



Guided Reading

Captain Tom Moore

Captain Tom Moore is the ex-soldier 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. Because of this and because he had been well looked after in hospital himself, 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 the 100 laps, he had raised over 27 million pounds!

Breaking Records

With his story 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, which became the highest selling single of 2020.
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.



Captain Tom Moore Questions

1. How many laps of his garden did Captain Tom plan to walk before his birthday? Tick **one**.

- 100
- 200
- 1000
- 30

2. Draw lines to show when the events happened.

Captain Tom began his challenge.	1 st
Captain Tom released a single.	3 rd
Captain Tom finished his 100 laps.	4 th
Captain Tom celebrated his 100 th birthday.	2 nd

3. How would you describe Captain Tom? Tick **two**.

- Determined
- Charitable
- Friendly
- Shy

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Captain Tom raised money for the NHS.	
Captain Tom used to be a soldier.	



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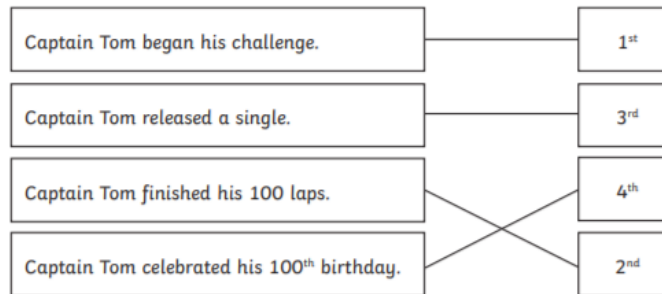
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Pupils' own responses, such as: He must have felt proud that he had raised so much money. He would have been amazed that so many people had donated to his cause. He was surprised that so many people had supported him.