

Class 10 Reading

Read this text and answer the questions at the end.

Captain Tom Moore

Captain Tom Moore is the **veteran** who made headlines around the world in April 2020, when he set out to raise money for the National Health Service, by walking 100 laps around his garden. Not only did he raise an incredible amount of money, but he also broke several world records at the same time.

Who is Captain Tom Moore?

Captain Tom was born in Yorkshire on 30th April 1920. He was a soldier in the British Army and served in the Second World War. He currently lives in Bedfordshire with one of his two daughters and her family.

Captain Tom saw the hard work the hospital staff were doing, when he watched the news during the COVID-19 crisis. He had been well looked after in hospital himself, after a hip operation several years ago and he decided that he wanted to do something to raise money for the National Health Service (NHS).

Why 100?

Captain Tom began his challenge as a 99 year old. He decided to walk 100 laps of his garden (10 each day), leading up to his 100th birthday, which was on 30th April 2020. He set himself a target of £1000, which he reached in a day.



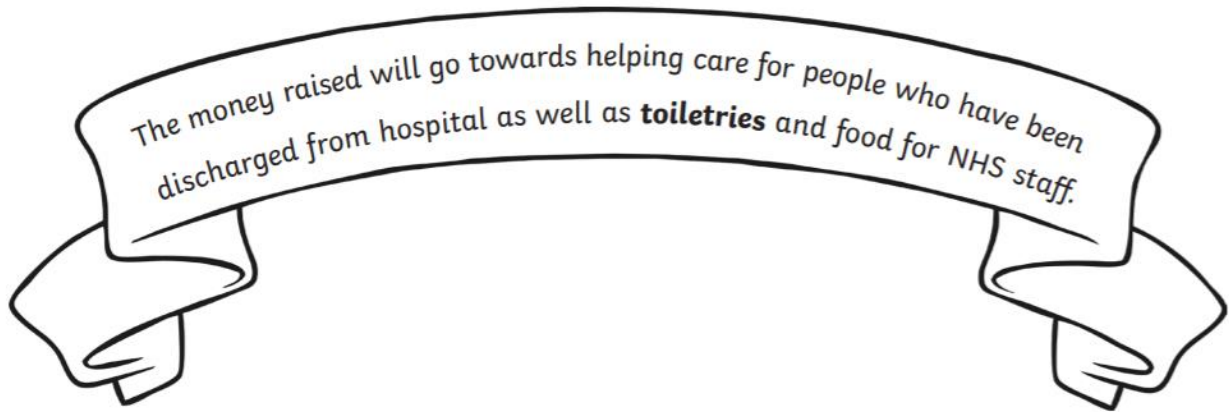
Captain Tom completed his laps with the aid of a walking frame. By the time he finished, he had raised over 27 million pounds!

Breaking Records

With his story being shared around the world, more and more people donated money and Captain Tom broke several records during his fundraising efforts.



He has raised more money from a charity walk than any other single person. He released a charity song, with singer Michael Ball and the NHS Voices of Care Choir, which became the highest selling single of 2020 in the UK. He is the oldest person ever to have a song at number one in the charts.



Did You Know...?



- Captain Tom completed his 100 laps two weeks before his birthday, so decided to increase the number of laps he walked to 200.
- The Royal Mail stamped every item posted during the week of his 100th birthday, with a special postmark with a message for Captain Tom.
- People have been inspired by his story and have sent him birthday cards. He had so many cards, they had to be stored in the local school hall.
- Captain Tom completed his laps, while wearing his three army medals.
- A television **documentary** is being made about his life as a soldier.

Glossary

veteran	An ex-member of the armed forces.
toiletries	Items for personal care, e.g. soap, shampoo and toothpaste.
documentary	A factual television programme.

Questions

When answering the questions, remember to underline key words and read around them. Read the sentences the words are in and the sentences before and after if you need to. Think carefully about what the questions are asking you to do. Where there is a choice of answers, check all possible answers before making a decision.

Monday

Read the text and underline any words which you do not understand. Find out the meanings of those words. If you find any too difficult, you can email me.

Tuesday

1. How many laps of his garden did Captain Tom plan to walk before his birthday. **Choose one answer.**
 - a) 100
 - b) 200
 - c) 1000
 - d) 30
2. How would you describe Captain Tom? **Choose two answers.**
 - a) Determined
 - b) Charitable
 - c) Friendly
 - d) Shy
3. **Find and copy** one word that means amazing.
4. How do you think Captain Tom felt when he heard how much money he had raised? **Choose two answers.**
 - a) Sad
 - b) Amazed
 - c) Disappointed
 - d) Humbled

Wednesday

5. Read the paragraph 'Why 100?' **Find and copy** one word that means the same as help.
6. Find the missing words.

He is the _____ person ever to have a song at number one in the _____.

7. What does NHS stand for? **Choose one answer.**
- a) New Hospital Staff
 - b) National Health Service
 - c) National Hospital Staff
 - d) Nurses & Health Staff
8. Order the events to show the order in which they happened.
- a) Captain Tom began his challenge.
 - b) Captain Tom released a single.
 - c) Captain Tom finished his 100 laps.
 - d) Captain Tom celebrated his 100th birthday.

Thursday

9. **Find** and **copy** the phrase that tells us Captain Tom set a new record.

10. Who did Captain Tom release a charity song with?

11. Find the missing words.

The money _____ will go towards helping care for people who have been _____ from hospital.

12. Give **two** examples of how Captain Tom has raised money.

13. Why do you think so many people donated money to Captain Tom?

Friday

Read a text of your choice on Epic! (details below) and work through the quiz at the end.



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