? Write complete sentences.

- a A friend wants to start an extreme sport. You think it is too dangerous.
I think that's too dangerous. I'm worried you'll get hurt.
- b You're hiking and one of your companions falls and injures himself/herself.

Quick! Someone call mountain...
call the emergency services.

- c You want to start an extreme sport but your parents don't think you should.

I obey them.

- 5** Complete the missing parts of the dialogue with your own sentences. Make sure the conversation makes sense.

- A What are you doing this weekend?
I'm going snowboarding with some friends.
- A Wow, that sounds amazing, but isn't it dangerous?
No, it's really safe as long as you take proper precautions.
- A Ah, ok. Still, even if it's safe, I think I'd be scared.
Yeah, I get scared sometimes, but that's part of the fun.
You're right. Maybe I can come too?
- B Sure. It would be really nice if you did.

- 6** Read the following sentences. Are the underlined verbs correct? Tick the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

a. Omar passed all his exams. He has been revising for a month.

b. They finished making Reem's dress a week before the wedding. They had made it for over a month.

They finished making Reem's dress a week before the wedding. They had been making it for over a month.

I went to the hospital to see Fahad.

He had been breaking his leg during a football match.

I went to the hospital to see Fahad. He had broken his leg during a football match.

d. Everyone enjoyed the family celebrations. Amal had been making all the food herself.

Everyone enjoyed the family celebrations. Amal had made all the food herself.

e. I received a letter from Tahini yesterday. She had been promising to write since last year.

- 7** Using the cues, write sentences using such...that or so...that

a. Parachuting / dangerous sport / scared to try

Parachuting is such a dangerous sport that people are scared to try it.

b. I / scared / couldn't move

I was so scared that I couldn't move.

c. Her room / mess / not find anything
Her room is such a mess that she can't find anything

d. He / strong man / lift a car
He is such a strong man that he can lift a car.

e. Computer / complex / can't understand

The computer is so complex that I can't understand it.

Grammar assistant:

Past perfect simple and continuous

• The past perfect simple and continuous can be used to clarify which of two past actions happened first, to talk about things that happened or were felt in the past, or to provide background to a past event.

• To form the past perfect simple use **had** + the past participle of the verb.

He had looked everywhere for his coat.

• To form the past perfect continuous use

had been — main verb — **ing**

Laura had been feeling sick for most of the day.

- 8** Choose the correct phrasal verb with come to complete these sentences.

a. When my brother **came round** / **came up** after his operation he felt fine.

b. Why didn't you **come across** / **come over** after school? We came over to the park because it was cloudy all morning, but in the afternoon the sun **came across** / **came out**.

How do you know if someone **comes across** / **comes over**?
Do you know if you **come across** / **come over** to someone in the street? If you **come across** / **come over** to someone in the street, you will have a conversation with them.

1 Read this interview and answer the following questions.

- a Is Dave Stokes upset about his injuries? What advice does he give?
No, he's not. He advises the reader to be prepared, take a medical kit and a mobile phone, tell people where he / she is going and not to push himself / herself too much.
b Can you think of any other ways to stay safe whilst doing extreme sports?

I think I can't think of any more.

Interviewer: Hi everyone, and welcome to another edition of XTreme Sports Weekly. Today we're interviewing extreme sports enthusiast Dave Stokes from his hospital bed. Hi, Dave, and thank you for agreeing to do this interview.

Dave: No problem.

Interviewer: Well, let's the question everyone wants to ask: how did you do this to yourself?

Dave: I was climbing in the Alps with a friend but unfortunately I slipped and fell. Although I didn't fall too far, I landed badly and broke my leg and wrist.

Interviewer: Ouch, that sounds painful!

Dave: Yes, it was really. But it's part of the territory when you're into extreme sports.

Interviewer: What do you mean?

Dave: Well, all of the activities I love, such as snowboarding, parachuting and mountain climbing, have an element of danger to them. You always run the risk of getting hurt, or worse.

Interviewer: Will this injury make you reconsider your chosen sport?

Dave: No, definitely not. It'll take me a while to recover but, as soon as I'm able, I'll be back on the mountain. I may be just a little bit wiser, though.

Interviewer: In what way?

Dave: I think I'll be more safety conscious in the future, possibly take fewer risks and spend more time preparing.

Interviewer: Can you give our viewers any advice about the dangers of extreme sports?

Dave: Sure, firstly, make sure you are prepared. You'll always need to carry a medical kit and a mobile phone with you. If you're going to climb, tell someone where you're going and when you'll return. If you're going to go skydiving, make sure you've had some training.

Interviewer: Thanks for your tips, Dave. I hope you get well soon. Good luck with your recovery.

2 Make a note of the following

a Phrases used to make suggestions

Firstly, make sure... / always take... / secondly, tell... / Most importantly,

b Informal words and phrases

No problem / I guess the question... / it's part of the territory when you're into... / You'll always run the risk...

3 Write your own interview about the dangers of extreme sports. It could be with an extreme sports enthusiast, an injured sportsperson or a worried safety expert.

- Decide what dangers the interviewee will mention.
- Suggest two or three ways to stay safe.
- Use a similar style to the interview on page 74.
- Write about 200-220 words.

The dangers of extreme sports

Today, many sports are becoming increasingly regulated. Boxing, rugby, soccer, and other games are being targeted by sports bodies and medical organizations in an effort to improve safety standards and to reduce injuries. However, for some people, this is not enough, and they would rather see some dangerous sports banned completely. In this essay, I will examine some arguments against banning dangerous sports.

Sports, competition, and games seem to be natural to humans. Young children learn their own limits and strengths through play with others, but they also learn valuable social lessons about what acceptable behavior and the rights of others. Sport therefore is not just a physical phenomenon, but a mental and social one.

Challenging sport provides a healthy, largely safe, physical outlet for aggression. There is very little evidence to show that people who take part in dangerous sports become violent as a result. In fact it is more likely that apart from the many friendships created in playing, sport acts as a safety valve for a society by reducing stress. Moreover, sport teaches and requires discipline, training, and respect for the rules - valuable lessons in any society.

Reading



Before reading the article about Venus, answer the following questions.

- Venus is called 'the morning star' or 'the evening star'. What would you call the Earth? *Venus' sister*
- Do you think that someday human beings will be able to live on the planet Venus? Why?

I think this may happen one day because science gives us more and more everyday

The Morning Star

- A Venus is the brightest object in the sky with the exception of the Sun and the Moon. However, it is only perceptible from the Earth three hours before sunrise and three hours after sunset. For this reason people have given Venus the epithets 'the morning star' and 'the evening star'. It is the second planet from the Sun.
- B Because the surface of the planet is completely obscured by clouds, it is very difficult for scientists to study Venus from the Earth, so the vast majority of our information about this planet comes from spacecraft. The first flight to investigate Venus was by Manner 2, which the Americans launched in 1962. The most significant information comes from probes, which the spacecraft dispatches to scrutinise the surface of the planet. A probe is a small spacecraft that documents information and transmits it back to Earth. The Russians have also sent spacecraft and probes to Venus.
- C Some people contend that Venus is the Earth's sister planet because there are many similarities between the two. They are comparable in size and are approximately the same age. However, there is also much contrast between Venus and the Earth. Venus is devoid of oceans and has a very heavy atmosphere, 96.5% of which is composed of carbon dioxide. Because the atmosphere is so heavy, Venus has an extremely high surface temperature (459 °C). A Venusian day is equal to 243 Earth days. This is longer than its year, which is equivalent to 225 Earth days.
- D On June 8, 2004, Venus passed between the Sun and the Earth. People witnessed a large black spot moving across the Sun. The previous time this occurred was in 1882.





2 Read the article and choose the correct answer.

- The name *The Morning Star* is
 - 1 atmosphere.
 - 2 Venus.
 - 3 non-fiction.
- It is difficult for scientists to study Venus because
 - 1 it is too far away.
 - 2 it is obscured by clouds.
 - 3 it is not always perceivable.
- The pronoun which in line 12 refers to
 - 1 probes.
 - 2 the spacecraft.
 - 3 the information.
- A week on Venus is
 - 1 longer than that on Earth.
 - 2 shorter than that on Earth.
 - 3 equal to that on Earth.
- Venus will possibly pass between the Sun and the Earth in the
 - 1 2036.
 - 2 2060.
 - 3 2120.



3 Define these words from the article. You may use a dictionary or the glossary at the end of your Student's Book.

b **investigate**

to carry out a systematic or formal inquiry in an attempt to discover facts.

b **similar**

alike; resembling without being identical

c **document** (v.)

to record information

d **atmosphere**

The layer of gases which surround a planet.

e **comparable**

able to be likened to something else; similar

f **epithet**

an adjective or short phrase used to express a quality characteristic of a person or thing.

g **divided**

completely lacking in something



4 Are these statements True (T) or False?

- True. Venus is the second planet from the Sun.
- True. Venus is visible for 6 hours everyday.
- False. The Americans launched first mission to Venus in 1962.
- False. Venus is about the same size and age as the Earth.
- True. It is too difficult to study Venus without using probes.
- False. Because of its heavy atmosphere Venus has a surface temperature of 459 °C.
- True. Only the Sun and the Moon are brighter than Venus.



5 Complete the following table with the necessary information from the article.

paragraph	Main idea	Supporting ideas
A	What's Venus	Another name for Venus
B	Facts about Venus	It's difficult to study from Earth
C	Venus is Earth's sister	Similarities between Venus and the Earth
D	Venus between the sun and the Earth	People saw a large black spot moving in 2004 and 1882

Over to you

6 Are you for or against space tourism?
I'm for. It enables us to know more about this world.

Language practice

- 1** Complete sentences a-f with nouns related to the words in capital letters.
- The **exploration** of space began in the 1950s. (EXPLORE)
 - Space technology has been used in the **production** of food. (PRODUCE)
 - Scientists have made **discoveries** about Venus by using probes. (DISCOVER)
 - Many people have great **admiration** for astronauts. (ADMIRE)
 - One of the qualities people who travel in space need is **bravery**. (BRAVE)

- 2** Complete sentences a-f with one of these phrases.

space mission space shuttle space station
space walk space walk space race

- The **space shuttle** takes off from the Earth like a rocket but lands like a plane.
- When astronauts are in space they have to wear special **space suit**.
- Some astronauts spend several months living and working on a **space station**.
- If they need to do repairs in space, astronauts have to leave their rockets and do a **space walk**.
- A **space mission** is a journey into space for a particular purpose.
- The **space race** is the name given to the competition between nations to explore the galaxy.

- 3** Choose the correct word for each definition.

- causing respect and admiration
1 exceptionally
2 awe-inspiring
3 opportunity
- an example would be the Moon
1 orbit
2 satellite
3 natural satellite
- extremely large
1 astronomical
2 solar system
3 detriment

- 4** Match the sentences a-f with the gaps to complete the dialogue.

- a Yes, I think you have.
b That surprises me.
c I think you're misinformed.
d Not at all.
e I think it's stupid and dangerous.
f Oh, I didn't know that.

- A What do you think of space travel?
B I'm completely against it.
(1) c
A Really?
(2) b
I thought you'd be supportive of the idea.
B (3) d
Space travel is a complete waste of money. I mean, what do we get from it?
A (4) c
There are lots of inventions that were inspired by space travel.
B (5) f
Maybe I've judged space travel too harshly.
A (6) a

Grammar assistant

Passive with modal verbs

- To change a sentence that includes one or two modal verbs from the active to the passive, we add the verb **to be** in its correct form before the main verb.
- The main verb may also change.
The children could leave their books here.
The books could be left here.
The man should have cleaned the room.
The room should have been cleaned.

5 Change passive sentences into active sentences and vice versa.

- a People have given Venus the epithets 'the morning star' and 'the evening star'.
The epithets 'the morning star' and 'the evening star' have been given to Venus.
- b The Russians have also sent spacecraft and probes to Venus.

Spacecraft and probes have also been sent to Venus by the Russians.

- c This report from the meeting can be typed up next week.

I can type up this report from the meeting next week.

- d The news from Kuwait has to be delivered today.

We have to deliver the news from Kuwait today.

6 Join the sentences together using the words in brackets.

- a I thought the TV programme about space was dramatic. I thought the TV programme about space was fascinating. (both)

I thought the TV programme about space was both dramatic and fascinating.

- b I am not curious about space travel. I am not curious about deep-sea diving. (neither / nor)

I am curious about neither space travel nor deep-sea diving.

c You can watch TV. You can read a book. You can't do both. (either / or)

You can either watch TV or read a book.

d There were three crew members on the International Space Station. They weren't wearing spacesuits. (none)

None of the three crew members on the International Space Station were wearing a spacesuit.

7 Tick the following sentences and check whether the verbs are in the correct tense. Tick correct sentences and rewrite incorrect ones.

- a On holiday next week, I will have sailed in the Bahamas with my family.

..... will be sailing

- b By next month, I will have finished my exams.

- c If I finish this meal, I will be eating too much.

..... will have eaten

- d I can't come out later. I will have done homework.

..... will be doing

8 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct verb tense.

- a That morning, I had to get up at 5.30 because I had to catch the bus to school.

- b I like swimming. I am going to go swimming every weekend.

- c I am going to buy a new computer for my birthday.

- d I am not going to go to the beach this weekend because it's raining.

- e I am not going to go to the beach this weekend because it's raining.

- 1 Read these notes for a presentation about life in space.

Life in Space

- Space is not just a huge adventure.
- Much time is spent on surviving and mundane tasks.
- Scientists make inventions to help.
- Machines remove carbon dioxide, making breathable atmosphere.
- No shower. Use ethanol cloths and shampoo that doesn't need water or make foam.
- Food in containers, water added to make edible.
- Drinks in sealed containers; drink through straw.
- Astronauts exercise two hours a day; muscles / bones weaken in low gravity.
- All help clean / maintain equipment, etc.

a. Can you think of any other activities that astronauts could do in their free time in space?
I think they can write notes and take photos about what they can see there

b. Can you think of any inventions that would help astronauts in space?

I think radio messages and telephones are of great need to be invented to be used there to enable them to communicate with us on Earth.

2 Look at the scientific notes again. Using them as a basis, turn the notes into full sentences.

Add full sentences about your own ideas.

Space is not just a huge adventure. — The time astronauts spend in space is not just a huge adventure.

Astronauts spend much time on surviving and mundane tasks.

Scientists are making many inventions to help astronauts.

They need machines that remove carbon dioxide for creating breathable atmosphere.

Astronauts use ethanol cloths and shampoo that doesn't need water because there is no water on space.

The food they eat needs to be in containers and water is added to make it edible.

They use straws to drink to avoid splashing it away.

They should exercise 2 hours a day as muscles weaken in space.

3

Write an essay discussing one of the themes.

Space exploration is important / a waste of time and money.

Space tourism is exciting / boring.

Star gazing tells us a lot about our universe - nothing about ourselves.

You should argue for one side of the argument but acknowledge both potential positions. Whilst some may think space exploration is a pointless waste of money, I believe that it's vital for the enhancement of the human race. I believe this because ...

Answers should be 200-220 words.

Space exploration is important

A lot of people think we should give up space exploration, largely due to cost (and it is expensive — NASA spends approximately 16 billion tax dollars each year). But as you can see from the above list, money spent on space exploration does not nebulously float away into the galaxy. It creates new technologies and products, as well as new jobs and businesses. So maybe you could live without Tang, but would you give up your computer, the GPS navigating system in your car, or your cell phone? Just within the next few years, the space programme is expected to improve our knowledge of solar energy power, cryogenics, and robotics that are expected to offer great improvements in health care, energy and the environment, everyday technology, and many other areas.

But more importantly, human beings just seem to have a natural desire to learn more, to figure out things we don't understand, and to explore the unknown.

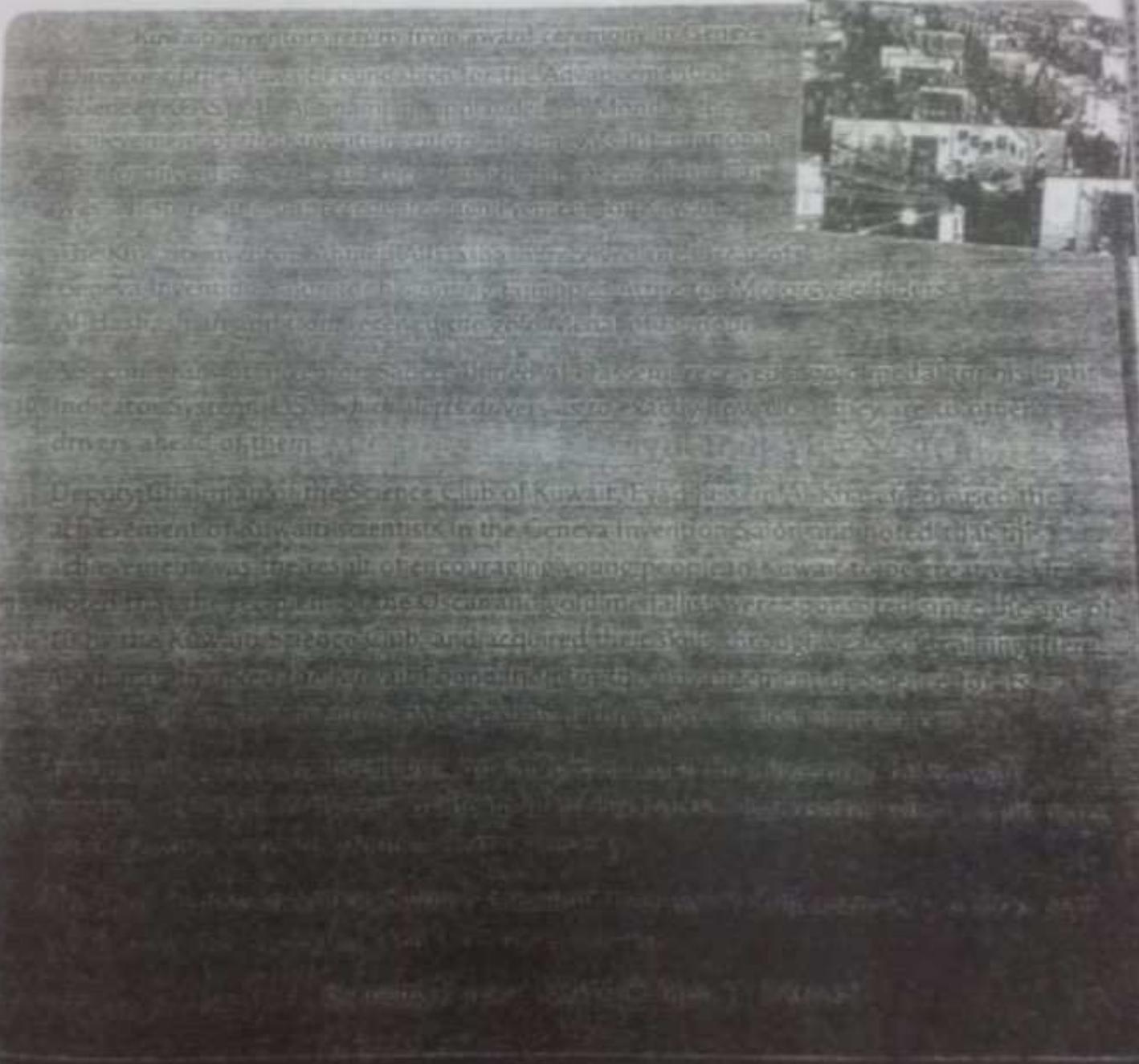
12 Geniuses

Key words:
acquire, attire, deputy, electrochemical, forum, medalist, tractor,
private, sponsor, unprecedented

Reading

- 1 Read this article and then fill in the chart with the necessary information.

Inventor	Invention
Ahmed Al-Hashash	Airbag Equipped Attire for Motorcycle Riders
Sadeq Ahmed Al-Qassem	Light Indicator System
Abdullah Al-Yateem	electrochemical reactor to produce energy



Kuwaiti inventors recently won several certificates in Invention and Innovation from the Kuwaiti government's youth advancement committee. Several Kuwaiti inventors have joined hands to form a new organization to encourage inventors to work together and exchange ideas. The new organization, known as the National Inventors Association (NIA), was founded by three inventors from the Science Club of Kuwait University. The club's members are Sadeq Ahmed Al-Qassem, a 20-year-old electrical engineer, and two others, Mr. Ahmed Al-Hashash and Mr. Abdullah Al-Yateem. The NIA aims to help inventors to exchange ideas and experiences and to help them to commercialize their inventions. It also aims to encourage young people to work hard to be creative inventors.

Deputy chairman of the Science Club of Kuwait University, Mr. Khaled Al-Khaldi, attended the inauguration of the inventors' club in the Geneva Invention Show and noted that his club's achievements were the result of encouraging young people to work hard to be creative inventors. He added that the club's members have organized a number of projects and competitions, one of which was the Kuwait Science Cup and acquired three gold medals in the competition.

2 Choose the correct ending to the following sentence beginnings.

- a Ali Al-Shamian believed that the achievements of the Kuwaiti inventors were ...
 1 unremarkable.
 2 groundbreaking.
 3 expected.

- b Ali Al-Shamian said that winning the Oscar of the Fair is ...
 1 an achievement that has never been attained before.
 2 a great achievement.
 3 an achievement that will never be attained again.

- c The pronoun which in line 10 refers to ...
 1 the Light Indicator System.
 2 the medal.
 3 the inventor.

- d The pronoun where in line 22 refers to ...
 1 Geneva.
 2 Geneva Invention Salon.
 3 42 countries.

3 Are these statements True (T) or False (F)? Justify your answers.

- a Eyad Jassem Al-Kharafi is the chairman of the Science Club of Kuwait.

False: He is the deputy chairman of the Science Club of Kuwait.

- b The Light Indicator System prevents car accidents.

False. It alerts drivers how close they are from other drivers.

- c Abdullah Al-Yateem intended to use sewage water to produce electric energy.

True. He hoped to do this with an electrochemical reactor.

- d Kuwaiti inventors were supported in their participation in the Geneva Salon for Inventors by Al-Kharafi.

False. They were supported by the Kuwait Foundation for the advancement of science.

- 4** Complete the following sentences from the article.
- a Al-Hashash received the gold Medal of HONOUR for his invention.
- b Al-Kharafi ... praised ... the Kuwaiti inventors' achievement in the Geneva Salon of Inventors.
- c Al-Kharafi believes that this event encourages the ... CREATIVITY ... of young people in Kuwait.
- d The Kuwait Science Club has sponsored ... the inventors who won the Oscar and the gold medal since they were very young.
- e Al-Kharafi appreciated the support ... that has been provided to Kuwaiti inventors in the Geneva Salon of Inventors.
- f Abdullah Al-Yateem invented an electrochemical reactor which could produce electric energy out of sewage water.

5 Make a summary of the article on page 82. Try to avoid unnecessary details.

Kuwait is rich in genius people. Many of them can provide us with useful inventions. Some of them proved to be pioneers in certain fields. Some of those geniuses such as Ahmed Al-Hashash, Sadeq Ahmed Al-Qassem and Abdullah Al-Yateem shared in Geneva International Fair for inventions and got back with awards ceremony. They honoured Kuwait there.

Over to You

6 In which discipline would you wish to be a genius?

I'd like to be a genius in the field of computer and the internet.

Language practice

1

Complete the gaps in these texts with words related to the words in capitals.

- a My brother is
(1) talented (TALENT)
at many different ways. He is a
(2) mathematical (MATHEMATICS) genius but also
has great (3) musical (MUSIC) ability. The whole family was
(4) astonished (ASTONISH) when he won the first prize in a
competition for young composers.
- b My sister was never (1) able (ABILITY) to paint or draw well until a
new and very (2) skilful/skilled (SKILL) teacher arrived at the school.
Since then, my sister's progress has
been (3) amazing (AMAZE), and art has grown in
(4) popularity (POPULAR) throughout the school.

2

Choose the correct preposition in the following conversation.

- A Weren't you present (1) (in / at) the Conference of Science Geniuses?
- B Of course I was, but I was sitting (2) (in / at) the front row, so I couldn't see any (3) (of / from) our classmates.
- A I was really impressed (4) (of / with) the big number of geniuses we have (5) (from / in) our country!
- B Yeah! Did you see that man who could work out the multiplication (6) (for / of) two eight-digit numbers (7) (in / with) a matter of seconds?
- A I almost couldn't believe it, and the numbers were chosen (8) (by / of) a computer.
- B And do you remember that woman who said that she wasn't very satisfied (9) (about / with) being a genius? I thought she was very

ungrateful (10) (against / for) the talent she had been given.

A

No, I think she's quite right. (11) (with / in) what she said, I mean it is definitely very stressful to live (12) (under / over) the pressure (13) (from / of) everyone expecting the best (14) (with / from) you.

B

Well, I still think she was a bit too outspoken. After all, this isn't what the conference was (15) (around / about).

3

Complete the following text with words from the box. You may not use all the words and some may need to be made plural.

master aged researcher arbitrary
gifted genius ability prodigy
precocious extravagantly

A (1) prodigy is a child who is exceptionally good at something. Prodigies are usually (2) gifted, but not always: they may be (3) precocious rather than gifted because some of them lose their special (4) ability when they become adults. Some (5) researchers believe that a prodigious talent is not innate and does not emerge (6) arbitrarily. Rather, the environment plays the dominant role, many times in obvious ways. For example, Laszlo Polgar set out to raise his children to be chess players, and all three of his daughters went on to (7) master the game and become world class players, showing that (8) genius can be developed through suitable training.

4 Rewrite the following sentences using the instructions in brackets.

- a If you don't have enough general knowledge, you won't make it to the end of the contest. (Use unless.) Unless you have enough general knowledge, you won't make it to the end of the contest.
- b Our school library is very rich in valuable books. So is the public library. (Use ... as ...)

Our school library is as rich in valuable books as the public library.

- c I have tried several methods to prevent this student's failure, but all have been in vain. (Report what the teacher explained.)

The teacher explained that he had tried several methods to deal with that student's failure, but that it had been in vain.

The researchers have proved some interesting theories concerning human genes. (Change into the passive voice.)

Some interesting theories have been proved by the researchers concerning human genes.

5 Rewrite the following as single sentences, using a verb in the -ing form.

- a An Indian man correctly calculated the square root of a six-digit number. He took 1 minute 3.8 seconds.

An Indian man correctly calculated the square root of a six-digit number, taking 1 minute 3.8 seconds.

- b An American holds the world record for sending a text message. He typed a text of 160 letters on his mobile phone in less than a minute.

An American holds the world record for sending a text message, typing a text of 160 letters on his mobile phone in less than a minute.



- c A 38-year-old Swede set a unicycle speed record for 100m. He completed the distance in 12.11 seconds.

A 38-year-old Swede set a unicycle speed record for 100m, completing the distance in 12.11 seconds.

- d In December 1998, a young British man broke the record for the most books balanced on the head. To do this, he used skills he had developed as a builder.

In December 1998, a young British man broke the record for the most books balanced on the head, using skills he had developed as a builder.

- e He actually succeeded in carrying 62 books. The books weighed 98.4 kg.

He actually succeeded in carrying 62 books weighing 98.4 kg.

6 What would you say in the following situations?

- a You meet an old friend whom you haven't seen for a long time.

Hello! It's been a long time!

- b You're amazed with your friend's musical talent.

You have an amazing musical talent!

- c You are apologising to the teacher for being late; your dad's car had a flat

tyre. Sorry for being late; my dad's car had a flat tyre.

- d You are suggesting to your friend that you study together.

Why don't we study together?

- e You buy a watch from a shop; it turns out to be faulty.

I think I should return it to the shop owner.



Imagine you are applying to a university. Here's an application form for you to fill in with your personal details.

Please complete all sections of this form. Failure to do so may delay your application.

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Course title	Course term
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Medicine	second

Personal statement attached

Yes

No

Signature of applicant

Date

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- Q2 Write a personal statement for the university you have applied to, to accompany the application form you have just completed. You may wish to include comments on your academic career, your future hopes and plans, your main interests and activities and your reasons for wishing to study at that particular university. Your personal statement should be 200-250 words long.

I'd like to join the Faculty of Medicine in order to be able to help sick people in my country. To study medicine is my ultimate goal in life. It's been my passion since I was seven years old. At the age of four, I frequented the library regularly with my mother. This daily routine continued for five years. During these five years, my mother would invariably encourage me to read non-fiction. I'm not sure how or why but I was immensely fascinated with the human body from a young age. I'd feed my curiosity and satisfy my hunger by borrowing several books at a time on this topic to my mother's delight. Books on the human body, books on diseases, books on nutrition, books on maintaining health. Pair my intense interest and love for the subject with a perpetual inner desire to help others and do good and there it is - my path, my calling. There is nothing else out there for me, no other career, no other job, no other purpose.

My mother told me that she'd often find me attempting to make "medicine" in the backyard using various plants and copious amounts of grass when I was very young. I hope this is indeed God's will for me because I cannot imagine myself pursuing anything else.