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Boxing legend Muhammad Ali dies at 74

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THE ARTICLE

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Muhammad Ali, perhaps the world's greatest ever sporting legend, passed away on Friday, aged 74. Ali had spent the previous few days in hospital in Phoenix, Arizona with breathing problems. His children flew to Phoenix to join their father for his final days. Ali is thought to be the best boxer in history. He was the world heavyweight champion three times. He is widely known by his nickname – The Greatest. However, many people believe he was the greatest because of what he did outside the boxing ring, not inside it. He was a civil rights hero and strong opponent of the Vietnam War in the 1960s. He was an ambassador for world peace and worked tirelessly for charities for five decades after.

World leaders, sporting figures and celebrities have been paying tribute to Ali. Boxing promoter Bob Arum said: "Ali transformed this country and impacted the world with his spirit. His legacy will be part of our history for all time." U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Ali for changing the world. He said Ali used his charm, wit and grace to fight for a better world, "and used his platform to lift up humanity". The daughter of Martin Luther King wrote: "You were a champion in so many ways." Ali once said: "I would like to be remembered as a man who won the heavyweight title three times, who was humorous and who treated everyone right... As a man...who tried to unite all humankind through faith and love."

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WARM-UPS

1. MUHAMMAD ALI: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Muhammad Ali. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

the greatest / sporting legend / breathing / boxer / champion / nickname / peace / world leaders / tribute / spirit / legacy / platform / humanity / humorous / love

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SPORTSMAN: Students A **strongly** believe Muhammad Ali is the greatest ever sportsman; Students B **strongly** believe he isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE GREATEST: Who is / was the greatest in these sports? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Who? | Why? |
|------------|------|------|
| Boxing | | |
| Football | | |
| Basketball | | |
| Tennis | | |
| Skiing | | |
| Formula 1 | | |

5. LEGEND: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "legend". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. FIGHTING: Rank these with your partner. Put the most exciting forms of fighting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- boxing
- karate
- wrestling
- judo
- sumo
- fencing
- kendo
- Thai boxing

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says Muhammad Ali was the greatest ever legend. **T / F**
- b. Muhammad Ali's nickname was 'The Best'. **T / F**
- c. Muhammad Ali fought for civil rights in the 1960s. **T / F**
- d. Muhammad Ali did charity work non-stop for 50 years. **T / F**
- e. A boxing promoter said Muhammad Ali changed a country. **T / F**
- f. The U.N. Secretary-General said Muhammad Ali needed a platform. **T / F**
- g. Martin Luther King's daughter said Ali was a champion in many ways. **T / F**
- h. Ali said he wanted to be remembered only for his sense of humour. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. legend | a. think |
| 2. passed away | b. last |
| 3. final | c. correctly |
| 4. believe | d. died |
| 5. tirelessly | e. appeal |
| 6. paying tribute to | f. changed |
| 7. transformed | g. praising |
| 8. charm | h. star |
| 9. right | i. join together |
| 10. unite | j. energetically |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. the world's greatest ever | a. champion |
| 2. breathing | b. tribute to Ali |
| 3. He was the world heavyweight | c. for world peace |
| 4. He was a civil | d. faith and love |
| 5. He was an ambassador | e. and grace |
| 6. celebrities have been paying | f. rights hero |
| 7. His legacy will be part of our history | g. many ways |
| 8. Ali used his charm, wit | h. sporting legend |
| 9. a champion in so | i. for all time |
| 10. unite all humankind through | j. problems |

GAP FILL

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flew
spent
rights
nickname
ever
decades
history
outside

World leaders, sporting (9) _____ and celebrities have been paying tribute to Ali. Boxing promoter Bob Arum said: "Ali transformed this country and impacted the world with his (10) _____. His legacy will be part of our history for all (11) _____." U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Ali for changing the world. He said Ali used his charm, wit and grace to fight for a (12) _____ world, "and used his platform to lift up humanity". The daughter of Martin Luther King wrote: "You were a (13) _____ in so many ways." Ali once said: "I would like to be (14) _____ as a man who won the heavyweight (15) _____ three times, who was humorous and who treated everyone right... As a man...who tried to (16) _____ all humankind through faith and love."

better
spirit
remembered
unite
time
figures
title
champion

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Muhammad Ali, perhaps the world's greatest ever sporting legend, _____
 - a. past away
 - b. parsed away
 - c. passed away
 - d. pasted away
- 2) spent the previous few days in hospital in Phoenix, Arizona with _____
 - a. breathe in problems
 - b. breathing problem
 - c. breathe in problem
 - d. breathing problems
- 3) His children flew to Phoenix to join their father for _____
 - a. his final days
 - b. his finally days
 - c. this final days
 - d. his final day
- 4) people believe he was the greatest because of what he did outside _____
 - a. the boxing rink
 - b. the boxing ring
 - c. the boxing thing
 - d. the boxing bling
- 5) He was an ambassador for world peace and worked tirelessly for charities _____
 - a. four, five decades
 - b. forty-five decades
 - c. for five decides
 - d. for five decades
- 6) World leaders, sporting figures and celebrities have been _____ Ali
 - a. paying tributes to
 - b. paying tribute too
 - c. paying tribute to
 - d. pay in tribute to
- 7) Ali transformed this country and impacted the world _____
 - a. within his spirit
 - b. with his spirit
 - c. with this spirit
 - d. with his spirits
- 8) used his charm, wit and grace to fight for a better world, and used his platform to _____
 - a. lifts up humanity
 - b. lifted up humanity
 - c. lifting up humanity
 - d. lift up humanity
- 9) You were a champion in _____
 - a. so many weighs
 - b. so much ways
 - c. so many ways
 - d. so many way
- 10) As a man...who tried to unite all humankind through _____
 - a. faithful and lovely
 - b. faiths and loves
 - c. fate and loved
 - d. faith and love

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali.html>

1. On what day of the week did Muhammad Ali die?
2. What kind of problems did Muhammad Ali have in hospital?
3. What was Muhammad Ali's nickname?
4. What kind of hero does the article call Muhammad Ali?
5. For how many decades did Muhammad Ali do charity work?
6. What is Bob Arum's job?
7. For how long did Bob Arum say Muhammad Ali's legacy would last?
8. What did Ban Ki-moon say Muhammad Ali lifted up?
9. Which relative of Martin Luther King wrote about Muhammad Ali?
10. What did Muhammad Ali want to be remembered for trying to unite?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali.html>

- 1) On what day of the week did Muhammad Ali die?
 - a) a Friday
 - b) a Thursday
 - c) a Saturday
 - d) a Sunday
- 2) What kind of problems did Muhammad Ali have in hospital?
 - a) hearing problems
 - b) heart problems
 - c) breathing problems
 - d) sleeping problems
- 3) What was Muhammad Ali's nickname?
 - a) The Butterfly
 - b) The Greatest
 - c) The Beast
 - d) The Best
- 4) What kind of hero does the article call Muhammad Ali?
 - a) a war hero
 - b) a charity hero
 - c) a ring hero
 - d) a civil rights hero
- 5) For how many decades did Muhammad Ali do charity work?
 - a) 5
 - b) 4
 - c) 3
 - d) 2
- 6) What is Bob Arum's job?
 - a) boxer
 - b) boxing journalist
 - c) boxing doctor
 - d) boxing promoter
- 7) For how long did Bob Arum say Muhammad Ali's legacy would last?
 - a) until the end of this century
 - b) all time
 - c) 20 years
 - d) decades
- 8) What did Ban Ki-moon say Muhammad Ali lifted up?
 - a) his hands
 - b) children
 - c) gloves
 - d) humanity
- 9) Which relative of Martin Luther King wrote about Muhammad Ali?
 - a) his cousin
 - b) his nephew
 - c) his daughter
 - d) his niece
- 10) What did Muhammad Ali want to be remembered for trying to unite?
 - a) his family
 - b) humankind
 - c) old fighters
 - d) boxing

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Boxing

You think boxing is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): karate, wrestling or fencing.

Role B – Karate

You think karate is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): boxing, wrestling or fencing.

Role C – Wrestling

You think wrestling is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): karate, boxing or fencing.

Role D – Fencing

You think fencing is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): karate, wrestling or boxing.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'legend' and 'hero'.

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| legend | hero |
|---------------|-------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• perhaps• few• final• widely• outside• five | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• tribute• part• better• ways• remembered• love |
|---|--|

MUHAMMAD ALI SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Muhammad Ali in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

MUHAMMAD ALI DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'legend'?
3. What do you think about Muhammad Ali?
4. What do you think about what you read?
5. What memories do you have of Muhammad Ali?
6. Why do people say Muhammad Ali was such a legend?
7. What do you know about Muhammad Ali the boxer?
8. What do you know about Muhammad Ali the civil rights icon?
9. What do you know about Muhammad Ali the ambassador for peace?
10. What do you think of Muhammad Ali's nickname?

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MUHAMMAD ALI DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What tribute would you pay to Muhammad Ali?
13. What will Muhammad Ali's legacy be?
14. How did Muhammad Ali change the world for the better?
15. In what ways was Muhammad Ali a champion?
16. Should there be a Muhammad Ali Day?
17. Do you know any of Muhammad Ali's famous sayings?
18. Is Muhammad Ali the greatest sportsman ever?
19. How will people remember Muhammad Ali?
20. What questions would you like to have asked Muhammad Ali?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) ever | (b) even | (c) event | (d) never |
| 2. | (a) previews | (b) previously | (c) previous | (d) preview |
| 3. | (a) flu | (b) flying | (c) flown | (d) flew |
| 4. | (a) strongly | (b) widely | (c) common | (d) ways |
| 5. | (a) does | (b) done | (c) doing | (d) did |
| 6. | (a) tired | (b) tiring | (c) tirelessly | (d) tires |
| 7. | (a) doing | (b) paying | (c) being | (d) having |
| 8. | (a) impacted | (b) imported | (c) important | (d) implied |
| 9. | (a) praised | (b) surprised | (c) pleased | (d) supplies |
| 10. | (a) humane | (b) human | (c) humanity | (d) humanly |
| 11. | (a) seven | (b) then | (c) such | (d) so |
| 12. | (a) pleaded | (b) treated | (c) seated | (d) heated |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the world's greatest ever sporting endgel
2. the vrepiosu few days
3. known by his mninkaec – The Greatest
4. He was a ilvic rights hero
5. worked tirelessly for esctiahr
6. for five edcsade after

Paragraph 2

7. sporting sgeiufr
8. impacted the world with his srpiti
9. His celagy will be part of our history
10. a hipmnaco in so many ways
11. who was ouomrshu
12. unite all humankind through ftiha and love

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () this country and impacted the world with his spirit. His legacy will be part of our history for all
- () few days in hospital in Phoenix, Arizona with breathing problems. His children flew to Phoenix to join their
- () wrote: "You were a champion in so many ways." Ali once said: "I would like to be remembered
- () believe he was the greatest because of what he did outside the boxing ring, not
- () inside it. He was a civil rights hero and strong opponent of the Vietnam War in the 1960s. He was an ambassador
- () time." U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Ali for changing the world. He said Ali used his charm, wit and
- () for world peace and worked tirelessly for charities for five decades after.
- () grace to fight for a better world, "and used his platform to lift up humanity". The daughter of Martin Luther King
- () World leaders, sporting figures and celebrities have been paying tribute to Ali. Boxing promoter Bob Arum said: "Ali transformed
- (**1**) Muhammad Ali, perhaps the world's greatest ever sporting legend, passed away on Friday, aged 74. Ali had spent the previous
- () champion three times. He is widely known by his nickname – The Greatest. However, many people
- () as a man who won the heavyweight title three times, who was humorous and who treated
- () father for his final days. Ali is thought to be the best boxer in history. He was the world heavyweight
- () everyone right... As a man...who tried to unite all humankind through faith and love."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. few had days spent in the hospital previous Ali .
2. history thought the in is be boxer Ali to best .
3. outside what it , the he Because not boxing did of inside ring .
4. world He an for peace was ambassador .
5. charities for five decades after Worked tirelessly for .
6. and been to figures have tribute Sporting celebrities paying Ali .
7. and impacted the world Ali transformed this country .
8. be part of our history for all time His legacy will .
9. who three won times the A heavyweight man title .
10. who unite through man to humankind A tried all faith .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Muhammad Ali, perhaps the world's greatest ever sporting *legendary / legend*, passed away on Friday, aged 74. Ali had spent the *previously / previous* few days in hospital in Phoenix, Arizona with breathing problems. His children *flew / flown* to Phoenix to join their father for *his / this* final days. Ali is thought to be the best boxer *on / in* history. He was the world heavyweight champion three times. He is *widely / wide* known by his nickname – The Greatest. However, many people *believe / belief* he was the greatest because of what he did outside the boxing *rink / ring*, not inside it. He was a civil rights hero and *strength / strong* opponent of the Vietnam War in the 1960s. He was an ambassador for world *peace / piece* and worked tirelessly for charities for five decades after.

World leaders, sporting figures and *celebrity / celebrities* have been paying tribute to Ali. Boxing promoter Bob Arum said: "Ali transformed this country and *impacted / compacted* the world with his spirit. His legacy will be part of our *history / historical* for all time." U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Ali for changing the world. He said Ali used his *charming / charm*, wit and grace to *fought / fight* for a better world, "and used his platform to *lift / lifting* up humanity". The daughter of Martin Luther King wrote: "You were a champion in so *much / many* ways." Ali once said: "I would like to be *remembered / remember* as a man who won the heavyweight title three times, who was humorous and who *treating / treated* everyone right... As a man...who tried to unite all humankind through faith and *lovely / love*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_h_m_m_d _l_, p_r_h_p_s th_ w_rld's gr__t_st _v_r
sp_rt_ng l_g_nd, p_ss_d _w_y _n Fr_d_y, _g_d 74. _l_
h_d sp_nt th_ pr_v___s f_w d_ys _n h_sp_t_l _n
Ph__n_x, _r_z_n_ w_th br__th_ng pr_bl_ms. H_s
ch_ldr_n fl_w_t_ Ph__n_x t_ j__n th__r_f_th_r_f_r_h_s
f_n_l_d_ys. _l_ _s th__ght t_ b_ th_ b_st b_x_r_n
h_st_ry. H_ w_s th_ w_rld h__vyw__ght ch_m_p__n
thr__t_m_s. H_ _s w_d_ly kn_wn by h_s n_ckn_m_ -
Th_ Gr__t_st. H_w_v_r, m_ny p__pl_ b_l__v_ h_w_s
th_ gr__t_st b_c__s _f wh_t h_ d_d __ts_d_ th_
b_x_ng r_ng, n_t _ns_d_ _t. H_ w_s _c_v_l_r_ghts
h_r__nd str_ng _pp_n_nt _f th_ V__tn_m W_r_n th_
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w_rk_d t_r_l_ssly f_r ch_r_t__s f_r f_v_d_c_d_s _ft_r.

W_rld l__d_rs, sp_rt_ng f_g_r_s _nd c_l_br_t__s h_v_
b__n p_y_ng tr_b_t_ t_ _l_. B_x_ng pr_m_t_r B_b
_r_m_s__d: " _l_ tr_nsf_rm_d th_s c__ntry _nd
_mp_ct_d th_ w_rld w_th h_s sp_r_t. H_s l_g_cy w_ll
b_p_rt _f __r h_st_ry f_r _ll t_m_." _N. S_cr_t_ry-
G_n_r_l B_n K_-m__n pr__s_d _l_ f_r ch_ng_ng th_
w_rld. H_s__d _l_ _s_d h_s ch_rm, w_t _nd gr_c_t_
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_p_h_m_n_ty". Th_ d__ght_r _f M_rt_n L_th_r K_ng
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160606-muhammad-ali.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Muhammad Ali. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BOXERS: Make a poster about the world's greatest boxers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MUHAMMAD ALI: Write a magazine article about Muhammad Ali. Include imaginary interviews with people who think he is the greatest ever sports legend and with those who disagree with that.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Muhammad Ali. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can remember him. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

1. legend
2. passed away
3. final
4. believe
5. tirelessly
6. paying tribute to
7. transformed
8. charm
9. right
10. unite

- a. star
- b. died
- c. last
- d. think
- e. energetically
- f. praising
- g. changed
- h. appeal
- i. correctly
- j. join together

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Friday
2. Breathing problems
3. The Greatest
4. A civil rights hero
5. Five
6. A boxing promoter
7. All time
8. Humanity
9. His daughter
10. Humankind

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)