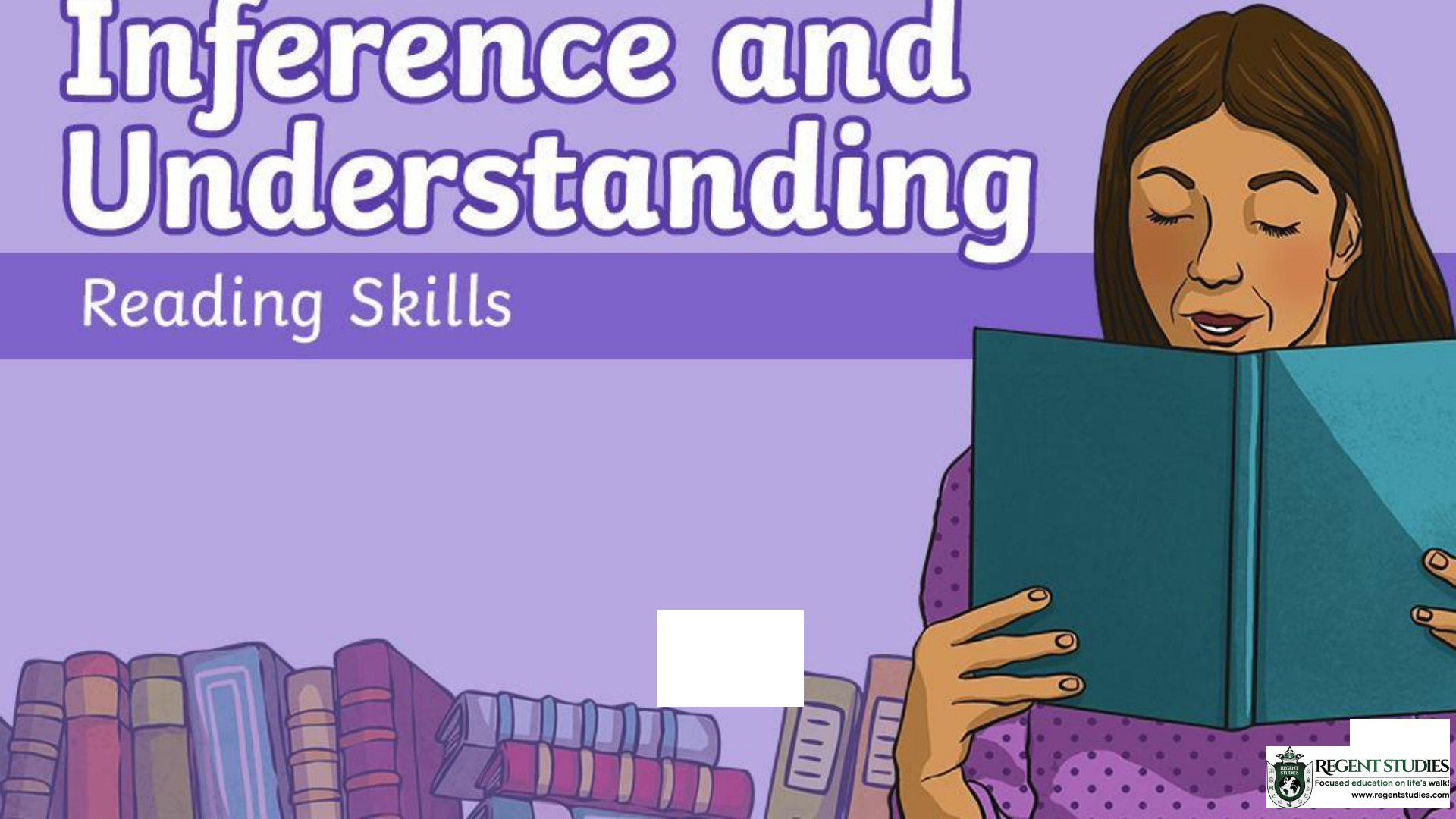


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Reading Skills



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Activity 1

Reading a Picture

Look at this picture, then talk about these questions with a partner.



Example Answers

Why is only one person running?

Perhaps there is only one person running because she has made a false start. She may also be warming up ahead of the race.

Why can shadows be seen on the floor?

Shadows can either be seen on the floor because of the bright stadium lights or bright sunlight overhead.

How do the numbers on runners' shirts dispel confusion?

The runners are wearing numbers so that they can be easily identified throughout the race, as some of them are wearing the same coloured clothes. If they were not wearing numbers, commentators may be confused about who is who.

What do you think the wires belong to?

I think that the wires belong to a television camera or piece of equipment used for recording or televising the race.

Drawing Inferences

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.

The ancient church, famous around the world for its exquisite design, boasts three double wooden doors at the base, each set within a pointed archway. Directly above the doors, a carved balcony stretches the width of the church – boasting figures of saints standing in a row. Above the balcony, there is a large circular window to the centre, with arched double windows to either side. The church reaches upwards with two rectangular towers, adorned with glass.

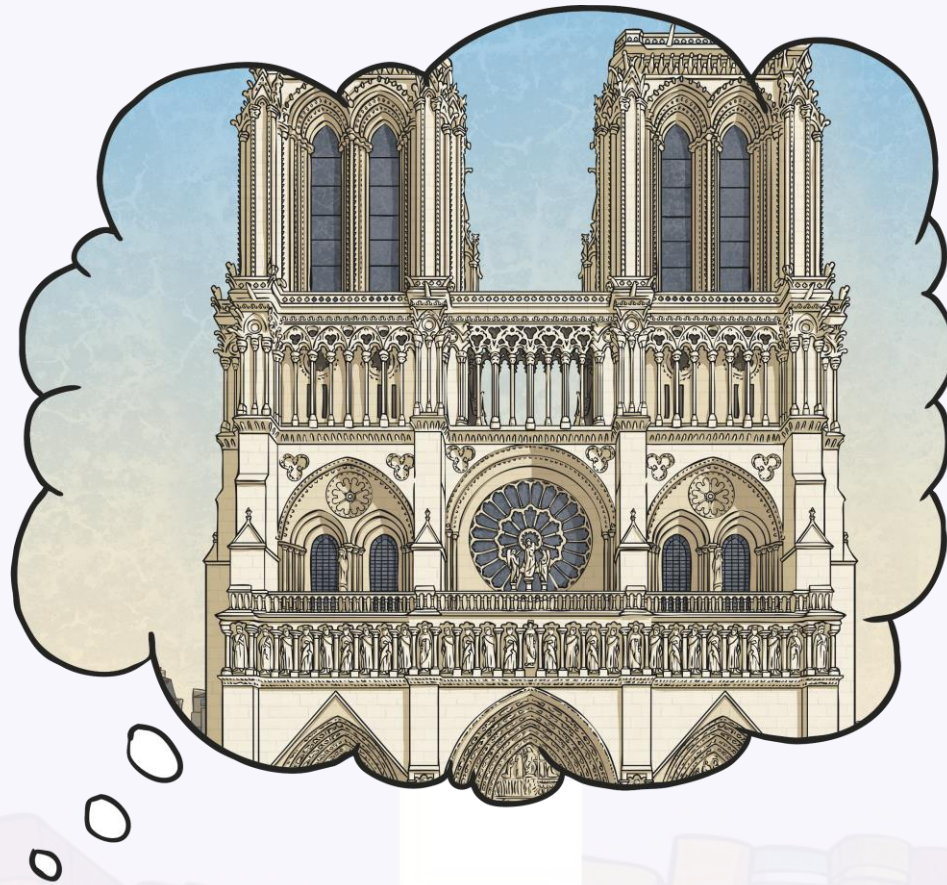


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Activity 2

Drawing Inferences

Did you draw something like this?



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Activity 3

Reading a Picture

Look at this picture, then talk about these questions with a partner.



Who do you think
took the picture?

What about the
location?

What can be
seen in the
background?

What is
happening?

Example Answers

In which country do you think this photograph was taken?

I think that this photograph was taken in Germany because the sign on the wooden hut is written in German.

What can you tell about the climate in this place?

I can tell that the climate is cold because many of the people in the photograph are wearing hats, scarves and thick coats.

What sort of building can be found in the centre of the picture?

A church or place of worship can be found in the centre of the picture. I know this because I can see its spire. Churches often have spires like this.

Which celebration is upcoming?

The celebration of Christmas is upcoming. I know this because some people are wearing Santa hats, which are popular at Christmas, and I can see Christmas-themed pictures in the distance.

Drawing Inferences

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.

Inside the big top was a majestic scene. The pale clown with two tufts of red hair sprouting from either side of his head presented the show, with his arms raised and an expression of mischief upon his face. Beside him, as the crowds looked on, two more clowns were carefully balanced upon tall unicycles as they juggled three blue batons each, their faces etched with concentration.

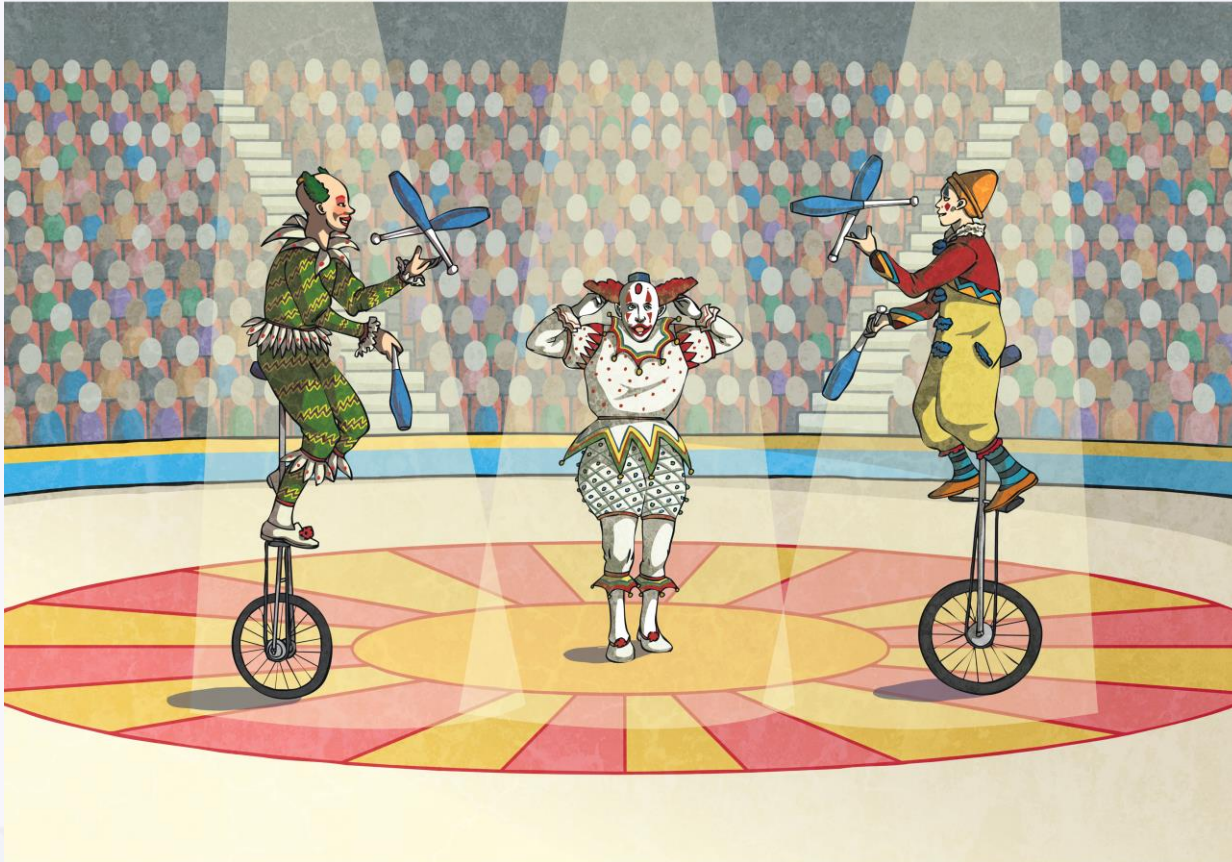


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Activity 4

Drawing Inferences

Did you draw something like this?



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Activity 5

Reading a Picture

Look at this picture, then talk about these questions with a partner.



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Example Answers

In which setting was this photograph taken?

This photograph was taken on an aeroplane. I know this because I recognise the seats and overhead lockers from when I went on holiday last year.

What is the role of the only standing person in this image?

The person standing in this image is a pilot or member of the crew. I know this because he is wearing a uniform that a pilot would normally wear.

Have these people come from a warm or cool climate? How do you know?

I can tell that these people have come from a warm climate. I know this because most of them are wearing short sleeves and one lady has sunglasses. You would have long sleeves or a coat if the place you are coming from was cold.

Is this an overnight flight? Explain your answer.

It is not an overnight flight because, although the lights are on, I can see light coming from the windows on either side of the aeroplane. This tells me that it is daytime.

