

Class 10 Reading

Read this text and answer the questions at the end.

Wimbledon

Wimbledon is a global tennis tournament held annually in the UK. For the best players in the world, it is one they want to win.

Rich History



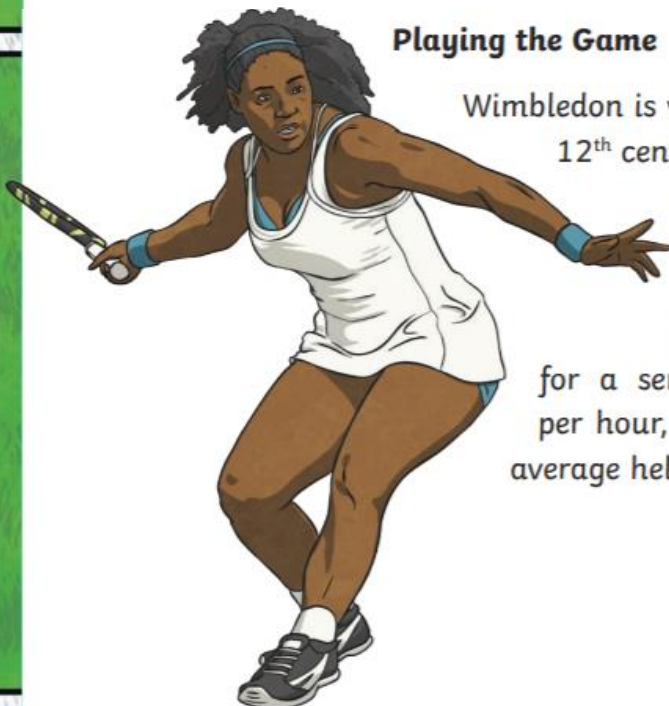
'The Championships, Wimbledon' is often simply known as Wimbledon. It is an event famous for serving strawberries and cream and is the oldest tennis tournament in the world. In fact, players have been serving and volleying on the grass courts of Wimbledon for 131 years! In that time, there have been many brilliant players who have lifted the celebrated Wimbledon trophies and this year promises to be the most-watched tournament ever.

Money, Money, Money

On top of receiving the title, which comes with being crowned Wimbledon champion, players also receive prize money. This year, the winner of the men's and women's singles titles will receive over £2 million.



Playing the Game



Wimbledon is very different to tennis in France in the 12th century, when it was invented. Originally, a ball was hit with the palm of the hand but now players strike the ball with a racquet. Sometimes, this can be incredibly fast. The record speed for a serve at Wimbledon is 238 kilometres per hour, which is about the same speed as an average helicopter.



Here are five more fun facts about Wimbledon:**1. Players must wear white.**

Wimbledon has a strict dress code. Umpires can ask a player to change if they're not happy with what they are wearing. In 2013, the Wimbledon champion was ordered to change his shoes because they had orange soles.

2. The balls can't be white!

Originally, Wimbledon matches were played with white balls but that all changed when TV viewers complained that they couldn't see them flying over the net! In 1986, the balls were changed to yellow.

3. The tennis balls are kept in the fridge!

Tennis balls are changed after every seven to nine games in a Wimbledon match. To make sure new ones are in perfect condition, they are stored in fridges! Over **54,000** balls are used during Wimbledon each year.

4. It's not easy being a ballboy or ballgirl.

Ballgirls and ballboys kneel at the side of the court and pounce on any loose tennis balls which come near them during a game. Ballboys and ballgirls often come from local London schools after being nominated by their headteachers. If chosen, nominees must pass written and fitness tests before being given the job.

5. Matches aren't always quick.

Usually, matches are finished within a few hours. However, in 2010, viewers witnessed a match that spanned over an incredible three days! The total time on court for the players was 11 hours and five minutes.

When Does It All Start?

Qualifying starts on 25th June but the top seeds (best players) begin the battle for the title on 2nd July, when The Championship, Wimbledon officially commences.

There are many tournaments and titles to be won in the few weeks that Wimbledon lasts. Along with the men's and women's singles matches, there are men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles, alongside wheelchair and junior events.



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. Which **three** of these are correct? Wimbledon is known for...
 - a) Grass courts
 - b) Being the oldest tournament in the world
 - c) Clay courts
 - d) Strawberries and cream
2. For how many years have tournaments at Wimbledon happened?
3. How much money will the winners of Wimbledon get? Choose **one** answer.
 - a) £2
 - b) £54
 - c) £54,000
 - d) £2 million
4. What changed in 1986?

Wednesday

5. What is the full name of the Wimbledon tournament?
6. Which statements are true? Choose **two** answers.
 - a) Wimbledon is 131 years old.
 - b) The only food at Wimbledon is strawberries and cream.
 - c) Wimbledon is the oldest tennis tournament in the world.
 - d) Wimbledon is the only tennis tournament in the world.
7. Why was the Wimbledon champion told to change his shoes?
8. Which of these would you find at Wimbledon? Choose **two** answers.

- a) Yellow balls
- b) Referees
- c) Shuttlecocks
- d) Ballboys and ballgirls

Thursday

9. Imagine you were a tennis player at Wimbledon. Explain how it would make you feel. Include as much detail as you can.

10. What's different about the way tennis is played at Wimbledon compared to tennis in France in the 12th century?

11. Why might there be big fridges at Wimbledon?

12. Which fact about Wimbledon surprised you most in this text? Explain your answer.

Friday

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

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