

Captain Tom Moore

Captain Tom Moore is famous around the world because of all the money he has raised for the National Health Service (NHS).

Who Is Captain Tom Moore?

Captain Tom is an ex-soldier from Bedfordshire. He was born in Yorkshire and when he was younger, he was in the army and even fought in the Second World War.



Raising Money

Captain Tom decided to raise money for the NHS to say thank you to them. He spent some time in hospital a few years ago when he had a hip operation. He set himself the challenge of walking 100 laps around his garden before his 100th birthday on 30th April 2020.

Why Is He Famous?

Captain Tom set himself a target of £1000, but he reached this in one day. As word quickly spread about what he was doing, people around the world decided to donate money.

So far, he has raised over 27 million pounds!

Captain Tom, who walks with a walking frame, reached 100 laps two weeks before his 100th birthday. Soldiers formed a guard of honour for his last few laps.

Did You Know...?

Thousands of people have sent him birthday cards to say well done.

Challenge 1 - Understanding Words:

1. Section 1. What does famous mean?
2. Section 2 - What does the word fought mean?
3. Section 3. What does raising money mean?
4. Section 4. What does donate money mean?

Challenge 2 - Retrieval:

(Remember, the answer is in the text.)

1. Section 1. Who was Captain Tom Moore raising for?
2. Section 2. Where was Captain Tom born?
3. Section 2. Which war did Captain Tom fight in?
4. Section 3. Why did Captain Tom want to raise money for the NHS?
5. Section 4. How much money did Captain Tom raise in total?

Challenge 3 Inference:

(Remember to look for clues in the text.)

1. Why do you think Captain Tom wanted to say 'Thank You' to the NHS?
2. How do you think Captain Tom felt when he was walking his 100 laps?
3. Why do you think this?
4. How do you think Captain Tom felt when he had finished walking his 100 laps?
5. Why do you think this?

Challenge 4 - Similarities and Differences:

1. Would this challenge of walking 100 laps be easier or more difficult for you?
Why?