

Murder at Wimbledon

Teaching materials

Topic 1 - Tennis

The story takes place during the famous Wimbledon tennis tournament. So here first are some activities connected to the world of tennis.

Activity 1

In each of these lists can you find an 'odd man out'..... I.e. one word which is not related to the world of tennis.

racquet, court, bat, smash.

umpire, tournament, serve, referee.

volley, backhand, goal, net.

Activity 2

Can you name some famous tennis tournaments?

Can you name some famous tennis players?

Activity 3

Here are the basic rules for making tennis scores. (It is a bit complicated.)

If you have no points the umpire says 'love'.

If you win one point the umpire says 'Fifteen'.

If you win two points the umpire says 'Thirty'.

If you win three points the umpire says 'Forty'.

If the score is three points each (40-40) the umpire says 'Deuce'.

The umpire always begins saying the score of the person who is serving.

Imagine two tennis players are having a game. In each of these situations say how many points does player A have and how many points does player B have?

Example – Player A is serving. The score is 'Fifteen – Love'.
Player A has 1 point. Player B has 0 points.

I) Player A is serving. The score is 'Forty – Thirty'.

Player A has ___ point(s). Player B has ___ point(s).

II) Player B is serving. The score is 30-40.

Player A has ___ point(s). Player B has ___ point(s).

III) Player B is serving. The score is 'Deuce'.

Player A has ___ point(s). Player B has ___ point(s).

Poison/ antidote

Here is a little problem involving poison and antidote

Three people are at a party. Person A, B, C. They each have a drink on the table. One of them has a bottle of poison and wants to kill the other two, one of them has a bottle of antidote to the poison, one of them doesn't have poison or antidote.

Person A drinks his drink – He is ok.

Person B drinks his drink. He feels ill, but he doesn't die.

Person C drinks his drink. - He dies.

Which person had the bottle of poison and tried to kill the other two?
Which person had the bottle of antidote?

Sponsors/ advertising

Name some different types of advertising. Name different places that you can find adverts.

What are sponsors? Why do they give money to sports players or sports teams?

Interesting fact – It costs around 10 million pounds (300 million crowns) to sponsor a top English football team for one year.

If will

In one scene of the story, the young ambitious tennis player Cathy Middleton is talking with her agent Dana Browning. Dana says to Cathy

If you win this tournament, you will be famous, you will have a lot of money from the sponsors. You will be on the front of magazines, you will have big billboards by the motorway with your face on.

Everybody will want to marry you when you are a big star, and you will be a big star..... if you win.

These are called 'conditional sentences.' We say 'If you win the game (present tense) you will be famous.' In these sentences, after 'if' we don't say 'will'.

Are these sentences right or wrong?

- a) *Will buy a new notebook if I will make enough money.*
- b) *Will you still love me if I forget your birthday?*
- c) *If you won't give me some chewing gum, I will hit cry.*

Make a correct sentence out of these words.

kiss you hit David will if Victoria you

Topics for discussion

Think of somebody who is rich and famous. Do you think that these famous people are happier than the people you know in your life? Why/ Why not? What problems do famous people have?

Do you generally like adverts or not? What are your favourite adverts? Do you think advertising makes you buy things or do you think you make up your own mind?