

Wayne Gretzky

• Reading Comprehension •

Activity

1

Stop and Think

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Read the paragraphs.
Stop and think as you read.

Good readers are active readers.
Good readers stop and think about what they are reading. Active reading helps readers understand the ideas.

Wayne loves hockey from an early age. He wants to play hockey all the time. Wayne wants his father to take him skating all the time. Wayne loves to be on the ice.

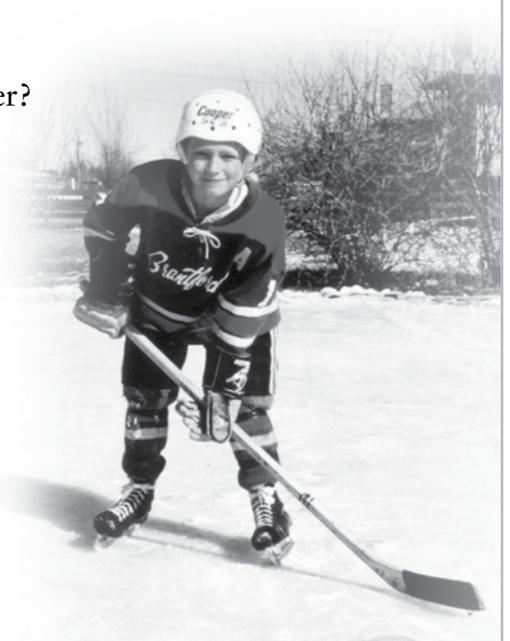
Stop and think: Wayne has a passion. Have you ever had a passion for something? What was it? How did it make you feel?

Wayne's father, Walter, knows his son has a special gift. Wayne also works very hard. Walter makes a rink in their back yard.

Stop and think: What is your opinion of Wayne's father? Why?

Wayne practices four to five hours a day. Wayne takes his gift and turns it into a rare talent.

Stop and think: What made Wayne a great hockey player? His gift? His hours of practice? Or both?



Activity 2 Main Idea and Details



Good readers can find the main idea and details.

The main idea is the important idea. The details support the main idea.

The details help you understand and remember the main idea.

Check the details that support each main idea.

The first one is an example.

Main idea	Details
Wayne is a great hockey player.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wayne wins the scoring title. Wayne becomes team captain. ✓ Wayne is the only NHL player to score over 200 points in one season.
1. Wayne is a great hockey player as a child.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a)___ Wayne gets skates at the age of three. (b)___ Wayne can play with ten-year-olds. (c)___ Wayne scores 378 goals in 82 games in his last season with the Steelers.
2. Wayne's fans love him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a)___ Fans feel hurt and angry about the trade. (b)___ Fans call Wayne "The Great One." (c)___ Wayne is a hockey coach.

Activity 3 Invisible Messages



Writers do not always explain everything.

Sometimes, writers expect readers to read between the lines. Writers expect readers to figure out the invisible messages.

Read the writer's words.

Figure out the invisible message.

The writer's words	The invisible message
Today, Wayne works in the NHL as an owner and coach.	Wayne still loves hockey. Hockey is a big part of Wayne's life.
1. Wayne scores 50 goals in 39 games. He shocks the hockey world.	
2. Wayne gets married. People call it Canada's royal wedding.	

Activity**4****Fact and Opinion****Read the sentences.****Write (F) for fact or (O) for opinion.**

- Wayne is traded on August 9, 1988. ____
The day of the trade is a sad day for Edmonton. ____
- The NHL stands for the National Hockey League. ____
The NHL is the best league in the world. ____
- Wayne will keep his point total record for all time. ____
Wayne's point total record is 2857. ____

Good readers know the difference between facts and opinions.

Facts can be proven.

Opinions are personal beliefs.

Activity**5****The Table of Contents****Read each question.****Look at the Contents page in your book.****Which chapter has the answer to the question?****Write the name of the chapter.****Find the answer to the question. Write the answer.**

Good readers use the Table of Contents.

The Table of Contents helps readers find information quickly.

Question	Chapter	Answer
When is Wayne born?	Early Years	1961
1. When does Wayne start playing in the NHL?		
2. How many Stanley Cups do the Oilers win with Wayne?		
3. What does Wayne do after he retires from playing hockey?		

Activity 6 Make a Connection

Read the idea from the story.
Make a connection to your life.

Reading is more than understanding
the ideas on a page.

Good readers connect the ideas
to their lives.

Idea

Edmonton loves hockey. The fans love Wayne. They feel hurt and angry about the trade. “The Trade” is like watching a family member leave home. The mayor says, “It’s like ripping the heart out of the city.”



Your Life

Some sports figures are very popular.
What makes them popular?

Why do some fans feel
a deep connection with them?

Who is your favourite sports figure?
Why?

Which sports do you like?
Which sports do you play?

Which teams does your town or city support?
Do you support these teams? How?

Many sports figures make millions of dollars a year.
Do you think they deserve this much money?
Why or why not?



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• Writing •

Activity **1** Write Your Ideas

Complete these paragraphs about sports.
Use your ideas from page 19.

Your instructor will help you with spelling.

Paragraph 1

Some sports figures are very popular
because _____ .
Another reason is _____ .
I think feeling a deep connection with popular
sports figures is _____ .

Paragraph 2

Some famous sports figures make a lot of money.
I think that this _____
because _____ .
I think _____ should make lots of
money too.

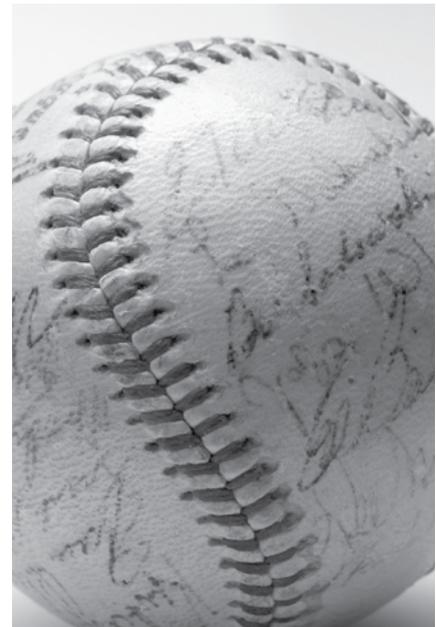
Read each paragraph out loud.
Which paragraph do you like better?
Copy the paragraph on the lines.

Check for capital letters and end punctuation.

Good writers know that writing is a process.

Good writers think of ideas before they write.

Good writers check their writing.



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Activity

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Organize Ideas



Look at the time line.

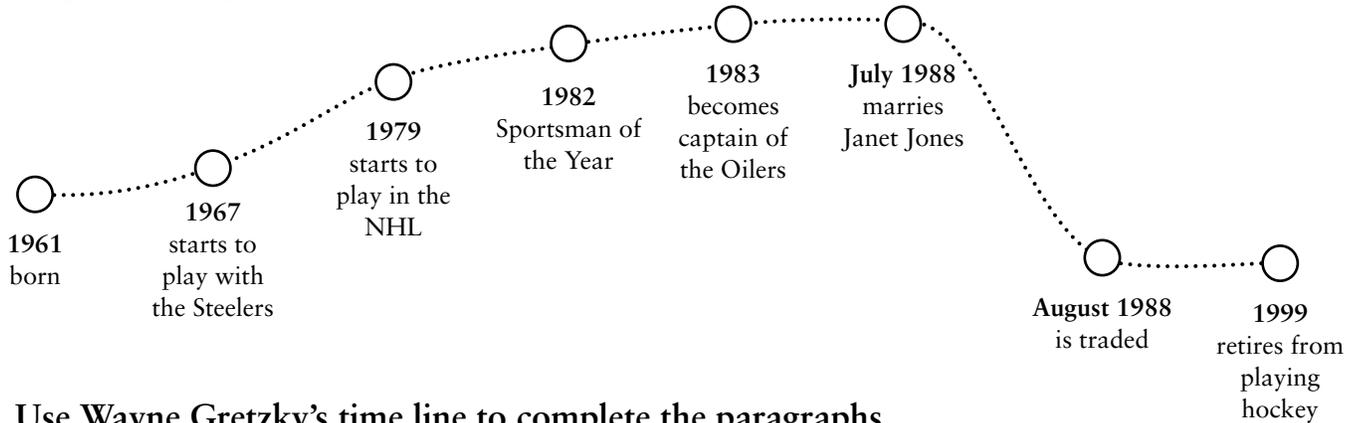
1. What is the topic of the time line?
2. How many events are on the time line?
3. Why does the time line go up and down?

Good writers know that writing is a process.

Good writers organize their ideas before they write.

One way to organize ideas is to use time lines.

Wayne Gretzky's Time Line



Use Wayne Gretzky's time line to complete the paragraphs.

Paragraph 1: Early Years

Wayne Gretzky is born _____. In 1967, Wayne _____
_____.

Paragraph 2: The NHL

Wayne starts to play in the NHL _____. Three years later,
Wayne becomes _____.
A year later, he becomes _____.

Paragraph 3: Changes

Wayne _____ on July 16, 1988.
About a month later, he _____. Wayne _____
_____ in 1999.

Think of your life
or the life of somebody you know.

Draw a time line.

Activity

3

Use Capital Letters and Punctuation



Read these sentences.

Circle the capital letters and end punctuation.

1. Wayne Gretzky breaks every record in hockey.
2. Wayne's father, Walter, builds Wayne a rink.
3. Is Gordie Howe Wayne's hero?
4. Wayne marries Janet Jones on July 16, 1988.

In this activity...

use capital letters

at the beginning of a sentence,
with names of people and places,
and, with dates.

use punctuation

at the end of a sentence.

Read these sentences.

Add capital letters and end punctuation.

5. wayne plays in edmonton for many years
6. august 9, 1988 is a sad day for edmonton
7. hockey fans lose a great player
8. who is peter pocklington
9. wayne waves good-bye to his fans on april 15, 1999
10. today, wayne is a coach and owner in the NHL

Read these paragraphs.

Add capital letters and end punctuation.

Paragraph 1

you are an NHL hockey scout you watch young hockey players you judge their skills you are good at your job you can tell if a hockey player will make it to the NHL

Paragraph 2

wayne gretzky is born in 1961 wayne loves hockey he wants to play hockey all the time wayne loves to be on the ice

• Word Attack Skills •

Activity 1 Predict the Word



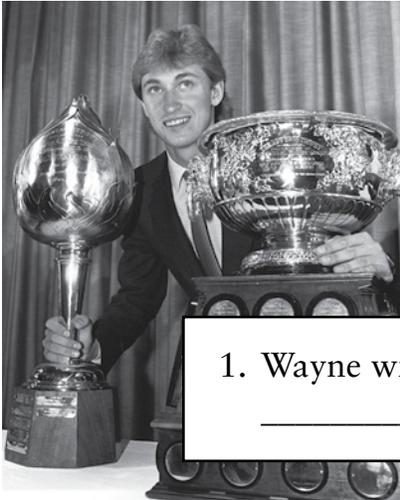
Complete each sentence.
Use the pictures to predict the word.

Readers see new words all the time.
They need to decode the new words.

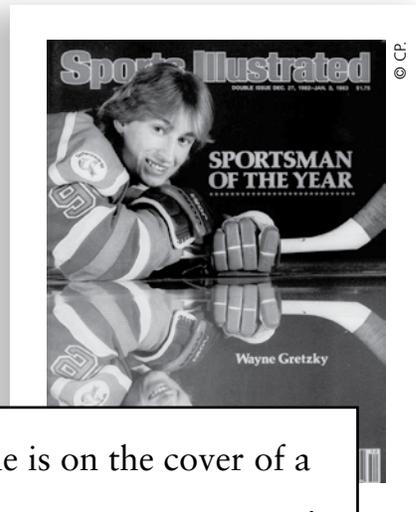
Good readers decode words
in different ways.

They use pictures to predict words.
They use meaning clues to predict words.

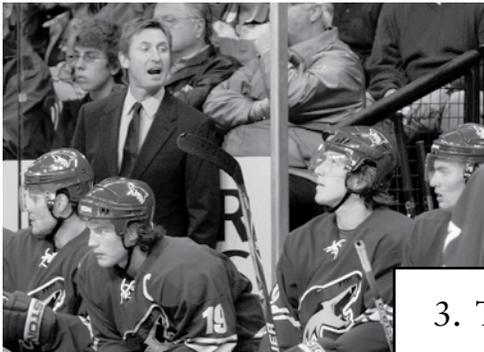
These are two ways to decode words.



1. Wayne wins a lot of _____.



2. Wayne is on the cover of a _____.



3. Today, Wayne _____
a team in the NHL.

Complete each sentence.
Use meaning clues to predict the word.

4. Wayne _____ a lot of hockey records.

5. Wayne scores 378 goals in his last _____ with the Steelers.

6. Wayne _____ Janet Jones. The wedding is in Edmonton.

Activity 2 Find Common Patterns

Look at each word in the box.
Each word has a common pattern.
Group the words under the correct pattern.

<i>shock</i> ✓	<i>shout</i>	<i>lock</i>	<i>hockey</i>
<i>show</i>	<i>blow</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>grow</i>
<i>scout</i>	<i>slow</i>	<i>block</i>	<i>about</i>

Good readers look for common patterns in words.
This is another way to decode words.

ock

ow

out

shock

Read the sentences in the box.
Circle the words that have one of these patterns:

ock ow out

Many words have common patterns.
The patterns look and sound the same.

Find the Common Patterns



1. Wayne shocks the hockey world.
2. Goalies cannot block Wayne's shots.
3. Wayne shows his fans that he is a great player.
4. Wayne's fans grow to love him.
5. Scouts watch hockey players.
6. They talk about Wayne's future.

Activity 3 Divide and Conquer



Read these words.

Look for common endings.

Write the base word on the line.

scores score

playing play

Many words have a base word with a common ending.

Good readers look for base words and common endings

This is another way to decode words.

1. skills _____

2. owner _____

3. stronger _____

4. goals _____

5. watching _____

6. points _____

7. becomes _____

8. player _____

9. practices _____

10. guessed _____

11. longer _____

12. playing _____

13. greatest _____

Read each sentence out loud.

Circle the words with common endings.

14. Hockey players need skills to score goals.

15. Wayne practices hockey a lot as a child.

16. The scout is watching Wayne play.

17. Who could have guessed his future?

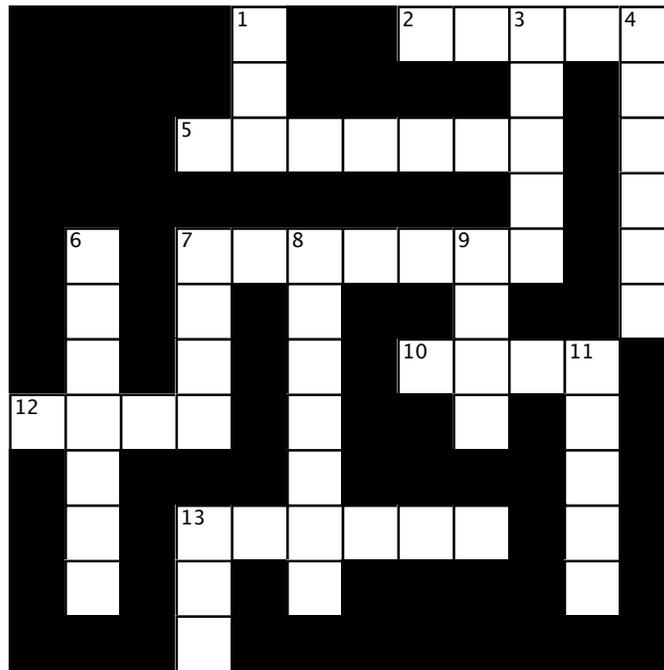
18. The team becomes stronger with Wayne as captain.

19. Wayne is the owner of a hockey team now.

20. Wayne will be the greatest forever.

• Crossword •

Wayne Gretzky



Crossword Clues

All the answers to the clues are from Wayne Gretzky's biography.

ACROSS

2. this person helps a team play better
5. we go to this to see two people get married
7. a hockey player gets this from the referee if he breaks a rule
10. these people love watching sports (rhymes with pans)
12. a place to play hockey
13. opposite of weak

DOWN

1. water turns to this in the freezer
3. mad
4. a sport we play on ice
6. stops working at the age of 55
7. a hockey player scores goals with this
8. 99 2,857 709
9. a group of people who play together to win
11. this person looks for good players
13. opposite of happy

