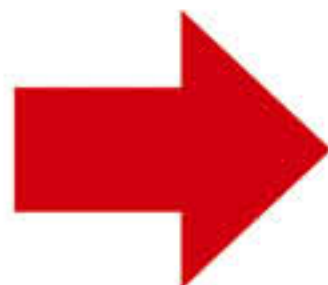


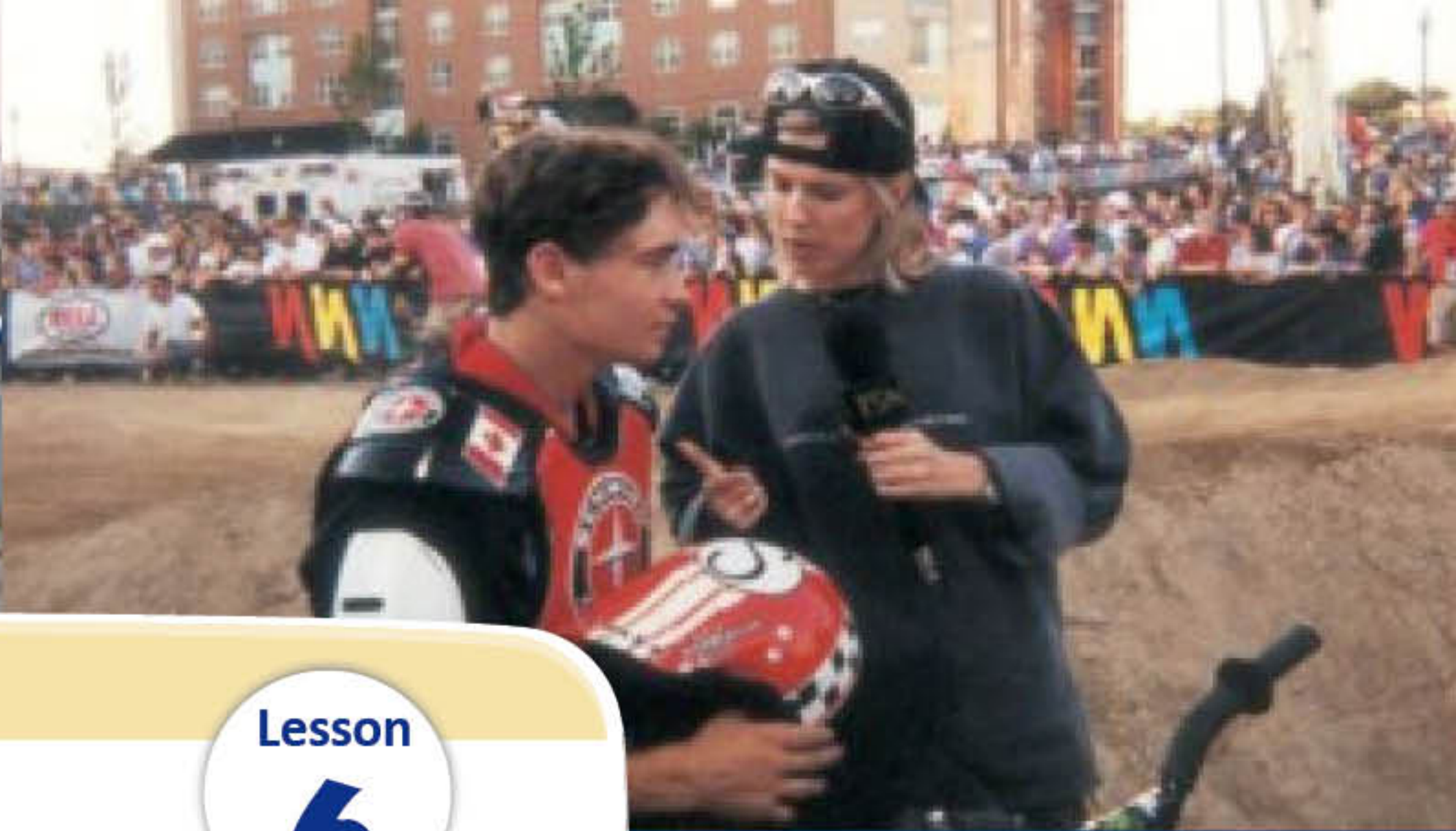


Are You Ready?

Listen to me.



Eyes on me.



FAST READING

Classic English Junior Level 6 - Unit 18 Media

Lesson

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Sandra on Sports



Lesson Structure

1	Learning Objective
2	Warm-up
3	Reading Preparation—Vocabulary
4	Genre
5	Fast Reading
6	Wrap-up

You are going to read an article called
“Sandra on Sports”.

In the article you will learn:



Genre

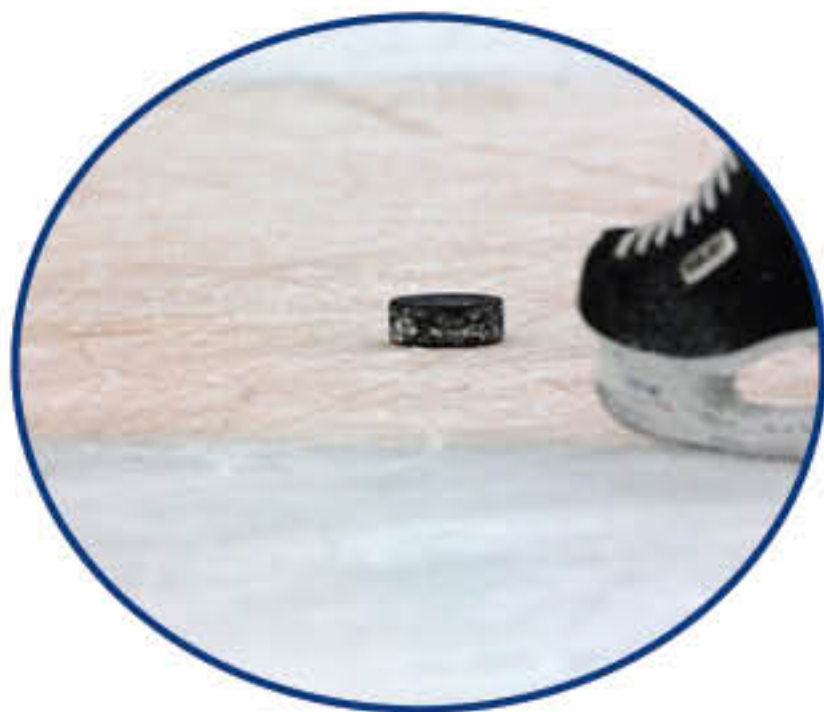
Blog



Key Words and Phrase

series, assignment, note, broadcast, cover, bump into,
reporter, preparation

Guess the word.



Do you like sports? What's your favorite one? Guess the name of the sport with the help of the pictures above.



Let's GO!



Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.



se•ries *n*



The World Cup **series** is popular all around the world.



as•sign•ment *n*



Mark has to complete three written **assignments** every semester.

Use a **key word** to make a sentence:

Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.



note *n*



Taking **notes** is a good habit for those who always forget things.



broad•cast *n*



The live **broadcast** is very popular in the US.

Use a **key word** to ask a question:

Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.



cov•er ✓



The girl is about to **cover** the latest news in town.



bump into



Lisa **bumped into** her old neighbor in the city park.

Use a **key word** or **phrase** to ask a question:

Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.



re•port•er *n*



Jena wants to be a news **reporter** in the future.



prep•a•ra•tion *n*



The team has been training hard in **preparation** for the big game.

Explain a **key word**
with your own words:



Let's Read!





Blogs often contain **links** to other websites. These links usually lead to other information on the topic. Sometimes specific words in the text can also be links.



The links in a blog will take you to other websites. These websites will give you more information.

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Sports

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What if I **pass out** right now? I think. What if I forget what I'm supposed to say?

"I know it's cold in this rink, Sandra, but don't forget to smile," the producer reminds me. "Five...four...three...two...We're on!"

"Hello, I'm Sandra Neil. Welcome to the Skate International Champions **Series** on Fox Sports."



Can you describe Sandra's job in your own words?

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My Early Years

I began my career during college, reporting on news stories at a Toronto radio station. But sports reporting was something different, so I decided to try it. Figure skating was my first **assignment**.

I had two months until I began my new job. I spent those two months talking to figure-skating coaches and judges. I read boring rule books. I drove to the rinks where the skaters trained, and made **notes** about our conversations. So on the night of my first **broadcast**, once the nerves left me, I relied on my new knowledge and told the stories I had learned.



How did Sandra prepare for her first broadcast?

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Help from an All-Star

My second assignment was the National Hockey League All-Star game in Boston. I was to be the first woman on television to **cover** NHL hockey.

“What gives you the right to cover hockey?” I turned around to face the sports writer who had spoken those angry words, but I was too stunned to respond. Being a woman rookie sportscaster was tougher than I’d imagined.



What happened during Sandra's second assignment?

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I was standing near the locker rooms before the game when I **bumped into** Bobby. I didn't know that my childhood idol, Hall of Famer Bobby Orr, would be on my side.

"First time covering a hockey game?" he asked, smiling. "Piece of cake. You'll be great." Bobby Orr said I'd be great! That thought gave me a burst of confidence.

Notes

If you say that someone is a member of the Hall of Famer, you mean that they are one of the most famous people in that area of activity.



The New York Knicks' Allan Houston is so tall the cameraman has to work hard to get us both in the shot.



If you click Bobby Orr, what information do you think you'll get?

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A Tough Job

Being a **reporter** during a sports broadcast is tougher than hosting one. You do just as much **preparation**, but you only speak when someone gets injured or the game becomes boring. Then you have to get all the information out in twenty seconds.

After four years, I'm a familiar face around rinks and courts. Most of the people I meet now are as friendly as Bobby Orr.



Dirt-bike racer Jay Miron of Canada tells me about his performance at the Summer X Games.



Why did Sandra think being a reporter is tough?

Today we read a blog called Sandra on Sports.

Genre

A feature of blogs:

- Links

Key Words and Phrase

- series
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See You Soon!

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