PART II: READING
READING I:

Unusual people: Chapter 8 – Fastest and slowest

A VERY fast man!

Usain Bolt is from Jamaica. He was born in 1986. He lives in Kingston, Jamaica. He lives with his brother. Usain is an athlete. He runs very fast. He runs in 100-metre and 200-metre races. He was good at running at school. He is the fastest runner in the world. He is called the fastest man of all time. Usain is a world-record holder for the 100 metres and 200 metres. He has six Olympic gold medals. Three are from the 2008 Beijing Olympics and three are from the 2012 London Olympics. Usain works very hard. He runs and he goes to the gym. He runs in races all over the world. He went to Daegu in Korea in 2011. He went to London in the UK in 2012.

1. Choose the correct options.

Profile: Usain Bolt
First name: (1) *Usain / Bolt*
Last name: (2) *Usain / Bolt*
Country: (3) *Korea / Jamaica*
City: (4) *London / Kingston*
Date of birth: (5) *1968 / 1986*

2. Read the text again. Write the correct words from the text in the gaps.

1. Usain Bolt …… from Jamaica.

2. He …… in Kingston.

3. He lives with his …….. .

4. Usain …… an athlete.

5. He…….. very fast.

READING II: Match the facts (1–10) to the correct words or numbers (a–j).

The Wettest Town in the World: Cilaos, Réunion

Cilaos is the wettest town in the world. It is on the French island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean. Cilaos is in the centre of the island in the mountains. In 1952, Cilaos had the wettest 24 hours ever recorded in the world. Between 15th and 16th March, there were 1,869.9 mm of rainfall.

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Average temperatures in Cilaos

The temperatures in Cilaos are from 16 ˚C to 30 ˚C. The warmest months are January to March. The temperatures are from 22 ˚C to 30 ˚C. There are about 16 rainy days in January. The average rainfall in January is 153 mm. The coldest months are June to August. The temperatures are from 16 ˚C to 25 ˚C. On average there are only nine rainy days in May. The average rainfall in May is 39 mm.

Seasons in Cilaos

'June is the start of the winter,' says George, 'and this is my favourite time of year.' George is a farmer. He grows fruit and sugarcane. He has two children. His daughter Angélique is 15. His son Serge is 14.

George has a dry house in a wet city

'November is the beginning of the wet season. We can have big storms. These are called cyclones. The wettest months are January and February. The rain is heavy and regular. During the dry winter, I check the house. I fix the roof and get ready for the wet season,' George says. People in Cilaos like being outside in the dry season. In their free time, they go to the beach. When it is too hot, they go to the mountains to cool down.

1. the warmest months ….	a. 153 mm
2. the coldest months ….	b. 16
3. the average number of rainy days in January ….	c. June to August
4. the start of winter ….	d. nine
5. the average number of rainy days in May ….	e. 1952
6. Angélique's age ….	f. 15
7. George checks the house ….	g. during the dry winter
8. the average rainfall in January ….	h. June
9. Serge's age ….	i. January to March
10. the wettest 24 hours in the world ….	j. 14

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READING III: The young people below all want to do an art course during their school holidays. On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight short art courses. Decide which course would be the most suitable for the following people. For questions 1 - 5, mark the correct letter (A—H) on your paper.

1. 

Alice wants a course to help her with her drawing skills, particularly with drawing the latest styles of clothes, shoes and bags, because she wants to study this later at college.

2. 

Darius loves making comic books, but isn't confident about his drawing. He wants to draw superheroes and animals and create adventures about them, but doesn't want to display his work.

3. 

Cassie enjoys making pictures and objects from different materials. During the course she'd like to use her love of sport in her designs, and visit an exhibition to get new ideas.

4. 

Marc is talented at drawing, but also likes filming his friends on an old digital camera. He wants to develop this skill by learning to use more advanced equipment, and prepare for further study.

5. 

Harry has done a course about printing on paper, and would like to learn how to print on other materials. He also wants to produce something to take home and wear.

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Short Art Courses

A **Wild Art** This course concentrates on teaching drawing and painting, and you'll use your new skills to make a wall poster on the theme of animals, to take home. And we've got lots of picture books from galleries around the world to give you ideas! There'll be an exhibition of everyone's work at the end, too.

B **Colourscape** Come and make a bag to keep your school games clothes in! We supply lots of colourful wool and printed cotton – you choose the design and colour (like your favourite football or hockey team colours!). There'll also be a trip to a gallery to help you get creative in your designs.

C **Create!** This course is all about telling good stories in pictures. There'll be cartoon films to watch, and instruction in how to draw your favourite characters – but your imagination is much more important than your drawing skills here! The course includes a visit to a cartoon museum.

D **Art Attack** You'll work on developing creative skills, like printing, photography, cartoons and movie-making, using the latest technology. This course is great for anyone wanting to take these subjects at college. Good drawing skills are helpful on this course, and students' work will be put into a book, where suitable, for everyone to buy.

E **Art Matters** This course will concentrate on different drawing techniques, including using inks and colour. We'll get you to draw live models wearing designer fashions and sportswear – so if you like designing fashion and think your future is in this area, then this course is for you!

F **Art Magic** This fun course shows you how to design and make fashion jewellery from natural materials, and particularly how to use photography to help you get ideas for your designs. So if you have your own camera, bring it along!

G **Arts Centre** Ever wondered what your comic stories would look like on film? Here's your chance to find out! Bring along your own comic drawings or prints – good-quality ones if possible – and we'll transfer the action from your page onto the screen! Film show of the best cartoons at the end!

H **Rainbow** Bring along a clean white T-shirt for this fun course! Using printing inks and paints, we'll show you how to transfer a picture onto your T-shirt and create a special artwork that you can put on for everyone to admire!

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