



## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings.

1. A game or test that people try to win.	a. hot-dog
2. A small round cake made of meat or bread.	b. contest
3. One of the last people in a contest to decide who wins.	c. finalist
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. world record
6. A result that is the best in the world.	g. bun



### B: Discussion

Answer these questions in pairs.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you like hot-dogs?</li> <li>2. When do you eat hot-dogs? (e.g. for lunch, for a snack etc)</li> <li>3. If you do, how many hot-dogs do you eat? (e.g. one, two, three, more than three etc)</li> <li>4. How long does it take you to eat one hot-dog?</li> </ol>
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## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea

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

1. What country is the man from?
2. How long did it take him to eat the buns?

**Part One**

**Man Eats 100 Buns**

HONG KONG Sunday Aug 14 (Reuters) - A man from Japan ate 100 buns in 12 minutes today.

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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.

**Part Two**

World Hot-dog Eating Champion / Takeru Kobayashi / is the

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Use your understanding of the sentence to answer these questions.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Why is Takeru Kobayashi a hot-dog eating champion?           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Because he ate many hot-dogs.</li> <li>b. Because he likes eating.</li> <li>c. Because he is from Japan.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Where is he champion of?           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. He is champion of Japan.</li> <li>b. He is champion of the world.</li> <li>c. He is champion of Hong Kong.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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## 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 Hong Kong.

Name of contest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: Hong Kong  
Date of contest: August \_\_\_\_\_ 2005  
Number of finalists: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of winner: Takeru Kobayashi  
Number of buns he ate: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part Three

He competed in the 'Stomach of the World' eating contest in Hong Kong today. He was one of the six finalists.

Kobayashi ate 100 roasted pork buns in 12 minutes to win the contest.

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## 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 August 14 \_\_\_\_\_. The name of the eating contest was the 'Stomach of the World.' There were six \_\_\_\_\_. Takeru Kobayashi, the World Hot-dog Eating Champion, was one of the six \_\_\_\_\_. He won the contest because he ate 100 \_\_\_\_\_ in 12 minutes.

## E: Language Part One

Read the rules below for **past simple questions**.

Past simple questions with the answer *yes* or *no* are made with *did*.

*Did I compete in the contest?*  
*Did you compete in the contest?*  
*Did we compete in the contest?*  
*Did they compete in the contest?*  
*Did he / she / it compete in the contest?*

Questions words like *why* or *where* are used with *did* to make past simple questions where the answer is not *yes* or *no*.

- *Where did you go for the contest?*  
- *I went to Hong Kong.*

When we use the verb '*be*' in a question in the past simple tense, we do not use *did*.

*Was he one of the contestants?*  
*Were there many people at the contest?*

**Exercise:** Make questions in the past simple with the words below.

1. for the / Where did / Kobayahsi go / contest?
2. was the / What / of the contest? / name
3. was / Where / contest? / the
4. How many / did / eat? / Kobayashi / buns
5. did / How long / it take him?



## F: Language Part Two

Read the rules below for **past simple negatives**.

The negative of the past simple tense is made with *didn't*.

*I didn't watch the contest.  
You didn't watch the contest.  
We didn't watch the contest.  
They didn't watch the contest.  
He / she / it didn't watch the contest.*

When we use the verb 'be' in a sentence with a negative meaning in the past simple tense, we use *was/were + not*.

*I was not a contestant. / I wasn't a contestant.  
You were not contestants. / You weren't contestants.*

**Exercise:** A reporter is not very good at remembering information. She has written some sentences about the Hong Kong contest. There are mistakes in the sentences! (The mistakes are not grammatical mistakes.) Say something is not correct. Then write the sentence correctly. Use the Past Simple Tense. (One is done for you as an example.)

Example: *Kobayshi went to Beijing for the contest.*

Answer: *Kobayashi didn't go to Beijing for the contest. Kobayashi went to Hong Kong for the contest.*

1. Kobayashi watched the Stomach of the World contest.
2. Kobayashi competed in the Mouth of the World contest.
3. The contest was in Japan.
4. Kobayashi ate 100 hot-dogs.
5. He ate them in 20 minutes.

## Post-Reading Activities

### 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 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 the texts.



# TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary - Answers

- b.
- g.
- c.
4. a.
5. d.
6. e.

## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea - Answers

- Japan,
- 12 minutes.

### B: Word Order and Comprehension - Answers

- Takeru Kobayashi is the World Hot-dog Eating Champion.
- a.
- b.

### C: Complete The Table - Answers

Name of contest: Stomach of the World  
Place: Hong Kong  
Date of contest: August 14 2005  
Number of finalists: 6  
Name of winner: Takeru Kobayashi  
Number of buns he ate: 100

### D: Checking Your Understanding - Answers

There was an eating contest in **Hong Kong** on August 14 2005. The name of the eating contest was the '**Stomach of the World**.' There were six **finalists**. **Takeru Kobayashi**, the World Hot-dog Eating Champion, was one of the six finalists. He won the contest because he ate **100 pork buns** in 12 minutes.

### E: Language - Answers

#### Part One

- Where did Kobayashi go for the contest?
- What was the name of the contest in Hong Kong?
- Where was the contest?
- How many buns did Kobayashi eat?
- How long did it take him?

#### Part Two

- Kobayashi didn't watch the Stomach of the World contest. Kobayashi competed in the Stomach of the World contest.
- Kobayashi didn't compete in the Mouth of the World contest. He competed in the Stomach of the World contest.
- The contest wasn't in Japan. The contest was in Hong Kong.
- Kobayashi didn't eat 100 hot-dogs. He ate 100 roasted pork buns.
- He didn't eat them in 20 minutes. He ate them in 12 minutes.

## 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

### Text For Student A

My name is Takeru Koyabashi. I am from Nagoya in Japan. I weigh \_\_\_\_\_ (*How much does he weigh?*) and I am 27 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 For Student B

My name is Takeru Koyabashi. I am from \_\_\_\_\_ (*Where is he from?*) in Japan. I weigh 144 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 five 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 Championship held?*). My nickname is \_\_\_\_\_ (*What is his nickname?*).

