

# The Boat Race Mystery

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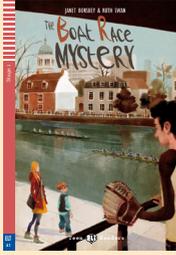
## Activities

### 1 Match the definitions and the words.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> to make a plan | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> to point        |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> to arrive      | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> in the distance |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> to decide      | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> wheel           |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> to cry         | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 999            |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> to shout       | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> to follow      |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> to laugh       | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> to hurt        |
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- a** On Monday morning, you leave your home then you arrive at school.
- b** You think, then you do something.
- c** When you walk behind someone because you want to see where they are going.
- d** The number you call in the UK when you need the police, firefighters or an ambulance.
- e** When you say, 'first I will do this, then I will do that'.
- f** When you fall off your bicycle you do this to your body.
- g** You make a lot of noise when you speak, and everyone can hear you.
- h** When you are sad about something, your eyes are wet
- i** Something you can see which is not near to you.
- j** Use your finger to show something to another person.
- k** A noise you make when you think something is funny.
- l** A car has four of these, they are round and move the car on the road.

1 f 1 e; 2 a; 3 b; 4 h; 5 g; 6 k; 7 j; 8 i; 9 l; 10 d; 11 c; 12 f

Answers:



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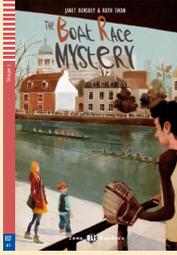
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### 2 Put the right word or words in the gaps.

around - inside - off - on the wall - outside - with

Some more rowers came **1** \_\_\_\_\_ the corner, got **2** \_\_\_\_\_ their bikes and left them **3** \_\_\_\_\_ the boathouse. They went **4** \_\_\_\_\_. Then, more rowers arrived **5** \_\_\_\_\_ the coach, but no one looked at the three friends **6** \_\_\_\_\_.



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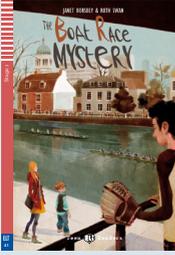
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### Test yourself

#### Who am I?

Jason - Lisa - Pete - Mr Pullen - Sam - Shorty

- 1 I play the guitar, I am clever and I am 11 years old.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I am the big sister of the person above. I am fourteen.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I am the friend of the girl above. I play baseball.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I am the big brother of the person above. I row for Oxford and I am very tall.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I also row. I was a good friend of the person above, but then I did some bad things.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I work at the boat house. I know all of the people above and I like tea.  
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Focus on...

# Oxford - Cambridge Boat Race

- The first race ever held was in 1829.
- Every member of the Boat Race crews trains for two hours for every stroke in the race.
- It is traditional for the winning team to throw their “Cox” into the river to celebrate their victory.
- The women’s race takes places first, at 3.10pm, with the men’s race following second at 4.10pm.
- The record time over the course in The Boat Race is 16 minutes 19 seconds, which was set by Cambridge in 1998.
- The race passes under **Hammersmith** and Barnes Bridges – but neither crew are permitted to row through the centre arches.

