

## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary

Match the words with the correct pictures. (The words are from today's article.)

- a. beard   b. mustache   c. judge   d. trophy   e. world



### B: Predicting

1. Work in pairs. Look at the words and pictures in Pre-Reading Activity A. What do you think today's article is about?
2. Compare your answers with another pair. Begin your answer like this: *I think today's article is about...*

## Reading Activities

### A: Pictures

Look at today's article and answer the questions. (Don't use your dictionaries.)

1. How many paragraphs are there in today's article?
2. Match the pictures over the page with the correct paragraph:

continued on next page...

Picture a:



Picture b:



Picture c:



Picture d:



## Hairy-Faced Men Meet for Best Beard Show

(1) SCHOEMBERG, Germany Monday March 26 Reuters) - More than 250 men met in southwest Germany at the weekend for the 10th annual world beard and mustache championships. The men were from 15 different countries.

(2) There were many different types of beards and mustaches at the championships. Some beards and mustaches were long, short, curly, wavy or pointed.

(3) The men had **to show** their beards or mustaches to the judges. The judges then gave the winners their trophies at a prize-giving ceremony. The ceremony finished early Sunday morning.

(4) Hans-Joachim van Wanrouy spent 6 hours before the competition **styling** his six-pointed beard.

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**to show** - to let the judges see the beards and mustaches  
**styling** - cutting or arranging your hair/ beard in a particular way

### B: Vocabulary

Look at the pictures from Reading Activity A. In pairs, find examples of these words in the pictures:

**curly, long, short, wavy, pointed, a winner, a trophy, a judge, a six-pointed beard**

## C: Reading for Detail

In today's article there were these words: 'the 10th annual world beard and mustache championships'

1. **10th** means: a. ten times; b. 100 times; c. 150 times
2. **annual** means: a. once a month; b. once every 6 months; c. once a year
3. **championship** means: a. a trophy; b. a competition; c. the winner

Now answer these questions:

4. How many times a year do they have the championship?
5. How many times have they had the championship?
6. What sort of championship is it?

Now look at these words: 'a prize-giving ceremony'

7. a **prize** means: a. Something that is given to you because you are the winner; b. Something that is given to you by someone who likes you.
8. What happens at a prize-giving ceremony?

## D: Questions

1. How many men were at the championships?
2. What were the different types of beards and mustaches at the championships?
3. When did the prize-giving ceremony finish?
4. How many hours did Hans-Joachim van Wanrauy spend styling his beard?
5. Why do you think the ceremony finished very late?

## Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

### A: Language

In today's article there were some verbs in the **past simple** tense.

1. Work with a partner and underline the verbs in the past simple.
2. Write the **base form** of each of these verbs. Check your answers with your partner.
3. Why was the past simple tense used in today's article?
4. Choose three verbs from today's article and write three sentences using the verbs in the past simple.

### B: Listening and Gap fill

Read the paragraph below. Fill in the gaps with the correct words. Don't look back at the article! Then listen to your teacher and check your answers.

**trophies beard showed Germany 10th world 250 judges prize  
ceremony winners long weekend 15 championships beards**

John has a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ curly (2)\_\_\_\_\_. On the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ he was in southwest (4)\_\_\_\_\_ for the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ annual (6)\_\_\_\_\_ beard and mustache (7)\_\_\_\_\_.

There were (8)\_\_\_\_\_ men from (9)\_\_\_\_\_ different countries. The men (10)\_\_\_\_\_ their (11)\_\_\_\_\_ and mustaches to the (12)\_\_\_\_\_. There was a (13)\_\_\_\_\_ - giving (14)\_\_\_\_\_ and the judges gave the (15)\_\_\_\_\_ their (16)\_\_\_\_\_. John had a good weekend!

### C: Find the Differences

Find a partner. Your teacher is going to give you a piece of paper with a picture on it. Your picture is not the same as your partner's picture. Ask and answer questions to find the differences. There are ten differences. Don't look at your partner's picture unless you have finished.



# TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Vocabulary - Answers

1. e; 2. a; 3. c; 4. b; 5. d.

### B: Predicting - Notes

Allow some time for the students to develop their ideas. This is quite a difficult activity as they have to express their ideas in English.

Circulate and help out with vocabulary if necessary. Round off the activity by asking one or two pairs to say what they think the article is about.

## Reading Activities

### A: Pictures - Answers

i) There are 4 paragraphs.

ii) a-4; b-1; c-3; d-2.

### B: Vocabulary - Answers

curly, long, short, wavy, pointed, a winner, a trophy, a judge, a six-pointed beard

### C: Reading for Detail - Notes

Note: you may want to point out that championship is a noun and all the other words are either adjectives or nouns acting as adjectives.

### C: Reading for Detail - Answers

1. a; 2. c; 3. b; 4. Once a year; 5. 10 times; 6. A world beard and mustache competition; 7. a; 8. Prizes are given to the winners. People clap and there may be speeches, food and drink.

### D: Questions - Notes

For question 6 students give their own ideas.

### D: Questions - Answers

- 250.
- There were curly, wavy, long, short, pointed beard and mustaches.
- Early Sunday morning.
- Six hours.
- Answers will vary. (Perhaps everyone was enjoying themselves. They may have been eating and drinking and having a wonderful party.)

## Post-Reading Activities

### A: Language - Answers

- met, were, were, were, had to, gave, finished, spent
- met - meet, were - be, were - be, were - be, had to - have to, gave - give, finished - finish, spent - spend
- Because the article is about a completed event in the past.
- Answers will vary.

### B: Gap fill and Listening - Notes

Read the text below aloud after the students have attempted to fill in the gaps. Repeat once more if necessary. Then go over the answers quickly on the board.

### B: Gap fill and Listening - Text to be read aloud by teacher

John has a long, curly beard. On the weekend he was in southwest Germany for the 10th annual world beard and mustache championships. There were 250 men from 15 different countries. The men showed their beards and mustaches to the judges. There was a prize giving ceremony and the judges gave the winners their trophies.

### B: Gap fill and Listening - Answers

1. long; 2. beard; 3. weekend; 4. Germany; 5. 10th; 6. world; 7. championship; 8. 250; 9. 15; 10. showed; 11. beards; 12. judges; 13. prize; 14. ceremony; 15. winners; 16. trophies.

### C: Find the Differences - Notes

Students work in pairs. Give Student A Picture A, Student B gets Picture B. Students sit opposite each other (so that they can't see their partner's picture). They take turns to ask and answer questions about the pictures. When they find a difference they can circle it with a pencil. After they have finished they can put the pictures side by side to see whether or not their spotting of differences was correct.

If you wish, you could give a time limit. Students try to find as many differences as they can within this time.

### C: Find the Differences - Pictures to be given to students

Student A: Picture A



Student B: Picture B

