Wayne loves hockey from an early age. He wants to play hockey all the time. Wayne wants his father to take him skating all the time. Wayne loves to be on the ice.

**Stop and think:** Wayne has a passion.
Have you ever had a passion for something? What was it? How did it make you feel?

Wayne’s father, Walter, knows his son has a special gift. Wayne also works very hard. Walter makes a rink in their back yard.

**Stop and think:** What is your opinion of Wayne’s father? Why?

Wayne practices four to five hours a day. Wayne takes his gift and turns it into a rare talent.

**Stop and think:** What made Wayne a great hockey player? His gift? His hours of practice? Or both?
Activity 2 Main Idea and Details

Check the details that support each main idea.

The first one is an example.

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| Wayne is a great hockey player. | ✓ Wayne wins the scoring title.  
| | ✓ Wayne becomes team captain.  
| | ✓ Wayne is the only NHL player to score over 200 points in one season. |
| 1. Wayne is a great hockey player as a child. | (a) Wayne gets skates at the age of three.  
| | (b) Wayne can play with ten-year-olds.  
| | (c) Wayne scores 378 goals in 82 games in his last season with the Steelers. |
| 2. Wayne’s fans love him. | (a) Fans feel hurt and angry about the trade.  
| | (b) Fans call Wayne “The Great One.”  
| | (c) Wayne is a hockey coach. |

Activity 3 Invisible Messages

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

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| Today, Wayne works in the NHL as an owner and coach. | Wayne still loves hockey.  
| | Hockey is a big part of Wayne’s life. |
| 1. Wayne scores 50 goals in 39 games. He shocks the hockey world. |  |
| 2. Wayne gets married. People call it Canada’s royal wedding. |  |
Activity 4 Fact and Opinion

Read the sentences. Write (F) for fact or (O) for opinion.

1. Wayne is traded on August 9, 1988. ____
   The day of the trade is a sad day for Edmonton. ___

2. The NHL stands for the National Hockey League. ___
   The NHL is the best league in the world. ___

3. Wayne will keep his point total record for all time. ___
   Wayne’s point total record is 2857. ___

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.

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<td>1. When does Wayne start playing in the NHL?</td>
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<td>2. How many Stanley Cups do the Oilers win with Wayne?</td>
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<td>3. What does Wayne do after he retires from playing hockey?</td>
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Activity 6 Make a Connection

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

Idea

Edmonton loves hockey. The fans love Wayne. They feel hurt and angry about the trade. “The Trade” is like watching a family member leave home. The mayor says, “It’s like ripping the heart out of the city.”

Your Life

Some sports figures are very popular.
What makes them popular?

Why do some fans feel a deep connection with them?

Who is your favourite sports figure? Why?

Which sports do you like? Which sports do you play?

Which teams does your town or city support? Do you support these teams? How?

Many sports figures make millions of dollars a year. Do you think they deserve this much money? Why or why not?
Activity 1: Write Your Ideas

Complete these paragraphs about sports. Use your ideas from page 19.

Your instructor will help you with spelling.

Paragraph 1
Some sports figures are very popular because ______________________________ .
Another reason is ______________________________ .
I think feeling a deep connection with popular sports figures is ____________________________ .

Paragraph 2
Some famous sports figures make a lot of money.
I think that this ______________________________ because ______________________________ .
I think _________________ should make lots of money too.

Read each paragraph out loud.
Which paragraph do you like better?
Copy the paragraph on the lines.

Check for capital letters and end punctuation.
Activity Organize Ideas

Look at the time line.

1. What is the topic of the time line?
2. How many events are on the time line?
3. Why does the time line go up and down?

Wayne Gretzky’s Time Line

Use Wayne Gretzky’s time line to complete the paragraphs.

**Paragraph 1: Early Years**
Wayne Gretzky is born _______________ . In 1967, Wayne _______________ ____________________________________________ .

**Paragraph 2: The NHL**
Wayne starts to play in the NHL _______________ . Three years later, Wayne becomes _______________ .
A year later, he becomes _______________ .

**Paragraph 3: Changes**
About a month later, he _______________ . Wayne _______________ _______________ in 1999.

Think of your life
or the life of somebody you know.

Draw a time line.
Activity 3 Use Capital Letters and Punctuation

Read these sentences. Circle the capital letters and end punctuation.

1. Wayne Gretzky breaks every record in hockey.
2. Wayne’s father, Walter, builds Wayne a rink.
3. Is Gordie Howe Wayne’s hero?

Read these sentences. Add capital letters and end punctuation.

5. Wayne plays in Edmonton for many years
6. August 9, 1988 is a sad day for Edmonton
7. Hockey fans lose a great player
8. Who is Peter Pocklington
9. Wayne waves good-bye to his fans on April 15, 1999
10. Today, Wayne is a coach and owner in the NHL

Read these paragraphs. Add capital letters and end punctuation.

Paragraph 1
you are an NHL hockey scout you watch young hockey players you judge their skills you are good at your job you can tell if a hockey player will make it to the NHL

Paragraph 2
Wayne Gretzky is born in 1961 Wayne loves hockey he wants to play hockey all the time Wayne loves to be on the ice
Activity 1: Predict the Word

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

1. Wayne wins a lot of ____________.

2. Wayne is on the cover of a ________________.

3. Today, Wayne ________________ a team in the NHL.

4. Wayne ________________ a lot of hockey records.

5. Wayne scores 378 goals in his last ________________ with the Steelers.

6. Wayne ________________ Janet Jones. The wedding is in Edmonton.

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.
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.

Good readers look for common patterns in words. This is another way to decode words.

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

Find the Common Patterns

1. Wayne shocks the hockey world.
2. Goalies cannot block Wayne’s shots.
3. Wayne shows his fans that he is a great player.
4. Wayne’s fans grow to love him.
5. Scouts watch hockey players.
6. They talk about Wayne’s future.
Activity 3 Divide and Conquer

Read these words.
Look for common endings.
Write the base word on the line.

scores  ______ score ______
playing ______ play ______

1. skills ____________ 8. player ____________
2. owner ____________ 9. practices ____________
3. stronger ____________ 10. guessed ____________
4. goals ____________ 11. longer ____________
5. watching ____________ 12. playing ____________
6. points ____________ 13. greatest ____________
7. becomes ____________

Read each sentence out loud.
Circle the words with common endings.

14. Hockey players need skills to score goals.
15. Wayne practices hockey a lot as a child.
16. The scout is watching Wayne play.
17. Who could have guessed his future?
18. The team becomes stronger with Wayne as captain.
19. Wayne is the owner of a hockey team now.
20. Wayne will be the greatest forever.
Crossword Clues

All the answers to the clues are from Wayne Gretzky’s biography.

ACROSS
2. this person helps a team play better
5. we go to this to see two people get married
7. a hockey player gets this from the referee if he breaks a rule
10. these people love watching sports (rhymes with pans)
12. a place to play hockey
13. opposite of weak

DOWN
1. water turns to this in the freezer
3. mad
4. a sport we play on ice
6. stops working at the age of 55
7. a hockey player scores goals with this
8. 99 2,857 709
9. a group of people who play together to win
11. this person looks for good players
13. opposite of happy
Wayne Gretzky

1. Main Idea and Details: (1) b, c (2) a, b

2. Invisible Messages*: (1) Everyone is surprised by how good Wayne is. Nobody expects Wayne to be so good. (2) Wayne’s wedding is very special to fans because they love him. The wedding is an important event in Canada.

3. Fact and Opinion: (1) F/O (2) F/O (3) O/F

4. Table of Contents: (1) The NHL and Number 99 / 1979 (2) The Stanley Cup / 4 (3) Later Years / He is an NHL owner and coach

5. Organize Ideas: (1) Wayne Gretzky’s life (2) 8 (3) positive events go up and negative events go down Paragraph 1: in 1961 / starts to play with the Steelers Paragraph 2: in 1979 / Sportsman of the Year / captain of the Oilers Paragraph 3: marries Janet Jones / is traded / retires from playing hockey


7. Predict the Word*: (1) trophies (2) magazine (3) coaches (4) breaks (5) season (6) marries

8. Find Common Patterns: (1) shocks; hockey (2) block (3) shows (4) grow (5) scouts (6) about

9. Divide and Conquer: (1) skill (2) own (3) strong (4) goal (5) watch (6) point (7) become (8) play (9) practice (10) guess (11) long (12) play (13) great (14) players / skills / goals (15) practices (16) watching (17) guessed (18) becomes / stronger (19) owner (20) greatest

*Accept any answer that makes sense.

Crossword Solution

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