



## Year 5 English – Reading - Comprehension, Informative Text – Home Learning, Week C

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### Week C – Reading - Comprehension

#### **Learning Intention:**

#### **Students will:**

- ✦ ***Read for information and comprehension, a number of informative texts and answer related questions***

#### **Monday –**

***Human Histories*** – Read the text and then answer the pages following

#### **Tuesday –**

***A Thinker Like Me*** – Read the text and then answer the pages following

#### **Wednesday –**

***Malala Yousafzai*** – Read the text and then answer the pages following

#### **Thursday –**

***Peer Politics – In Sync*** – Read the text and then answer the pages following

#### **Friday –**

***Digital Warriors*** – Read the text and then answer the pages following

# HUMAN HISTORIES – AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

## SIRIMAVO BANDARANAIKE

(1916–2000)



### First female Prime Minister in modern history

Sirimavo Bandaranaike was born in Sri Lanka. She was a member of the aristocracy (upper class). In 1940, Bandaranaike married Solomon Bandaranaike, a Member of Parliament. He became Prime Minister of Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in 1956. After her husband was shot dead in 1959, Sirimavo became the leader of his political party. She won an election in July 1960, becoming the world's first female Prime Minister. Over time, her policies became unpopular. She was voted out of leadership in 1965 but was re-elected as Prime Minister in 1970. She faced much criticism and was even accused of corruption. After delaying the election for two years, Bandaranaike finally lost the Prime Ministership in the 1977 election, despite retaining her seat. Her daughter later became President of Sri Lanka, reinstating her mother as Prime Minister in 1994. Bandaranaike held this position until August 2000. She died two months later of a heart attack, aged 84.

## AMELIA EARHART

(1897–1939)



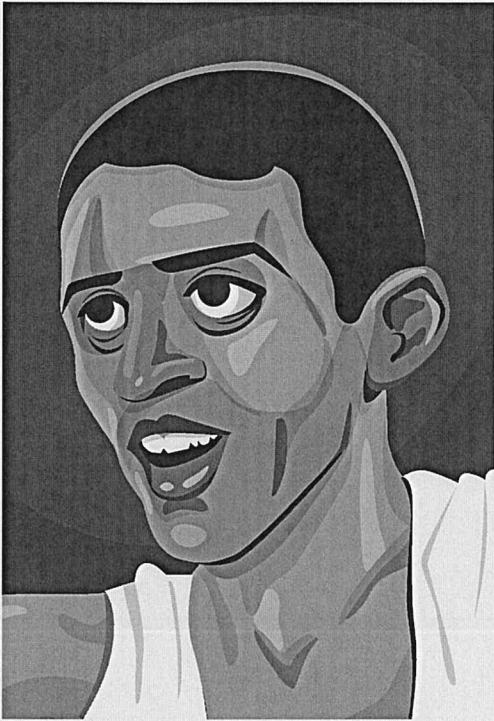
### First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean

Amelia Earhart was an American aviator and author. In 1922, she became the first woman to fly a plane at an altitude of 14 000 feet. During her career, Earhart broke many records, demonstrating that women were worthy of being taken seriously in aviation. On 20 May 1932, Earhart had the honour of being the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She vanished over the South Pacific in July 1937 while attempting to be the first woman to circumnavigate the globe by air. Authorities declared her dead in 1939.

# HUMAN HISTORIES – AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

## HICHAM EL GUERROUJ

(1974–)

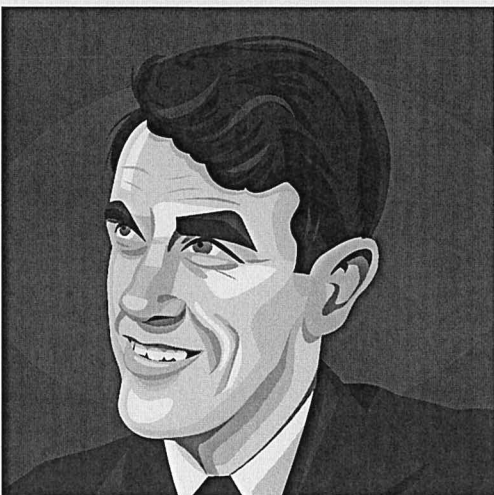


### **World record holder for running the fastest mile**

Hicham El Guerrouj was born in Morocco and was one of seven children. His father owned a small restaurant. The family used to make the young Hicham run a mile to the bakery to get bread and return before the bread was cold. At the age of 14, El Guerrouj entered his first cross-country race. A year later, he left school and began training as a runner. Participating in his first Olympic Games in 1996, El Guerrouj fell over during his race and finished last. Despite this setback, his running achievements grew over the following years. In 1999, he broke the world record for the mile (1.6 km), running it in just 3 minutes and 43 seconds. El Guerrouj has used his fame for good, becoming a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in the same year. He is considered one of the greatest middle-distance runners of all time.

## EDMUND HILLARY

(1919–2008)



### **First to climb to the summit of Mt Everest**

Edmund Hillary was a New Zealand explorer and mountaineer. Developing a love of climbing from a young age, he climbed his first major mountain at the age of 20. Accompanied by a Nepalese Sherpa and mountaineer named Tenzing Norgay, Hillary reached the summit of Mt Everest – the tallest mountain in the world – on 28 May 1953. Hillary and Norgay battled high altitudes and a 12-metre rock wall (now known as Hillary's Step) to reach the summit. Hillary continued exploring later in life, joining expeditions to both the South and North Poles. He died of heart failure in his hometown of Auckland, aged 88.

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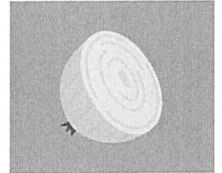
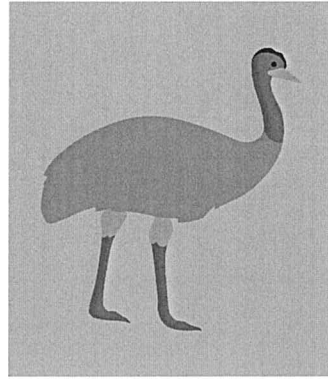
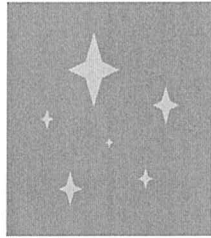
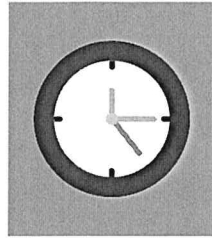
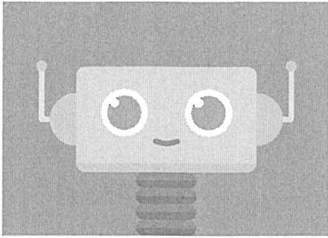
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# Human Histories: Amazing Achievements

Copy the information on the following page into the correct boxes of the table below. Alternatively, cut and paste the information into the correct boxes.

Name	Year and Country of Birth	Amazing Achievement	Interesting Fact	Circumstances of Death
Sirimavo Bandaranaike				
Amelia Earhart				
Hicham El Guerrouj				
Edmund Hillary				





## A Thinker Like Me

In the quiet of night, as I lie in my bed,  
Unusual questions pop into my head.  
They gurgle and fizz through my curious mind,  
As I ponder the answers I might never find.

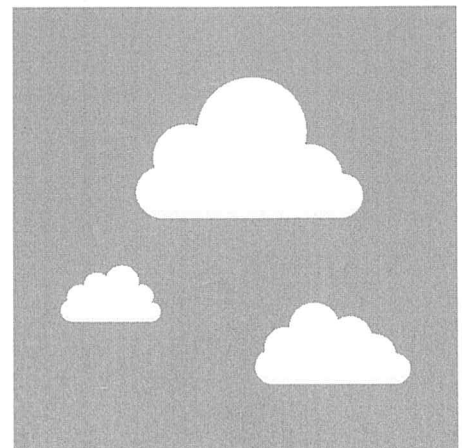
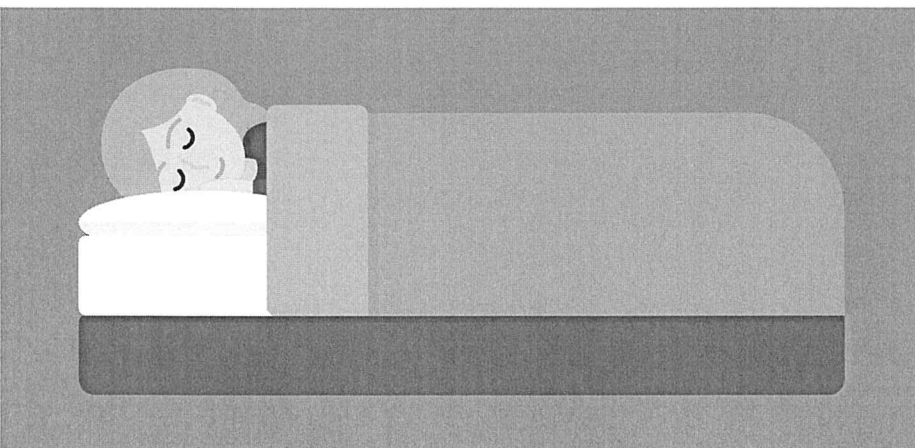
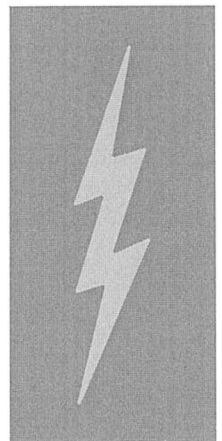
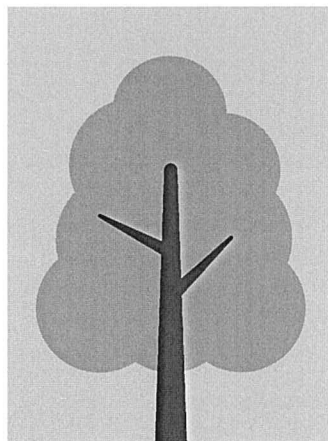
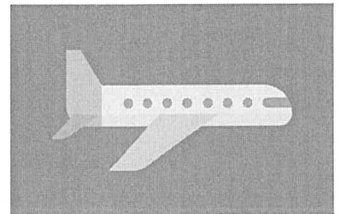
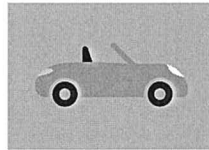
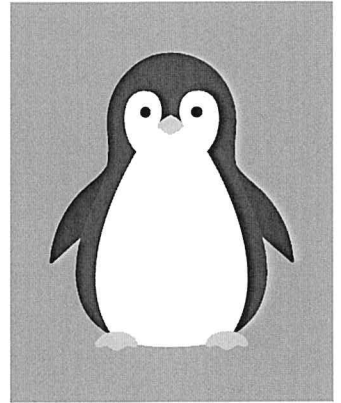
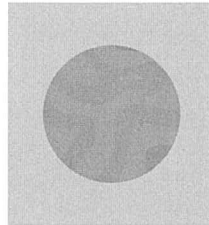
I think to myself, Why is thunder so loud?  
And what might it feel like to float on a cloud?  
Do trees have emotions? Do animals cry?  
Will human beings ever be able to fly?

I wonder, How is it that penguins don't freeze?  
And why do my eyes close whenever I sneeze?  
Will we ever take journeys in driverless cars?  
Or maybe leave Earth and build cities on Mars?

I ponder, Why is it that emus can't fly?  
And why do chopped onions keep making me cry?  
Will time go forever? Does space have an end?  
Could (one day) a robot become my best friend?

In the darkness I lie, and I think, and I smile,  
To answer these questions might take me a while.  
My mind is a playground, my thoughts roaming free,  
You'll understand if you're a thinker like me.

Stephanie Mulrooney



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## A Thinker Like Me

Consider the questions from the poem listed in the table below. Write some of your own ideas about each question in the "My ideas" column of the table.

Research the answer to each question using a child-friendly website. Write some of the facts you find about each question in the "My research" column of the table.

Questions	My ideas	My research
Why is thunder so loud?		
Why don't penguins freeze?		
Why can't emus fly?		
Why does chopping onions make you cry?		

Write down a question (that you don't know the answer to) that makes you wonder. Share it with a partner.

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# Malala Yousafzai

## WHO IS MALALA YOUSAFZAI?

Malala Yousafzai is a young Pakistani Human Rights Activist who fights for the rights of girls and women to receive an education. She became a household name by surviving an assassination attempt by the Taliban. She risked her life for the cause and has changed history.





## Early Life

Malala was born on 12 July 1997, in Mingora, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. Her father, Ziauddin, was a teacher who ran several schools in the local district. Her mother, Toor Pekai, had little education and worked in the home, raising Malala and her two younger brothers. The family practise the religion of Islam, following many traditional practices such as *Salat* (the five daily prayers).

## Education

Many Pakistani girls did not attend school. However, Malala's father ran a school for girls, which she attended. Malala loved school and had big dreams of becoming a teacher, a doctor or a politician. When the Taliban (a fundamentalist religious movement from Pashtun) began to take control of the area where Malala lived, they demanded that all girls' schools be shut down. Women were no longer allowed to vote or to have jobs. All women and girls were to stay home. If they went out, they had to wear a burqa (a garment that covers the head, face and body) and be accompanied by a man. In January 2008, Malala was forced to farewell her classmates, not knowing if she would ever have the opportunity to see them again.

## Social Activism

In 2009, Malala began to write a blog about the destruction and closure of more than 100 girls' schools in Pakistan. She used the penname 'Gul Makai' – a brave female character from a Pakistani folktale. She

became famous for her blog, which was called *Diary of a Pakistani Schoolgirl*. During this time, Malala also began speaking publicly against the Taliban. Despite the Taliban threatening to kill her, she bravely continued fighting for the rights of girls and women to receive an education in Pakistan. Schools eventually reopened, but the Taliban remained in force throughout Pakistani cities.

## Assassination Attempt

In 2012, Malala was on her school bus when a masked gunman boarded and asked, "Who is Malala?" He said he would shoot everyone on the bus if they did not tell. When Malala's scared friends looked her way, the gunman shot Malala. The bullet passed through her head, missing her left eye and her brain. Malala was given emergency treatment in Pakistan, and then relocated to Great Britain for further medical support. During her treatment, people worldwide began supporting her cause.

## The Fight Continues

Amazingly, Malala survived this horrendous ordeal. On her sixteenth birthday, she presented a speech to the United Nations, imploring that all children around the world receive an education. In 2014, at the age of seventeen, Malala was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize – the youngest ever winner of this award. She continues to fight for peace and equality through her charity, the Malala Fund. Malala is determined to help build a world where "all girls can learn and lead".



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## Malala Yousafzai

1. Write these events from Malala's life in chronological order on the timeline on the following page.

Malala presented a speech to the United Nations about children's right to an education.

Malala began to write a blog about the closure of girls' schools in Pakistan.

Malala was born in Mingora, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.

Malala was forced to leave her school, which was closed down by the Taliban.

Malala was shot by a masked gunman who boarded her school bus.

Malala was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala attended a school for girls that was run by her father.

2. Which of these events do you feel is the most significant of Malala's life so far? Give reasons to support your answer.

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3. Life events tend to unfold in a 'cause and effect' chain – one event leads to another, which leads to another (and so on). Explain one example of a cause and effect chain of events in Malala's life.

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4. Write one question that you would ask Malala if you had the opportunity.

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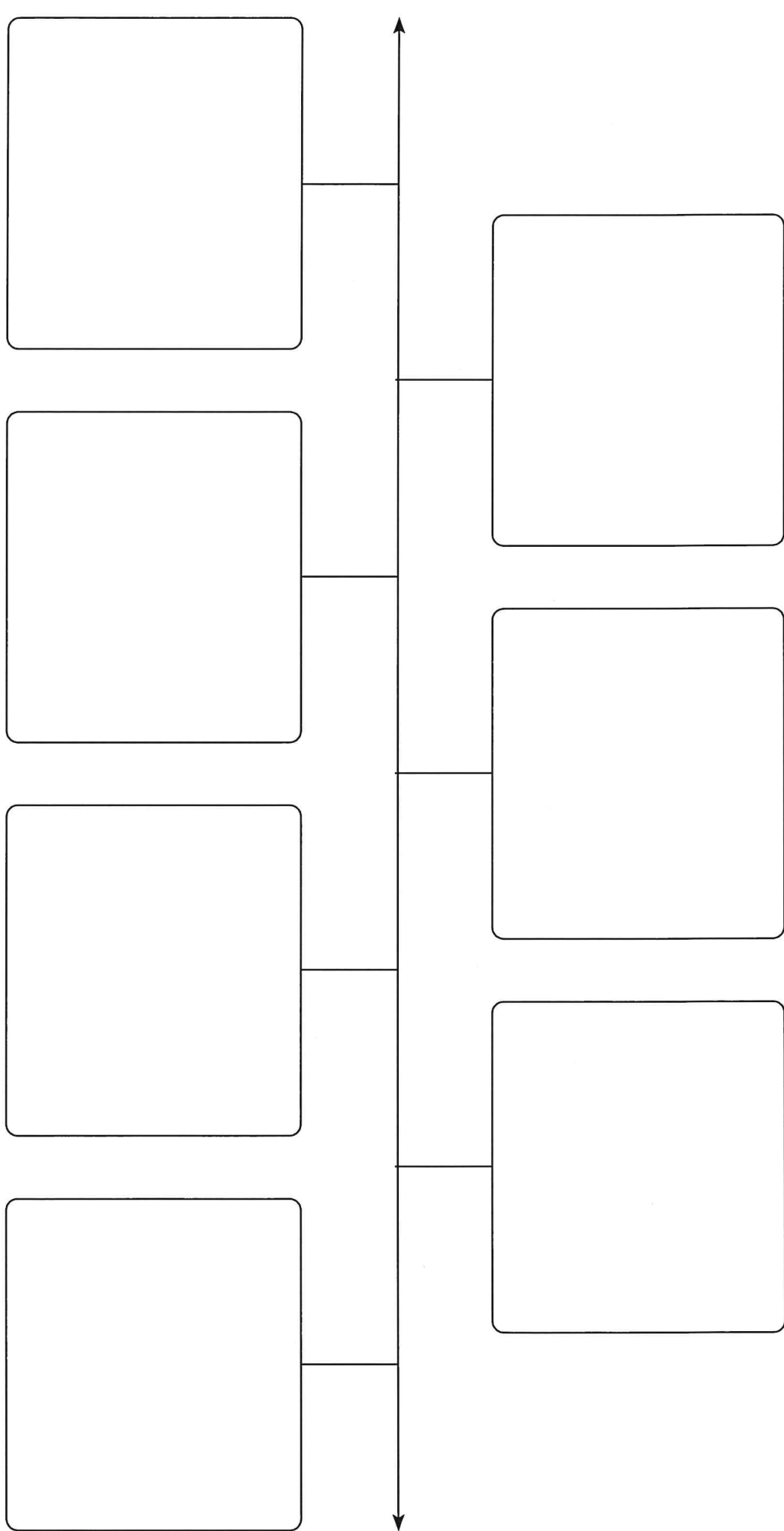
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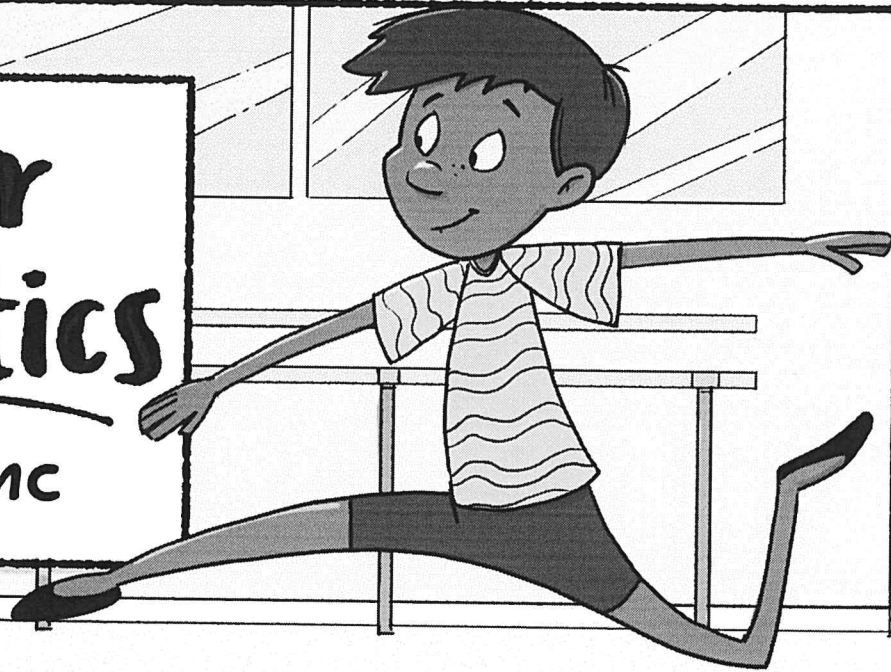
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# Malala Yousafzai’s Timeline



# Peer Politics

## In Sync



Why are you dancing by yourself?

You're a boy! You are supposed to play sports, like rugby or basketball.

Don't you know that dancing is only for girls?

But I love dancing.

And lots of boys dance!

The best rugby players in the world do ballet to strengthen their muscles. It is a very physical activity, doing those stretches.

Actors like Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron include dance scenes in their movies.

People use dance to express their feelings toward each other. I dance because I love the way it makes me feel. I would feel sad if dancing was only for girls.

Dance is something everyone should be able to enjoy – just as girls can choose to play rugby and basketball if they'd like to.







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## Peer Politics: In Sync

### Questions

1. What is the main point of this comic?

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2. What is a stereotype?

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3. What is the stereotype that is mentioned in this comic?

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4. Why do you think the girls in this story believe this?

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5. What might the consequences be if the boy in the story was forced not to dance because he was not a girl?

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6. Why should or shouldn't gender stereotypes be used?

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7. Why do you think gender stereotypes exist?

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8. Name something you or someone you know likes to do that does not fit traditional stereotypes?

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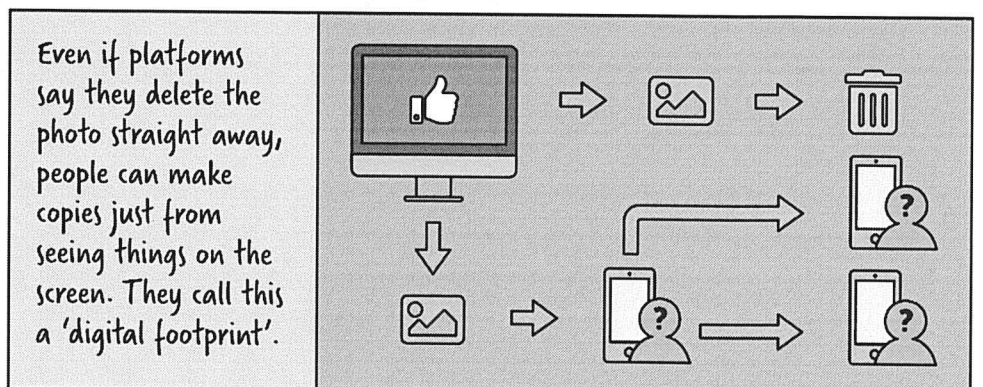
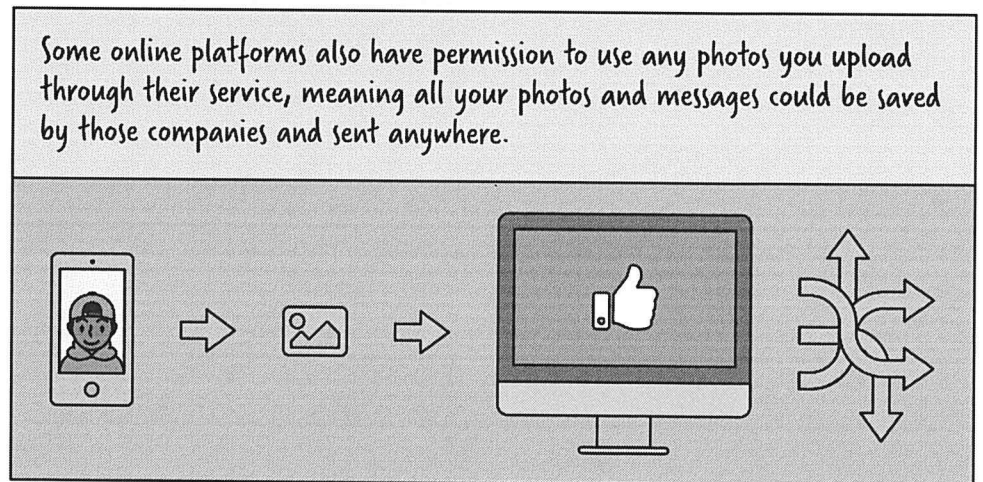
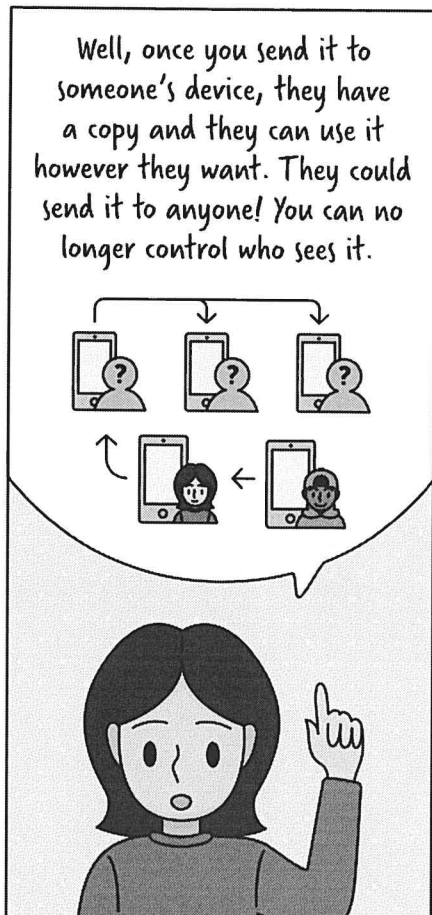
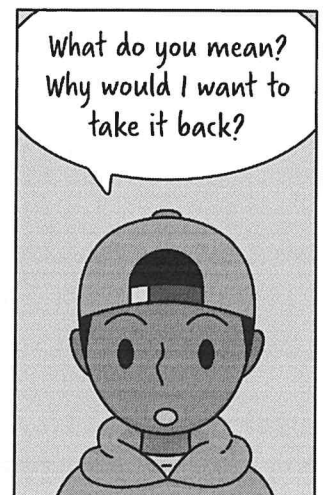
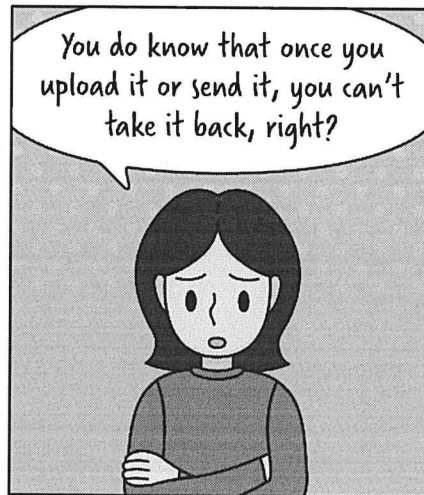
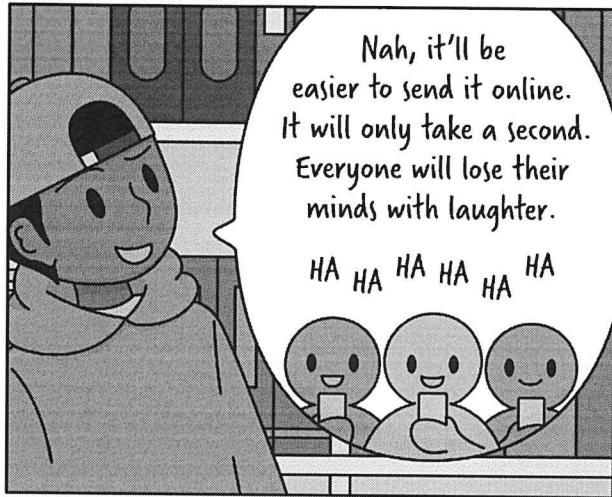
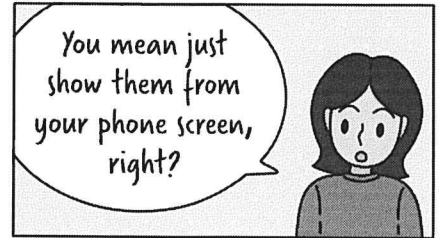
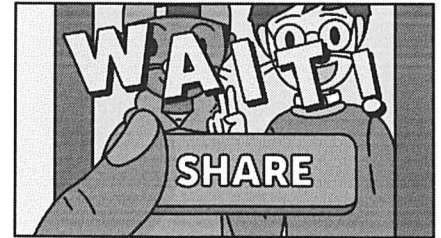
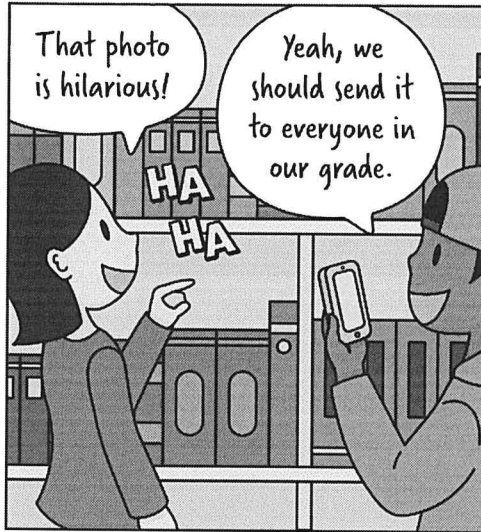
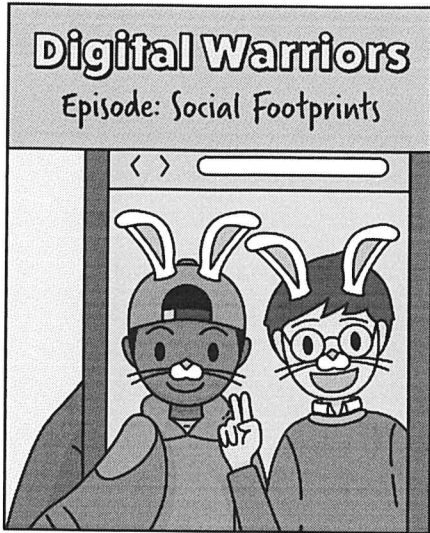
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9. Summarise your ideas after reflecting on this comic.

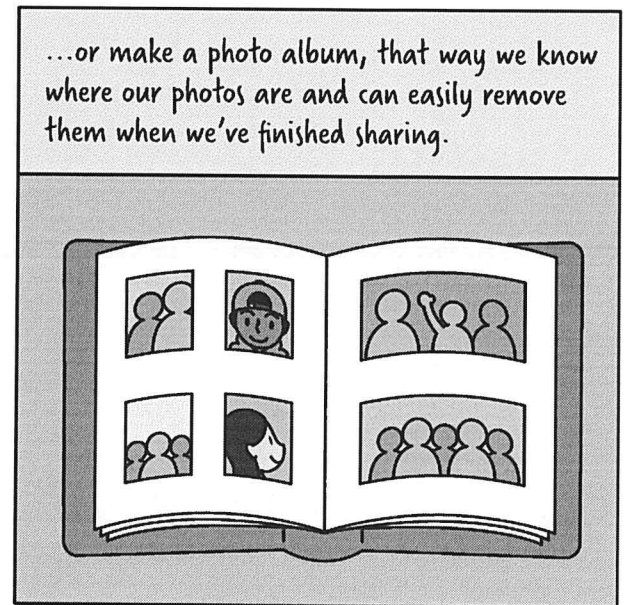
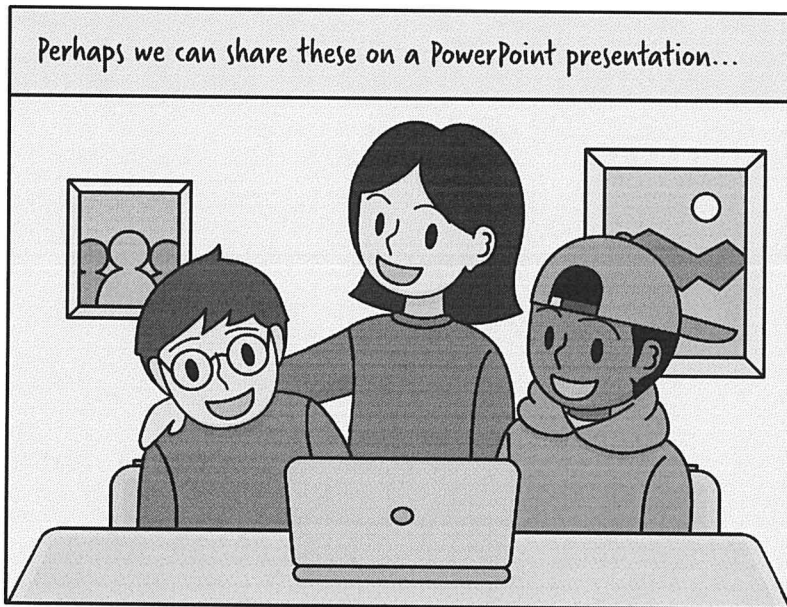
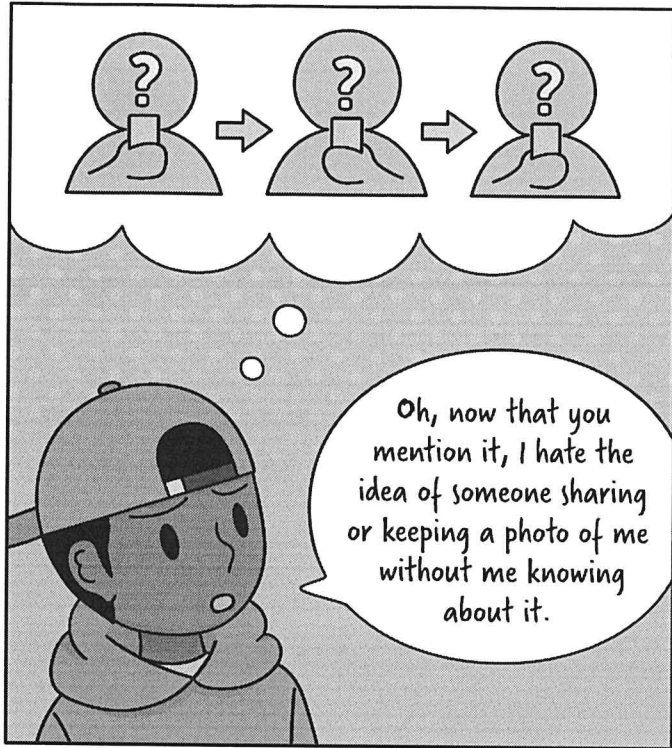
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## Digital Warriors: Social Footprints

### Questions

1. What is social media?

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2. What different types of social media are there?

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3. What is the age limit for those social media platforms?

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4. Why do you think there is an age limit for social media?

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5. What are some consequences for sending photos without thinking?

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6. Draw a photo of you and a friend and apply your own design of a filter onto it.

