

The Lego Story

- 1) Who invented Lego? Give three facts about him.
- 2) Where was he from?
- 3) What positive words did his wife offer when things first went wrong?
- 4) "Ole was a special person" Do you agree with this statement? Explain.
- 5) What is a carpenter?
- 6) How did Godtfred's help benefit his Father?
- 7) How did the first wholesaler's contract change Ole and his family's lives?
- 8) Ole hired his former workers when work became busy again. What does this tell you about him?
- 9) "The wholesaler filed for bankruptcy." What does this mean? How did it affect Ole?
- 10) What did Ole trade his toys for at first? Why? How is this echoed by Godtfred's wife later in the clip?
- 11) Where did the name Lego come from?
- 12) What does "Lego" mean?
- 13) What did Ole spend 3,000 crowns on and how did Godtfred react to this?
- 14) What lesson was Ole trying to teach Godtfred when he made him re-paint the toys?
- 15) How do you think World War II might have affected the brand?
- 16) How would Ole have felt when the workshop was on fire? Why?
- 17) "Ole was beginning to lose hope." Why? What made him continue to keep trying?
- 18) How did the plastic moulding machine change the business?
- 19) Who were the "three generations" at Ole's sixtieth birthday party?
- 20) Why was Godtfred's chance meeting with the Head of a shopping centre on the ship a significant moment for Lego?
- 21) What was the first Lego System toy?
- 22) "Some people said we were the luckiest children in the world because we got to grow up in a toy factory." Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
- 23) How did putting tubes inside the Lego bricks improve the toy?
- 24) How was Godtfred like his Father?
- 25) What gave Godtfred the idea for Legoland amusement park?
- 26) Who narrated the story?

TLS Resource 1a

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary

Infer

Predict

Explain

Retrieve

Sequence or Summarise



TLS Resource 1b

Shortly after the explosion I opened my eyes and took a deep breath. My ears were ringing, but I was alive. Gradually I built up the courage to lift my pounding head and peep over the pile of bricks that had fallen next to me, somehow miraculously missing me by just inches. I waited while the smoke and dust settled enough so that I could see a clear path.

It seemed to take forever to crawl through the rubble to the next building. The sun was beginning to set and the light around me was hazy, as if it too had given up on the day. I lay down against the cold stone floor and fell asleep, dreaming of sudden bangs and prolonged battles.

The days that followed would be a repeat of this pattern. Dodging from one safe place to another. Survival.

Days turned to weeks, weeks turned to months, and it became years of practising that survival instinct, in those once thriving surroundings, before anyone found me.

How is the passing of time shown in this text? What other words or phrases can you think of which show time passing?

TLS Resource 2a

Writing your report.

What do we need to think about when we write?

- 1.) The subject- What will your title be? Can you write a brief introduction to it? Can you use rhetorical questions?**
- 2.) What tense will it be written in?**
- 3.) What kind of language will be used? Who is your audience? Will this change?**
- 4.) How will you grab the reader's attention? Can you think of sentences starters, words and phrases to hook in your audience and create interest?**
- 5.) Have you considered the cohesive devices you will use to help structure your piece? Adverbs, prepositional phrases, conjunctions?**
- 6.) What will the layout look like? Will you include images?**

TLS Resource 3a

Ending our writing...

Today the Lego brand is known the world over. What started with the humble building brick, is now a company which has over 120 shops worldwide. The company is now much more than toy it once was; Lego clothing, books, television programmes, board games, computer games and even a Lego film are all part of the Lego brand. It is now featured on most toy aisles in supermarkets, stocked in most toy shops and in 2015 Lego replaced Ferrari as the 'world's most powerful brand.' The wish to encourage children to explore, experience and express their own world remains at Lego's heart. It is a company which believes that children deserve the best, and we would undoubtedly all agree with that!

TLS Resource 3b

The Teapot Challenge

'Ole Christiansen fell upon hard times after losing his business.'

Imagine putting these words into a teapot. Give them a stir, mix them up, then pour them out. If the sentence doesn't make sense then don't keep them. If you need to add a little sugar and milk (other bits of vocabulary) then do so but not too much as it will spoil it!

Ole Christiansen fell upon hard times after losing his business.

After losing his business, Ole Christiansen fell upon hard times.

Hard times befell Ole Christiansen, after losing his business.

His business was lost and after this Ole Christiansen fell upon hard times.

After losing his business, hard times befell Ole Christiansen.

Look at some of the facts you recorded yesterday. How many different ways of writing the sentences can you find?



TLS Resource 5a