

# Terry Fox

## • Reading Comprehension •

### Activity **1** Stop and Think

Read the paragraphs.  
Stop and think as you read.

Good readers are active readers.

Good readers stop and think about what they are reading. Active reading helps readers understand the ideas.

Terry needs a driver and a helper. Terry asks his friend, Doug, to help him. Doug helps in many ways. Each day, Terry runs mile after mile. Doug follows Terry in the van. Doug hands Terry water when he needs a drink.

**Stop and think:** Imagine you are Doug.  
What would your day be like?

Terry runs across the Atlantic provinces. He runs across Quebec. The Marathon of Hope builds. As he runs, Terry raises money. The run is hard. Terry won't give up.

**Stop and think:** Why do you think the run is hard?



## Activity 2 Main Idea and Details



Check the details that support each main idea.

The first one is an example.

Good readers can find the main idea and details.

The main idea is the important idea. The details support the main idea.

The details help you understand and remember the main idea.

Main idea	Details
The Fox family is very close.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Fox family vacation together.</li> <li>The Fox family move to British Columbia.</li> <li>✓ Darrell joins the Marathon. Terry is happy.</li> </ul>
1. Terry never gives up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a)___ Terry works hard to become a better player.</li> <li>(b)___ The run is hard. Terry keeps running.</li> <li>(c)___ Terry dips his leg into the Atlantic Ocean.</li> </ul>
2. Every day of the Marathon is a grind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a)___ Terry's body wears down.</li> <li>(b)___ Every step hurts.</li> <li>(c)___ The Marathon raises money for cancer.</li> </ul>

## Activity 3 Invisible Messages



Read the writer's words. Figure out the invisible message.

Writers do not always explain everything.

Sometimes, writers expect readers to read between the lines. Writers expect readers to figure out the invisible message.

The writer's words	The invisible message
Terry stops to talk with the children.	<p><i>Terry has respect for everyone.</i></p> <p><i>Terry reaches out to people.</i></p>
1. Terry trains for more than a year.	
2. Terry and Doug often sleep in the van.	

## Activity 4 Fact and Opinion



Read the sentences.

Write (F) for fact or (O) for opinion.

1. Terry's mother is a great mom. \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry's mom stays home to raise the children. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Terry gets up at 4:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry gets up too early. \_\_\_\_\_
3. We will find a cure for cancer soon. \_\_\_\_\_  
The Terry Fox Run raises money for cancer. \_\_\_\_\_

Good readers know the difference between facts and opinions.

Facts can be proven.

Opinions are personal beliefs.

## Activity 5 The Table of Contents



Read each question.

Look at the Contents page in your book.

Which chapter has the answer to the question?

Write the name of the chapter.

Find the answer to the question. Write the answer.

Good readers use the Table of Contents.

The Table of Contents helps readers find information quickly.

Question	Chapter	Answer
Where does the Fox family live?	The Fox Family	British Columbia
1. Who runs in the Terry Fox Run?		
2. What sports does Terry play as a child?		
3. When does the Marathon of Hope start?		

## Activity **6** Make a Connection

Read the idea from the story.  
Make a connection to your life.

Reading is more than understanding  
the ideas on a page.

Good readers connect the ideas  
to their lives.

### Directions

Read the idea from the story.  
Make a connection to your life.

### Idea

The children hold up their signs.  
Terry stops to talk with them.  
Mom and the children stand with  
Terry. Dad takes a picture.



### Your Life

This family admires Terry.



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Who do you admire? Why?

Think about your friends and family.  
Think about people you know.

Think about people you see in the news.

Do you admire any of these people?  
Who? Why?

What do you admire about yourself?

Think about your qualities as a person.  
Think about things you are good at.  
Think about things you have achieved.

# • Writing •

## Activity 1 Write Your Ideas

Complete these paragraphs about people you admire.  
Use your ideas from Activity 6.  
Your teacher will help you with spelling.

### Paragraph 1

The person I admire is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I admire this person because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I think this  
person is \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Paragraph 2

I am good at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I also feel good about how I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
I always try to be a \_\_\_\_\_  
person. I admire myself!

Read each paragraph out loud.  
Which paragraph do you like better?  
Copy the paragraph on the lines.  
Check for capital letters and end punctuation.

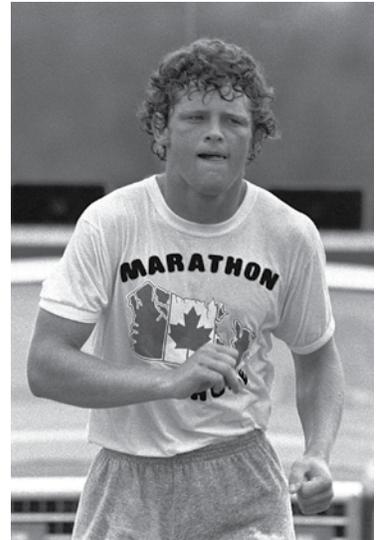
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Good writers know that writing is a process.  
Good writers think of ideas before they write.  
Good writers check their writing.



**Activity**

**2**

**Organize Ideas**



Read the details for Idea Maps 1, 2, and 3.  
Are the details a cause or an effect?  
Copy the details into the correct box.

Good writers know that writing is a process.  
Good writers organize their ideas before they write.  
One way to organize ideas is to use cause and effect.

**Idea Map 1**

**Details**  
Terry becomes the team's best player.  
Terry works hard to become a better player.

**Cause**  
Terry is the worst player on the basketball team.



**Effect**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Effect**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Idea Map 2**

**Details**  
Terry goes to see his doctor.  
Terry is in a car crash.

**Cause**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



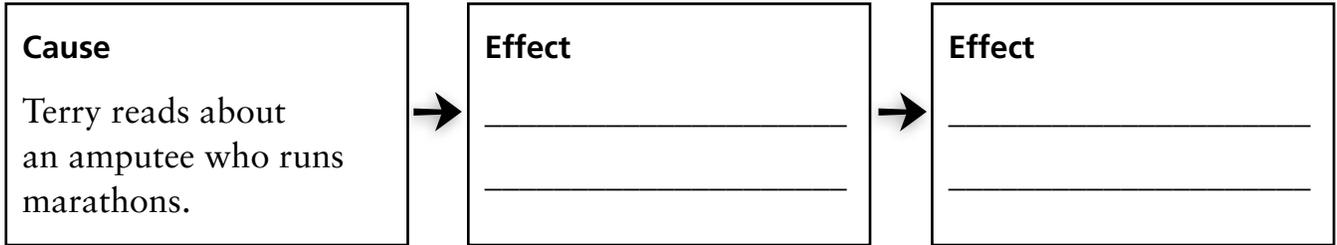
**Effect**  
Terry has a sore knee.



**Effect**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Idea Map 3**

**Details**  
Terry plans his Marathon of Hope.  
The man inspires Terry.



Choose a detail from Idea Map 1 to complete the answer.

1. Why does Terry become the team's best player?

Because \_\_\_\_\_ .

Choose a detail from Idea Map 2 to complete the answer.

2. Why does Terry go see his doctor? *Because* \_\_\_\_\_ .

Choose details from Idea Map 3 to complete the answer.

3. What happens after Terry reads about the amputee?

The man \_\_\_\_\_ , so Terry \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

## Activity

# 3

## Use Capital Letters and Punctuation



Look at these sentences.

Circle the capital letters and end punctuation.

1. Terry Fox is born in 1958.
2. Terry's family moves to British Columbia.
3. Where does Terry start the Marathon of Hope?
4. Terry dips his leg into the Atlantic Ocean.

### In this activity...

#### use capital letters

at the beginning of a sentence,  
with names of people and places, and  
with names of specific things.

#### use punctuation

at the end of a sentence.

Read these sentences.

Add capital letters and end punctuation.

5. terry plans to run across canada
6. darrell and doug help terry run the marathon of hope
7. terry wants to run to the pacific ocean
8. when was the first terry fox run

Read these paragraphs.

Add capital letters and end punctuation.

### Paragraph 1

terry is on radio he is on TV people  
cheer terry people across canada give  
money

### Paragraph 2

terry begins the marathon of hope in  
newfoundland he stops running in  
ontario terry dies at the age of 22 his  
dream lives on

# • Word Attack Skills •

## Activity 1 Predict the Word



Complete each paragraph.  
Use the pictures to predict the word.

Readers see new words all the time.  
They need to decode the new words.

Good readers decode words  
in different ways.

They use pictures to predict words.  
They use meaning clues to predict words.

These are two ways to decode words.



### Paragraph 1

This child is in a \_\_\_\_\_ . A  
\_\_\_\_\_ is holding the child's hand. The  
woman might be the child's \_\_\_\_\_ .



### Paragraph 2

Terry runs in the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
He runs behind a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
\_\_\_\_\_ cheer for Terry.

Complete each sentence.  
Use meaning clues to predict the word.

1. Terry runs in the cold and \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Terry talks to many \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The Marathon of Hope is \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Activity 2 Find Common Patterns

Look at each word in the box.  
Each word has a common pattern.  
Group the words under the correct pattern.

<i>pain</i> ✓	<i>main</i>	<i>clear</i>	<i>grind</i>
<i>year</i>	<i>find</i>	<i>hear</i>	<i>mind</i>
<i>kind</i>	<i>fear</i>	<i>rain</i>	<i>train</i>

Good readers look for common patterns in words.

This is another way to decode words.

**ain**

*pain*

**ind**

**ear**

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Read the sentences in the box.  
Circle the words that have one of these patterns:

**ain ind ear**

Many words have common patterns.  
The patterns look and sound the same.

### Find the Common Patterns



1. Terry runs in the rain and cold.
2. He runs with pain.
3. Every day is a grind for Terry.
4. He does not mind.
5. Terry runs in the year 1980.
6. People across Canada hear about him.

# Activity 3 Divide and Conquer



Read these words.

Look for common endings.

Write the base word on the line.

rises                    rise

player                    play

1. sports                    \_\_\_\_\_

2. stops                    \_\_\_\_\_

3. going                    \_\_\_\_\_

4. takes                    \_\_\_\_\_

5. loves                    \_\_\_\_\_

6. works                    \_\_\_\_\_

7. becomes                    \_\_\_\_\_

8. training                    \_\_\_\_\_

9. helper                    \_\_\_\_\_

10. keeps                    \_\_\_\_\_

11. follows                    \_\_\_\_\_

12. younger                    \_\_\_\_\_

13. youngest                    \_\_\_\_\_

14. lives                    \_\_\_\_\_

Many words have a base word with a common ending.  
Good readers look for base words and common endings  
This is another way to decode words.

Read each sentence out loud.

Circle the words with common endings.

15. Terry loves to play sports.

16. Terry is the worst player on the team.

17. Terry works hard.

18. He becomes captain of the team.

19. Terry keeps training.

20. Terry keeps going.

21. Doug is his helper.

22. Doug follows Terry in the van.

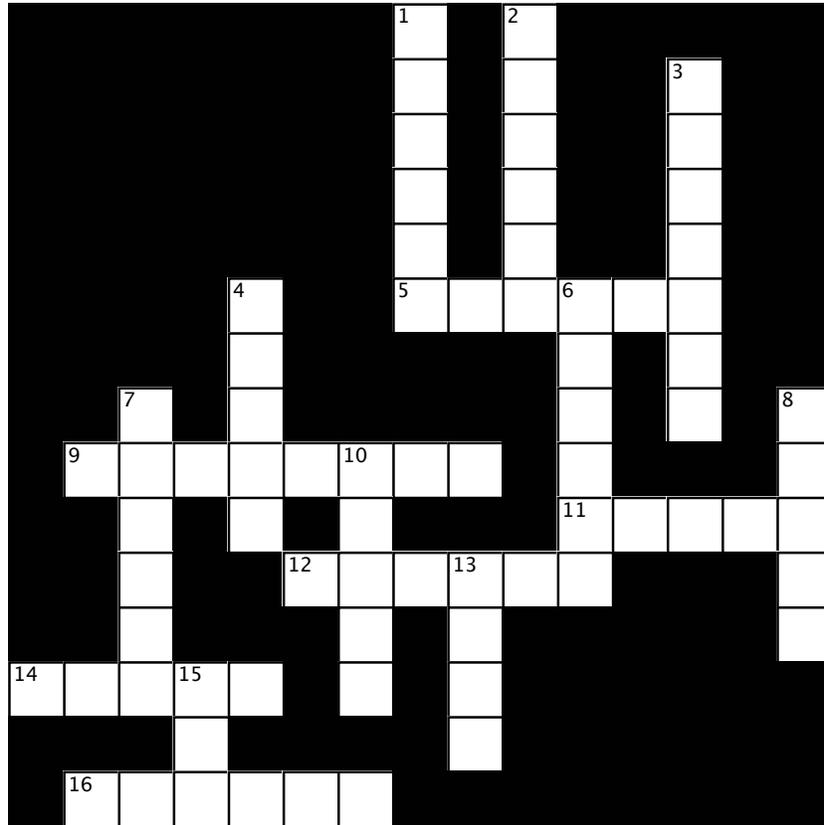
23. Darrell is his younger brother.

24. Terry is the youngest person to get the Order of Canada.

25. His spirit lives on.

# • Crossword •

## Terry Fox



### Crossword Clues

All the answers to the clues are from Terry Fox's biography.

#### ACROSS

5. opposite of weak
9. a race that is 42 km long  
(26 miles long)
11. opposite of day
12. basketball, baseball, soccer
14. opposite of best
16. we want to find a cure  
for this disease

#### DOWN

1. smells terrible (rhymes with thinks)
2. you go to see this person when you are sick
3. opposite of older
4. you do this at night (rhymes with team)
6. Atlantic and Pacific
7. another word for Dad
8. you get this from a tap
10. opposite of sad
13. this falls from the sky (rhymes with pain)
15. this rises in the sky every day (rhymes with run)

# • ANSWER KEY •



## Terry Fox

- Main Idea and Details:** (1) a, b (2) a, b
- Invisible Messages\*:** (1) Terry works hard to reach his goal. Terry has patience. Raising money for cancer is very important to Terry. (2) They spend 24 hours together. They have nowhere else to sleep. They do not have money for a room in a hotel.
- Fact and Opinion:** (1) O/F (2) F/O (3) O/F
- Table of Contents:** (1) The Terry Fox Run / people from around the world (2) The Athlete / basketball, soccer, rugby, baseball (3) The Marathon of Hope / April 12, 1980
- Organize Ideas: Idea Map 1: Effect:** Terry works hard to become a better player. **Effect:** Terry becomes the team's best player. **Idea Map 2: Cause:** Terry is in a car crash. **Effect:** Terry goes to see his doctor. **Idea Map 3: Effect:** The man inspires Terry. **Effect:** Terry plans his Marathon of Hope (1) he works hard (2) he has a sore knee (3) inspires Terry / plans his Marathon of Hope
- Use Capital Letters and Punctuation:** (1) Terry Fox is born in 1958. (2) Terry's family moves to British Columbia. (3) Where does Terry start the Marathon of Hope? (4) Terry dips his leg into the Atlantic Ocean. (5) Terry plans to run across Canada. (6) Darrell and Doug help Terry run the Marathon of Hope. (7) Terry wants to run to the Pacific Ocean. (8) When was the first Terry Fox run? **Paragraph 1:** Terry is on the radio. He is on TV. People cheer Terry. People across Canada give money. **Paragraph 2:** Terry begins the Marathon of Hope in Newfoundland. He stops running in Ontario. Terry dies at the age of 22. His dream lives on.
- Predict the Word\*:** **Paragraph 1:** hospital; bed / doctor; man / mother; aunt; grandmother; nurse **Paragraph 2:** marathon; street / police car / People; Women; Fans (1) rain; heat; wind (2) people; children; crowds (3) hard; difficult; long; successful; wonderful
- Find Common Patterns:** (1) rain (2) pain (3) grind (4) mind (5) year (6) hear
- Divide and Conquer:** (1) sport (2) stop (3) go (4) take (5) love (6) work (7) become (8) train (9) help (10) keep (11) follow (12) young (13) young (14) live (15) loves / sports (16) player (17) works (18) becomes (19) keeps / training (20) keeps / going (21) helper (22) follows (23) younger (24) youngest (25) lives

\*Accept any answer that makes sense.

### Crossword Solution

