

Living English

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The *Living English* is the first non-fiction reading series for English language learners to present real-world stories in print, audio, and video.



The first non-fiction reader

Each reader is available in 3 formats which



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With captivating content from around the globe, the *Living English* offers a unique collection of carefully graded readers to help learners develop language and reading skills. The series ensures that learners not only become good readers, but become better at reading non-fiction and informational materials.

- Each reader is available with a **Multi-ROM**, containing video and audio content for that reader.
- Through **photographs and organizational aids**--such as diagrams, tables, maps and charts--learners discover how to read non-fiction books.
- Activities are integrated into each reader**, guiding learners through the text and helping them understand and apply information.
- A short **Assessment Reading** at the end of each book recycles key vocabulary and concepts.

Pre-reading (and post-reading) activities ensure the reader understands and can apply key language and concepts.

Wind power is something that's easily found in the gorge' which divides Washington and Oregon. That makes the Columbia River Gorge one of the best places in the world to kiteboard. However, for inventor Cory Roeseler, the gorge is more than just a place to have fun; it's a place where he can test his new inventions.

Roeseler has always loved water sports. When he was a teenager, he was the first person to 'test pilot or try out, the sport of kite-skiing. Usually, people water ski behind a boat. However, Roeseler decided to use wind power to ski behind a kite. It worked. He became a mechanical engineer. Then, in the 1980s, he invented and designed a lot of water sports. Eventually, he became famous in the world of water sports.

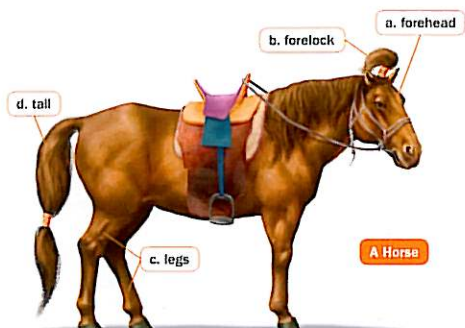
Words to Know

This story is set in Mongolia. It happens near Ulan Bator, the capital city of Mongolia.



A The Parts of a Horse. Look at the picture. Write the letter of the correct word next to each definition.

- the part of a horse's body that sticks out from the back: _____
- the flat part of the face, above the eyes and below the hair: _____
- the piece of hair that falls forward between a horse's ears: _____
- the long body parts used for running and walking: _____



B An Old Tradition. Read the paragraph. Then complete the sentences.

This story is about an interesting horse race in Mongolia. In the race, the riders make their horses run very fast, or gallop. The fastest horse and rider win the race. The race started in the 1200s, during the times of Genghis Khan. Genghis Khan was the emperor, or king, of a very big empire. Horses were very important in building his empire. He had a large cavalry with many excellent horsemen. Because of this, the sport of horse riding continues to be very important to many Mongolians today.

- People from Mongolia are called M_____.
- When horses run very fast they g_____.
- An event to see who is the fastest is a r_____.
- An area ruled by one person is an e_____.
- The sport of riding horses is called h_____ r_____.
- The man who rules an empire is an e_____.
- A group of men who fight on horseback is a c_____.



A Horse and Rider

Genghis Khan (c. 1162-1227)



in a deep valley where a river has cut through rock



Built-in activities help engage the reader and provide guidance in key reading strategies.

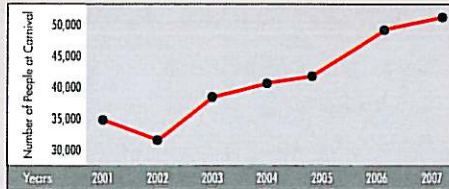
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enable learners to acquire a well-rounded linguistic proficiency

TRAVEL News

CARNIVAL IN TRINIDAD

Carnival in Trinidad is one of the longest and happiest parties you could possibly attend. It starts in December and goes on until February. Every year people from all over the world come to this festival. They come to enjoy the great music and unusual food. If you decide to visit Trinidad, you may also have the chance to join the party on this beautiful tropical island.



Rising Attendance at Carnival in Trinidad

The main events happen at the end of Carnival. One of the most interesting events is the 'Kings and Queens Costume Competition'. All of the musical groups from the Carnival have their own king and queen. This couple then appears in costume with their musical group. The costumes cost hundreds of U.S. dollars and take many months to create. Some of them are over thirty feet high! Every year, judges choose the best costumes.

In the beginning, Carnival had a religious purpose and the local churches organised the events. However, the people of Trinidad and Tobago originally came from many different cultures. Because of this, they soon began to incorporate other traditions. These traditions came from different parts of the world including South America, Africa, England, France, and India.

This makes Carnival one of the most colourful and varied festivals in the world. It also explains why people from so many different countries choose to attend Carnival.

The latest data shows that attendance at Carnival has risen almost every year since 2001. The figures show an increase from around 35,000 people in 2001 to over 50,000 in 2007. Six out of ten visitors to the country come from the United States, Canada, or the United Kingdom. Carnival attracts many people between December and February, but the island's beautiful beaches and sea bring thousands more visitors all year round.

Word Count: 317
Time: _____

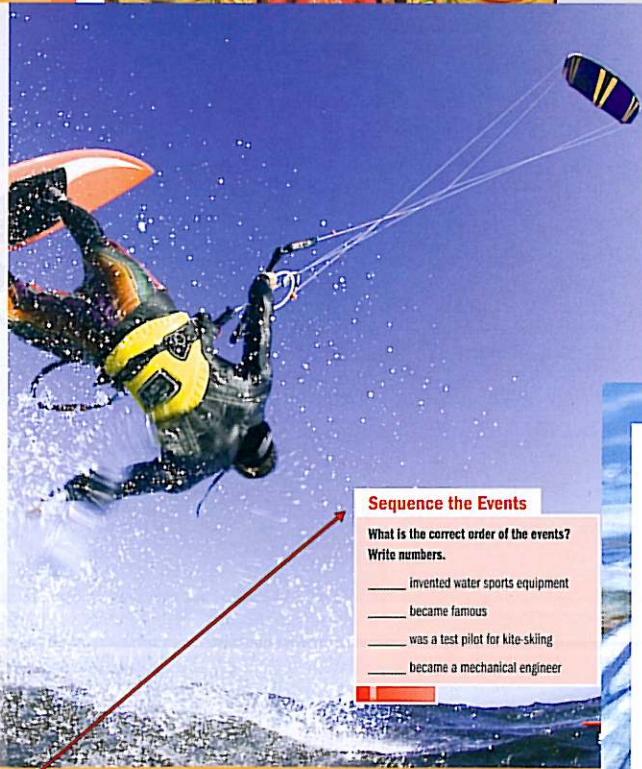
Expansion Reading following the "After You Read" section offers learners and additional opportunity to consolidate and recycle new language and introduces them to other key elements of non-fiction reading.

English-Chinese vocabulary is listed at the back of the reader, for easy reference.

English - Chinese Vocabulary List

(Arranged in alphabetical order)

abalone	鲍鱼	ince
ancient	古老	judg
aptitude	天资	leath
attend	参加	lege
ban	被禁止	lege
bring the best of sth to sb	呈现(某人/物)最佳的一面	mak
compete	竞争	liv
competition	比赛	medi
costume	服装	ment
definitely	绝对的	octo
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Sequence the Events

What is the correct order of the events?
Write numbers.

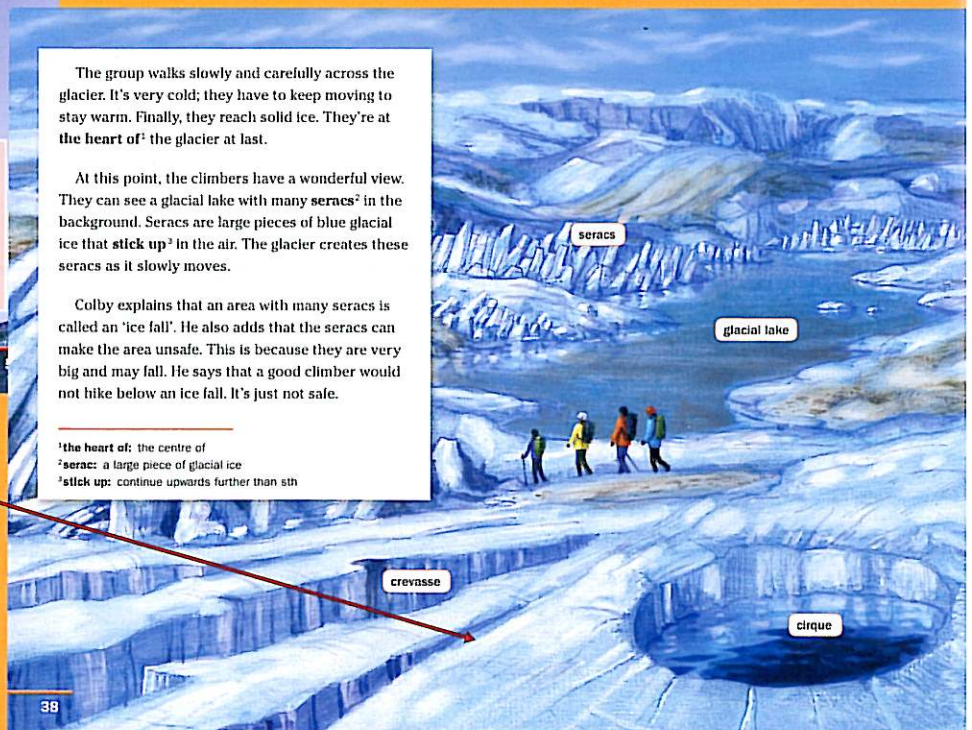
- _____ invented water sports equipment
- _____ became famous
- _____ was a test pilot for kite-skiing
- _____ became a mechanical engineer

The group walks slowly and carefully across the glacier. It's very cold; they have to keep moving to stay warm. Finally, they reach solid ice. They're at the heart of the glacier at last.

At this point, the climbers have a wonderful view. They can see a glacial lake with many seracs² in the background. Seracs are large pieces of blue glacial ice that stick up³ in the air. The glacier creates these seracs as it slowly moves.

Colby explains that an area with many seracs is called an 'ice fall'. He also adds that the seracs can make the area unsafe. This is because they are very big and may fall. He says that a good climber would not hike below an ice fall. It's just not safe.

- ¹the heart of: the centre of
- ²serac: a large piece of glacial ice
- ³stick up: continue upwards further than sth



Organizational aids--such as diagrams, graphs, tables, maps and charts--teach the reader how to read non-fiction more effectively.

English learners in Hong Kong!

Policy— **Read, Listen and Watch.**



listen

The audio program, available per level, contains recordings of the full text of each reader—including the Expansion Readings.

Learners can use the audio recordings before, during or after they read, as a model of pronunciation and intonation, and to improve their general listening skills.

Audio CDs are available for either American or British English. Suggested listening activities are included in the Teacher's Guide.



video

Video from *National Geographic Digital Media*, available per level, brings the *Living English* stories to life.

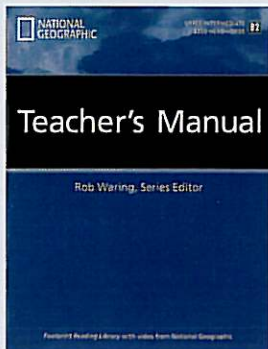
Videos, with a voiceover adapted carefully for learners of English, are available for each title in the *Living English*. The length of each video clip ranges from 3—13 minutes, according to its level of difficulty, and includes a closed caption option.

The videos are designed to be used alongside the printed readers or on their own (supported by photocopyable materials in Teacher's Guide). They can be used in or out of the classroom.

A script for each video is included in the Teacher's Guide.



The *Living English* is supported by...



A Teacher's Guide for every level

Each Teacher's Guide includes a step-by-step lesson planner for each unit, with concise story summaries and teaching notes for each of the Read, Listen, and Watch options.

Photocopiable worksheets provide complete teaching instructions, answer keys, a grammar presentation based on story content and additional research and communicative activities.

Also included are photocopiable quizzes presenting assessment questions in standard test formats.

recommendation

"I highly recommend these readers. They provide a tool for the language teacher to either create a topic based curriculum or to supplement a course book."

Claudia Connolly

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"An interesting and easy way to learn English of nature: a must for wild life lovers."

Lawrence Choi

Senior Lecturer of Hong Kong Institute of Education

"Making use of prevalent environmental issues, students' curiosity about geographic knowledge and multimedia tools, Living English can effectively arouse their motivation in English learning."

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Chairman of Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong

The *Living English* is also recommended by...

Peter Chiu

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Artistic Director of Chung Ying Theatre Company

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- Teaching Guide available for teacher support