

The Boat Race Mystery

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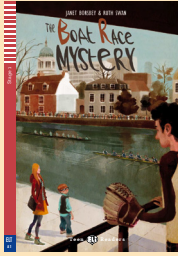
Activities

Some of the words in this summary are wrong.
Find them and put the right word/words in.

Sam arrives at the boathouse late on Sunday morning. It's sunny so he goes inside for a cup of coffee with Mr Pullen. Sam helps Mr Pullen move a boat. He puts the voice recorder in front of the boat. The next day, Sam and Lisa help Mr Pullen work on the water. Sam takes the voice recorder again. When they get home there is nothing interesting on the recorder. The third time they use the recorder, they hear the voice of Pete, Shorty's best friend. They understand it is Pete who helped the boat, and set fire to the river. They know that Pete took the money from the boathouse and put it in Shorty's shoes. They tell the police everything. They are angry because Shorty is back in the squad and Cambridge wins the boat race!

Sam arrives at the boathouse **early** on Sunday morning. It's **raining** so he goes inside for a cup of **tea** with Mr Pullen. Sam helps Mr Pullen move a boat. He puts the voice recorder **behind** the boat. The next day, Sam and Lisa help Mr Pullen work on the **rowing boats**. Sam takes the voice recorder again. When they get home there is nothing interesting on the recorder. The third time they use the recorder, they hear the voice of Pete, Shorty's best friend. They understand it is Pete who took the money from the boathouse, and set fire to the **boathouse**. They know that Pete took the money from the boathouse and put it in Shorty's **coat**. They tell the police everything. They are **happy** because Shorty is back in the squad and **Oxford** wins the boat race!

Answers:



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TEST YOURSELF!

1 Can you remember?

- 1 How many people are in the big rowing boats?

- 2 What colour are the shirts of the Oxford rowers?

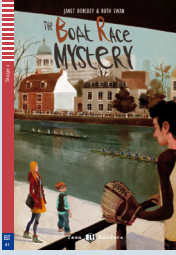
- 3 What colour are the shirts of the Cambridge rowers?

- 4 What is the name of the river where Cambridge and Oxford have their race?

- 5 What two names can you give to the group of people who row together?

- 6 Where does Shorty go to train?

1 eight rowers and one cox who drives the boat; 2 dark blue; 3 light blue; 4 River Thames; 5 crew or squad; 6 the gym.



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Focus on...



Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is the “golden rule” of sports, that means treating the people you play with and against as you’d like to be treated yourself. You show good sportsmanship when you are respectful for yourself, your teammates, for the coaches and your opponents, for the referees... However, sportsmanship should not be respected just on the moment you are playing. Parents, cheerleaders and fans, also have to behave correctly during competition, as they can have a good influence on the people around them. If you want to follow the correct rules of the sportsmanship, you must: play fair, follow the rules of the game, respect the judgment of referees and officials, and treat opponents with respect.