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What is the significance of the title "The Champions"?

The title of the lesson "The Champions" is significant as it gives a hint to the reader that what they are going to read in the lesson might be something related to a sport focusing on the champions of that sport.

What was the dream of Ahmad Ali and Gul Sher?

The dream of Ahmad Ali and Gul Sher was to become a lightweight boxing champion of the world someday. Both of them worked hard to achieve their dream.

Why was the fight so important for both Ali and Gul Sher?

Once they had to fight at two different poles for the National Boxing Championship. The fight was important for both Ali and Gul Sher because the winner of the final of the fight would be representing the country in the World Lightweight Boxing Championship.

How did the two friends fight? Describe in your own words in five sentences.

Ali was the one who started the fight. In the first round, Ali was at the top of the game as he was able to trap Gul against the ropes and beat him quite harshly. In the second round, even after turning unconscious, dizzy, and disoriented by the hard blows of Ali, Gul Sher gathered his strength and retaliated in the same way that turned the match even. In the third round, the young boxers performed toe-to-toe and gave their best savage performance but at the end, they did not stay there to hear the announcement of the game and went away arm in arm. They gave more value to friendship than to their championship-winner title.

Compare and contrast the characters of Ali and Gul.

The major characters of the lesson are the two young boys Ahmad Ali and Gul Sher. There is an element of comparison and contrast between the characters of both friends.

Compare:

Both Ali and Gul Sher were students of [grade 10](#) in the government school. They were my classmates as well. Apart from this, they lived in the neighborhood of Lyari, Karachi. They were so close in their feelings and contact that they considered themselves brothers. Boxing was the sport they were in love with. They both owned the same dream of becoming a lightweight boxing champion of the world one day. Both of the boys were sensitive, honest, and sincere. They gave more value to friendship than to be the winner. Ali and Gul suffered from the same feelings of anxiety, pressure, and stress with the mere thought of the fight and the result of that. Both the friends were well aware of the facts regarding the top boxing champions of the world. They were equally good boxers.

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Contrast:

It can only be done concerning their appearance and background as they were the same in character, thoughts, and values. Gul Sher was fair, lean, and lanky. Gul Sher had straight hair that most of the time fell over his eyes. He belonged to a Pashtun background as his family moved to Karachi from Kyberpaktunkhwa before the birth of Gul Sher. On the other hand, Ahmad Ali was Sheedi, dark, short and husky. He had black hair in a natural Afro style. He was a permanent resident of Lyari district. The difference in their boxing style was quite evident as Gul's lean form and long reach made him the better boxer whereas Ali's short and muscular frame made him the better slugger.

Is there any conflict in the story? If yes, describe it in detail.

No, there is no conflict in the lesson. The two true friends sacrificed their chance of representing their country in the World Boxing Championship in the Lightweight category. They give more importance to their friendship than to become a winner of the match or country's representative in the Championship. It is a difficult decision to take as it is the dream of both the young boys to become lightweight boxing champions one day.

What was the effect of the fight on the relationship between the two friends?

The fight cast a positive effect on the relationship between the two friends. Rather, it was the fight that further strengthened the relationship between Ali and Gul Sher. As they did not care about the result of the match but gave more weightage to their true, sincere friendship.

Keeping in view the relationship between the two friends, is it easier or harder for them to fight each other? Support your answer by giving references from the text.

It is the most difficult time in which the friends are passing through. The two childhood friends have to fight against each other in the National Boxing Championship. As the day of their fight is approaching, they face feelings of anxiety and stress. One day, both the friends meet and discuss their feelings and emotions regarding the upcoming fight. Ali confesses that he has been thinking about it at all times.

He says that he has been awake at night, pulling punches on Gul Sher, trying not to hurt him. Gul Sher also explains his feelings that it is difficult for him to stop thinking about the fight even for a minute that what would be the result of the fight and how their friendship is going to survive after that.

Are you satisfied with the ending? Support your response with cogent arguments.

Though the ending is unexpected yes, I am satisfied with it. The reason is that friendship is a very precious relationship and to find fast and sincere friends in this world of selfishness, envy, hatred, jealousy is a tough task to be undertaken.

Once you become successful in selecting the pearl (your true friend) from the sea of humans then you should take care of him. One must try to sacrifice his wishes and desires just for the sake of his friend/friendship. I want to strengthen my point of view with the inspiring quote of Nicole Richie: "True friends are like Diamonds- Bright, Beautiful, Valuable, and always in Style."

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Q.1) Having read the story, one feels that boxing is too brutal to be a sport for young people. Do you agree? Which side of this debate is presented in "The Champions"? Using details and examples from the story, write a paragraph with a clear opening statement, specific details and examples to explain your response.

Answer:

No doubt, boxing is a tough and brutal game for the youngsters. After reading the lesson that gives a clear description of the boxing competition, it seems quite evident. As when the fight started between Ahmad Ali and Gul Sher, the two young boxers, Ali punched at the face of Gul quite hard thus making him dizzy, disoriented and unconscious. Later, Gul defended himself and sent harsh blows to Ali. Ali's left eye was affected with the blow so he tightly closed it. From Gul's nose, red blood poured out, which frenzied the audience. Both of them had a savage fight, their punch fell on each other like hailstones, hurting them bad.

Q.2) Imagine Ali and Gul Sher as they walk away from the boxing ring after the fight, Now, keeping in mind and friendship, write their conversation as a one-page dialogue.

Answer:

Dialogue:

Ali: Thanks, dear.

Gul Sher: For what?

Ali: I mean thanks for not sacrificing our friendship just for the sake of a championship.

Gul Sher: No need for this friend. I know the worth of friendship.

Ali: I was pretty much disturbed for the past two days.

Gul Sher: I was just experiencing the same feelings as you do, dear.

Ali: It was not about the fear of losing the game or the joy of winning it but it was just about our friendship.

Gul Sher: I was also perturbed with the mere thought of the game's result that what would happen after that.

Ali: I discussed the matter with my elder brother yesterday. He advised me to relax and leave the rest on destiny.

Gul Sher: I too took a piece of advice from my father who said that I should give more value to friendship than to fame or fortune.

Ali: Well, at one point I was sure that you would be winning the game.

Gul Sher: Yeah, I was pretty confident at the last blow that I gave you. But the voice of my father echoed in

my head and I changed my decision from getting the label of 'The Champion' to remain a friend of you forever.

Ali: Thanks again for saving our life-long friendship.

Gul Sher: No problem, dear.

Ali: I think we should go home now as everyone must be anxiously waiting for the game's result.

Gul Sher: Yup, you are right. Let's go.

Ali: Dear Gul, I am the luckiest person on earth as I have you as a friend.

Gul Sher: I have some respect and feelings towards you, Ali.

Ali: Ok, Allah Hafiz.

Gul Sher: Allah Hafiz. Do come to my home for practice tomorrow.

A. Answer the following questions.

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Q1. What is the significance of the title "The Champions"?

Ans: The significance of the title "[The Champions](#)" is the story about a boxing contest between two deep friends, in which the winner has to represent [Pakistan](#) in the world boxing championship in the lightweight category.

Q2. What was the dream of Ahmad Ali and Gul Sher?

Ans: Ahmad Ali and Gul Sher had a dream of someday becoming lightweight boxing champions of the world.

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Q3. Why was the fight so important for both Ali and Gul Sher?

Ans: The fight was very important for both boxers because the contest was actually for the selection of a world boxing champion. They both were dreaming to win it.

Q4. How did the two friends fight? Describe in five sentences.

Ans: Both the [friends](#) fought bravely. They rushed towards each other like bulls and pounded blows on each other like hailstones. They give a tough time with each other in the ring. In the end, they sacrificed the championship for their friendship.

Q5. Compare and contrast the characters of Ali and Gul?

Ans: Gul Sher was fair, lean, and lanky. His hair was always falling over his eyes. Ali was Sheedi, dark, short,

and strong. His hair was in a natural Afro style. They have many common qualities but their boxing style was different from each other. They both know, how to win the fight.

Q6. Is there any conflict in the story? If yes, describe it in detail.

Ans: Yes, there is a conflict in the story. One conflict is the boxing contest between the two fast friends. They both worried about how to face each other in the ring. They were restless to think about the effect of the fight on their friendship.

Q7. What was the effect of the fight on the relationship between the two friends?

Ans: Both the boxers were **good friends**. They were greatly worried about their boxing contest. They know that the fight will not affect their relationship. They fought bravely, as they knew that the better men should win the contest.

Q8. Keeping in view the relationship between the two friends, is it easier or harder for them to fight each other? Support your answer by giving references from the text.

Ans: As we know that both the boxers were good friends, so it was hard for them to fight against each other. Before the fight, they were really restless and they often told each other about the mental conditions of their own. They really didn't want to disturb their friendship.

Q9. Are you satisfied with the ending? Support your response with cogent arguments.

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Ans: Yes, we are satisfied with the ending of the story. Both boxers showed their courage, strength and skills. At the end of the story their friendship win over the boxing championship.

B. Choose the correct option for the following statements.

1. (b) He was tall, skinny with long arms.
2. (c) small and well-built
3. (b) Communication gap was increasing between them.
4. (d) Friendship was greater than winning the fight.
5. (d) He was disturbed about the effects of the forthcoming fight on their Friendship.

GRAMMAR

A. Complete the following sentences using appropriate articles.

1. (b) a/an
2. (c) a/the
3. (a) a/a
4. (d) a/a
5. (a) a/a/the

PRONOUNS

A. Choose the correct pronoun to correctly finish this sentence.

1. (b) I
2. (c) She
3. (b) He
4. (c) Their
5. (b) They
6. (c) They
7. (c) They
8. (b) It.

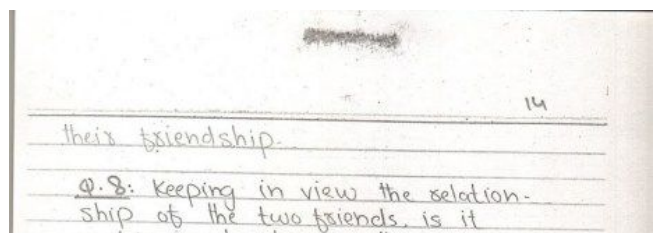
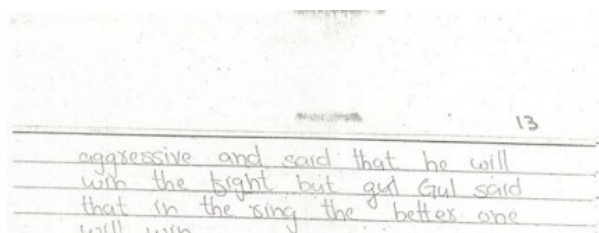
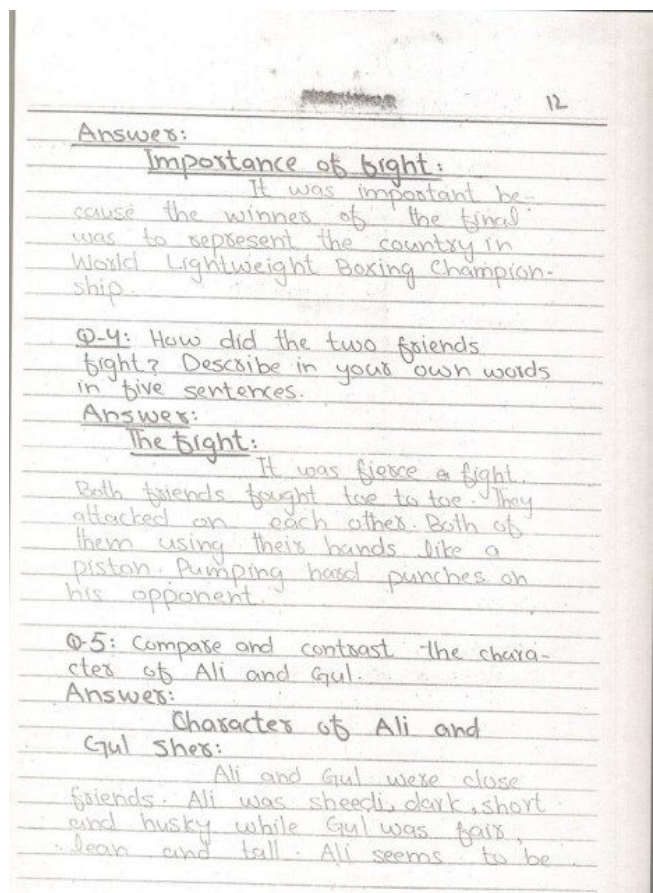
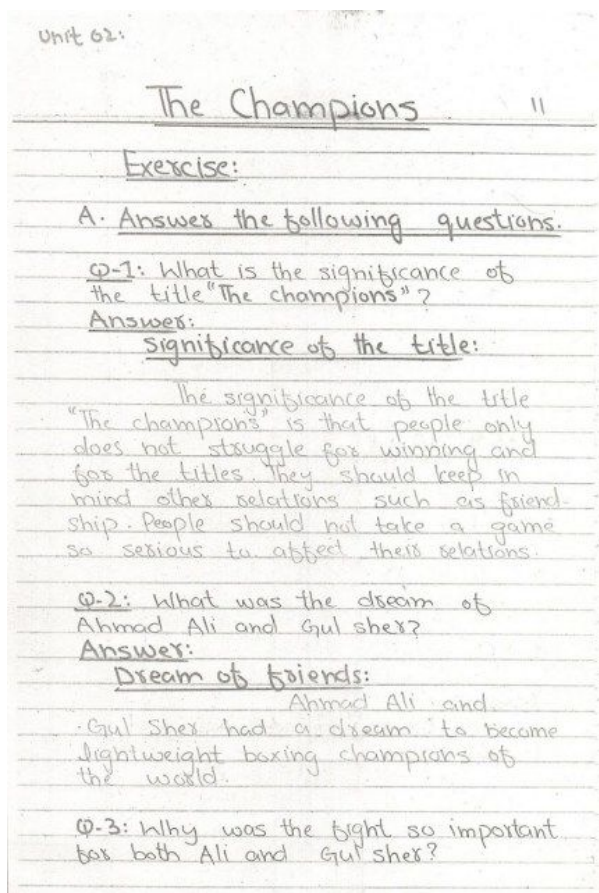
B. Choose one of the relative pronoun who, which or whose to complete sentence.

- I talked to the girl..... The car had broken down in front of the shop. (whose)
- Mr.Razzaq,..... is a taxi driver, lives on the corner. (who)
- I live in a house in Naran..... is in Northern Pakistan. (Which)
- This is the girl..... comes from Swat. (who)
- That's Naeem, the boy..... has just arrived at the airport. (who)
- Those haven't paid their fee should do so at once. (who)
- This is a detective novel you might like. (which)
- Here are the keys you were searching for. (which)

C. Underline the indefinite pronouns in the following sentences.

1. Everybody enjoys a good movie. (**Everybody**)
2. Does anybody have the time? (**Anybody**)
3. Nobody knows the trouble I have seen. (**Nobody**)
4. The secret was known by few. (**Few**)
5. No, the secret was known by many. (**Many**)
6. Calculus is too hard for some. (**Some**)
7. Surely you recognize somebody. (**Somebody**)
8. He's not a liar. I'm sure everything he said was true. (**Everything**)

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Q.6: Is there any conflict in story?
If yes, describe it in detail.

Answer:

Conflict in the story:

Yes, there is a conflict. One is the contest between the two best friends and the another as both of them while thinking about the final boxing contest and both were restless to think about the effect of the fight on friendship.

Q.7: What was the effect of fight on the relationship of the two friends?

Answer:

Effect of the fight:

Both the boxers were best friends. They were extremely worried how to come out with it. And both were worried how to face each other in the fight and they knew that fight will not effect on

each other? Support your answer by giving references from the text.

Answer:

Reference from the text:

As both the boxers were best friends it was hard to fight each other and they both don't know how to come out with it. Both were restless and pulling punches on each other in dreams and in real fight too. These references shows that it is harder to face each other.

Q.9: Are you satisfied with the ending? Support your response with cogent arguments.

Answer:

Response and arguments:

Yes, I am satisfied with the ending. Both boxers showed their courage and skill and at the end they embraced each other and

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their friendship was not affected.

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B. Choose the correct option for the following sentences.

- Gul's lean form and long reach made him better boxer. This statement means the Gul was better boxer because
a) he was short, big with long arms.
b) he was tall, skinny with long arms.
c) he was short, skinny with long arms.
d) he was high, well built with short arms.
- "Ali was dark, short and husky". In this sentence the phrase "short and husky" means:
a) huge and muscular.
b) thick and strong.
c) small and well built.
d) a powerful and huge.
- They both sensed that a wall was rising between them. This statement means:
a) They were climbing higher on the wall of fame.
b) communication gap was increasing between them.

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- They were getting closer to each other.
 - They were not happy about their fight.
4. They could not win the contest because
a) they were not boxers.
b) they were afraid of each other.
c) they realize that boxing is not a good sport.
d) friendship was greater than winning fight.
5. Ali had restless fitful sleep on the night before the fight because
a) he had quarrelled with Gul Sher.
b) he was challenged by Gul Sher.
c) he had fallen ill on that particular night.
d) he was disturb about the effect of the forthcoming fight on their friendship.

Answers of Q.B.

1. b | 2. c | 3. b | 4. d | 5. d

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A.

Answer:

There are many sports in the modern world which are dangerous and brutal. Boxing is not as brutal and dangerous as other sport such as bull fight and wrestling etc. In boxing one competitor, for the sake of winning, brutally attack on his opponent and punches him as hard as he can. Sometime one hurt during punches.

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Grammar:

Articles:

A. Complete the following sentences using appropriate articles.

- My mother is _____ doctor and my father is _____ author.
a) a/a b) a/an c) the/a/n d) a/no article
- Amjad recommended _____ good dentist, but _____ dentist doesn't have openings for two months.
a) a/no article b) the/a/n c) a/the d) the/the

one extends put their legs on line every time they come into the ring, they risks breaking their jaws bone. Every fighter wants to knock down the opponent. In the story both fighters fought very brutally at the end one broke his nose and the other damaged his eye. They were so atrocious during the last moment of the fight that the referee and the two trainers separated them from each other. The crowd were astonished with their way of fighting.

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3. Do you have broom? I dropped _____ piece of cake, and I need to clean it.
 a) a/a b) a/no articles
 c) the/the d) an/a
4. Do you have dictionary? I don't have one, and I need to look up _____ word.
 a) a/the b) an/a c) the/a d) a/a
5. Do you have passport? You need _____ passport to travel outside of _____ country.
 a) a/a/the b) an/a/the
 c) the/the/a d) a/the/a

Answers

1.b | 2.c | 3.b | 4.d | 5.a

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 B. Complete the following exercise with a/an/the articles. Put "x" where no article is needed.

Boxing was originated in x Ancient Greece and has been a popular sport ever since, especially for x men. Lately, however, it has been a major health fitness trend for the women. Boxing was included during first Olympic games. In the Ancient Greece boxing was not a safe sport, they never used gloves. Professional boxing is an excellent career. A boxer's aim is to land as many punches as an opponent as possible. For most of the 20th century, boxing attracted huge fan and media attention.

Pronoun:

A. Choose the correct pronoun to correctly finish this sentence.

1. My name is Samia. Love my family.

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 a) He b) I c) She d) We
 2. I met Samra yesterday. made me laugh.
 a) It b) Her c) She d) They
 3. At the left, you can see Saad is my brother.
 a) That b) He c) It d) Him.
 4. Birds flap wings.
 a) it b) his c) their d) those
 5. My grandparent live in Karachi visit us.
 a) Them b) They c) Their d) He.
 6. Lubna, Laila and Tahira were cross because had waited ages for the bus.
 a) them b) he c) they d) it
 7. Palwasha watched the children carefully as crossed the road.
 a) them b) he c) they d) it
 8. Hold the bag please while I put the shopping in.
 a) him b) it c) she d) i.

Answers

1.b | 2.c | 3.b | 4.c | 5.b | 6.c | 7.c | 8.b

B. Choose one of the following:

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 relative pronouns who, which or whose, to complete sentences.

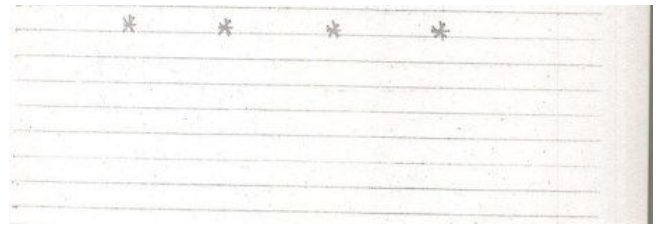
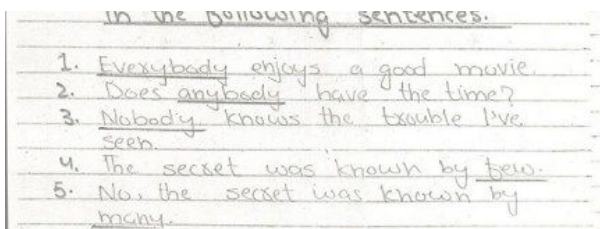
- I talk to the girl whose car had broken down in front of the shop.
- Ms. Razaq, who is a taxi driver, lives on the corner.
- I live in a house in Narah which is in Northern Pakistan.
- This is the girl who comes from Swat.
- That's Naqem, the boy who has just arrived at the airport.
- Those who haven't paid their fee should do so at once.
- This is a detective novel which you might like.
- Here are the keys which you were searching for.

C. Underline the indefinite pronouns

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 6. Calculus is too hard for some.
 7. Surely you recognize somebody.
 8. He is not a liar. I'm sure everything he said was true.

E. Underline the pronoun and circle its antecedent in Parenthesis in sentence below.

- Someone has removed the grammar book, and I want (him, them) to return it.
- Although I knew somebody called me, I did not answer (her, them).
- Each man must do what (he, they) feels is right.
- Everybody in the lab was ready to complete (her, their) assignment.
- No one wants to admit (his, their) weakness.



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