




Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings. Draw an arrow  from the meaning to the word.

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| 1. A game or test that people try to win. | a. hot-dog |
| 2. Was first or the best in a game, race, or contest. | b. contest |
| 3. End a game with the same number of points for both players. | c. won |
| 4. A long bread roll with a hot sausage inside it. | d. champion |
| 5. A person who is best at a sport or game. | e. tie (v) |
| 6. Win a game against someone. | g. beat |

B: Discussion

Answer these questions in pairs.

- Do you like hot dogs?
- When do you eat hot dogs? (e.g. for lunch, for a snack etc)
- If you do, how many hot dogs do you eat? (e.g. one, two, three, more than three etc)
- How long does it take you to eat one hot dog?



Reading Activities

A: Understanding The Main Idea

Read Part One of today's article. Answer the questions.

Part One

- How many hot dogs did the man eat?
- What happened in the contest for the first time?

New York Saturday July 5 (Reuters) - A man ate 64 hot dogs in the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest, on Friday.

For the first time ever two men tied when they ate 59 hot dogs in 10 minutes. Then the US champion ate 5 more hot dogs in 50 seconds.

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B: Word Order and Comprehension

1. Here is Part Two of the article. Put the words in the right order to make a sentence.

PartTwo

beach. / beat Takeru Kobayashi, the six-time champion / Joey Chestnut, the US champion, / in the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest / at New York's Coney Island /

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Use your understanding of the sentence to answer these questions.

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| 2. Why are Takeru Kobayashi and Joey Chestnut hot-dog eating champions? | 3. What is Chestnut champion of? |
| a. Because they ate many hot dogs in contests. | a. He is champion of Japan. |
| b. Because they like eating hot dogs. | b. He is champion of New York. |
| c. Because they cook hot dogs for contests. | c. He is champion of the United States. |



C: Complete A Table

Read **Part Three** of the article, and read **Part One** and **Part Two** again. Complete the table about the contest in New York.

Name of contest:
Place: <i>Coney Island, New York</i>
Date of contest: <i>July _____ 2008</i>
Name of 2008 winner: <i>Joey Chestnut</i>
Number of hotdogs he ate:
Winner of 2007 contest:

Part Three

Chestnut and Kobayashi ate 59 hotdogs in 10 minutes. There was an overtime to find out which man could eat five more hotdogs in the shortest time.
Chestnut won the **overtime**.

He finished his five hot dogs 7 seconds before Kobayashi. Koyabashi is a six-time winner of the contest but Chestnut beat him last year.

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Words: **overtime** - in some sports, after there is a tie, there is extra time for play so there can be a winner

D: Checking Your Understanding

Use your understanding of the article and the table to fill the gaps in this summary.

There was an eating contest in _____ on July 4 _____. The name of the eating contest was the '_____'.
Joey Chestnut and _____ ate 59 hot dogs in 10 minutes. Then there was an overtime and Chestnut _____ the contest because he finished 5 more hot dogs 7 seconds before Koyabashi.

E: Comprehension

Find the answers to these questions in Part 4 of the article.

1. What prize did Chestnut win?
 - a. money
 - b. a yellow belt
 - c. lots of hot dogs
 - d. all of these answers

2. What is Nathan's famous for?
 - a. a store that sells hot dogs
 - b. a company
 - c. the winner of the contest
 - d. a business that sells yellow belts

Part Four

The winner receives \$10,000, a mustard yellow belt and a year's supply of hot dogs from Nathan's, which began in 1916 with a small Coney Island hot dog stand and now sells food products around the world.

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Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Discussion

In groups discuss these questions:

- Why do you think people enter strange contests?
- Do you know of a similar contest in your country?
- Some people think that eating contests are not very good when there are people in the world who do not have enough food to eat. What do you think? Do you agree or disagree? Why? Why not?

B: Jigsaw Reading

Your teacher will give you a text about Kobayashi and Chestnut with missing information. Work in pairs and think of questions to ask to find the information. Then find a student with the other text. Ask and answer questions to complete your texts.

C: Language

A lot of and **lots of** can be used with both uncountable and countable nouns in positive sentences. We use **lots of** more when we are speaking.

I eat a lot of hot dogs. = **Correct**

I eat lots of hot dogs. = **Correct**

Sometimes when we are talking we repeat **lots of** if we really want to say that there was a very large amount of something.

He ate lots and lots of hot dogs in the contest!

Answer these questions using **lots of**.

1. What do you like eating lots of?
Answer: *I like eating lots of....*
2. Did you eat lots of any food yesterday?
If yes, what food? **Answer:** *I ate lots of...*
3. Do you like eating lots of take out food?
If yes, which ones do you eat lots of....?
4. Do you like eating lots of fruit and vegetables? Why or why not?
Yes/no, I like/do not like eating lots of...



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary - Answers

1. b, 2. c, 3. e, 4. a, 5. d, 6. g.

Reading Activities

A: Understanding The Main Idea - Answers

1. 64, 2. there was a tie.

B: Word Order and Comprehension - Answers

1. Joey Chestnut, the US champion, beat Takeru Kobayashi, the six-time champion in the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest at New York's Coney Island beach.
2. a.
3. c.

C: Complete The Table - Answers

Name of contest: Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest
Place: Coney Island, New York
Date of contest: July 4 2008
Name of 2008 winner: Joey Chestnut
Number of hot dogs he ate: 64
Winner of 2007 contest: Joey Chestnut

D: Checking Your Understanding - Answers

There was an eating contest in New York on July 4 2008. The name of the eating contest was the 'Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest'. Joey Chestnut and Takeru Kobayashi ate 59 hot dogs in 10 minutes. Then there was an overtime and Chestnut won the contest because he finished 5 more hot dogs 7 seconds before Koyabashi.

E: Comprehension - Answers

1.d, 2. b.

Post-Reading Activities

A: Discussion - Notes

Your students might like to organize a record breaking competition of some kind. Discuss the possibility. What kind of competition would it be? What kinds of things would they need to consider? You may like to point out that a lot of eating competitions raise money for charity. There is even an international federation of competitive eating which lists the upcoming competitions: <http://www.ifoce.com>.

B: Jigsaw Reading - Texts To Be Given To Students

See texts below,

Text For Student A

My name is Takeru Kobayashi. I am from Nagoya in Japan. I weigh _____ (*How much does he weigh?*) and I am 29 years old. In _____ I won the World Hot Dog Eating Contest for the first time (*When did he win the World Hot-dog Eating Contest for the first time?*). I ate 50 hot dogs in 12 minutes. I have won the contest _____ times (*How many times has he won the contest?*). I usually break the hot dogs in half before I eat them. The World Hot Dog Eating Championships is held _____ every year on July 4. (*Where are the World Hot-dog Eating Championships held?*) My nickname is 'Tsunami'.

Text 1 For Student B:

My name is Takeru Kobayashi. I am from _____ (*Where is he from?*) in Japan. I weigh 160 pounds and I am _____ years old. (*How old is he?*) In 2001 I won the World Hot Dog Eating Contest for the first time. I ate _____ hot dogs in 12 minutes (*How many hot dogs did he eat in 12 minutes?*) I have won the contest six times. I usually break the hot dogs in half before I eat them. The World Hot-dog Eating Championships is held in New York every year on _____ (*When are the World Hot-dog Eating Championships held?*). My nickname is _____ (*What is his nickname?*).

Text 2 For Student A

My name is _____. I am from _____ in the United States. I weigh 230 pounds and I am _____ old. In _____ I won the World Hot Dog Eating Contest for the first time. I ate 66 hot dogs in _____ minutes. At the end of a contest I usually stuff my cheeks with hot dogs. My nickname is 'Jaws'.

Text 2 For Student B

My name is _____. I am from San Jose in the United States. I weigh _____ pounds and I am 23 years old. In 2007 I won the World Hot Dog Eating Contest for the first time. I ate _____ hot dogs in 12 minutes. At the end of a contest I usually stuff my cheeks with _____. My nickname is '_____'.
