

Building Language Skills with The Seattle Times

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Article: "Teen-led team wins World Drone Prix"

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Pre-Reading:

Write the word *Sport* on the board. Take a few minutes to write down other words that come to mind in relation to the word *Sport*. Discuss what types of words relate to sports and how this might relate (based on the title) to the article.*

Vocabulary:

As you read, look for the following vocabulary words that appear in today's article. Write down what you think the words mean based on the "context," or how the words are used in the sentence in which they appear. Next, look up the definitions in a dictionary and see how close your guess was for each word.

Aviation

Determination

Disposable

Drone

Enthusiasm

Fluorescent

Inaugural

Luxury

Proliferation

Resembled

Revenue

Solder

Unmanned

Comprehension:

1. Where did the World Drone Prix take place?
2. How much money did Luke Bannister receive for winning the race?
3. When will the first World Future Sports Games take place?

4. What kind of games will be included in the World Drone Prix next year??
5. What problem have hobbyist drones caused?
6. Already the so-called eSports revenue was nearly _____ worldwide in 2015, with sponsorships and advertising accounting for _____, according to the New York-based gaming-research firm SuperData. **(Fill in the blanks)**
7. How often will the World Drone Prix take place once it has been established?

Post-Reading:

Read the following passage from the article and discuss the following questions in a group:

“At the World Drone Prix, four pilots at a time sat in racing-style seats, their eyes covered by goggles allowing them to watch a feed from a camera on their drone. The drones raced on a course behind them, zipping along a white track that occasionally reached up to pinch at the speeding aircraft.”

What is your favorite sport to watch? What is your favorite sport to play? Do you consider video/computer games to be a sport? Why or why not? What defines a sport? Do you think that drone racing and other “eSports” should be considered sports? Is there a difference between using a tennis racket or a drone to play a sport? Do you see any potential problems with recreational (“hobbyist”) drones?*

Building Language Skills:

Read the following passage, and complete the activity below:

“Luke Bannister of Somerset led Tornado X-Blades Banni UK to win a \$250,000 purse, part of \$1 million in prizes handed out in the inaugural edition of the race. A Cabinet-level minister, meanwhile, announced the start of the World Future Sports Games in December 2017.

Those contests next year will include robotic swimming, running, wrestling and car racing, as well as drone flying, as Dubai, a city of futuristic skylines, yearns to be ahead of the curve.”

Create your own eSport for the World Future Games. Try to include details such as: How long do you play it for? Where is it played? How many people can play at one time? Is it an individual or team sport? What kind of drone/technology is involved? How do you win? Are there team uniforms? Are there any other rules? Share your sport with others – come up with a list of eSports to be included in the Future World Games.

****You might also use sports related discussion to practice verb/tense usage (i.e. I play, she plays, we played, they will play)***

Comprehension Question Answers:

1. Where did the World Drone Prix take place? **The World Drone Prix took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.**
2. How much money did Luke Bannister receive for winning the race? **Luke Bannister won \$250,000 for winning the World Drone Prix.**
3. When will be the first World Future Sports Games? **The first World Future Sport Games will be held in December 2017.**
4. What kind of games will be included in the World Drone Prix next year? **Next year will include robotic swimming, running, wrestling and car racing, as well as drone flying.**
5. What problem can hobbyist drones cause? **The drones can fly into airspace and halt flights.**
6. Already the so-called eSports revenue was nearly \$750 million worldwide in 2015, with sponsorships and advertising accounting for \$578 million, according to the New York-based gaming-research firm SuperData. **(Fill in the blanks)**
7. How often will the World Drone Prix take place once it has been established? **Officials hope to have the games every two years.**