

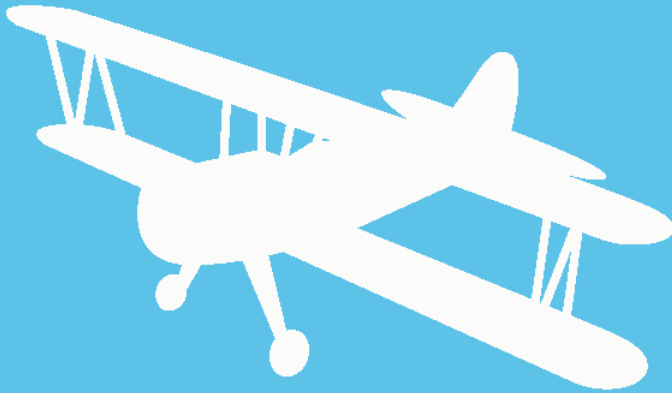


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# Remembering Details

## Comprehension Activities



■ Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

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# 1. Gertrude (Trudy) Ederle: Swimming the English Channel

## C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Trudy Ederle's record-breaking swim across the English Channel?

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# D. Comprehension Check Page

## What do you remember?

1. List the events in sequence:
  - a. Trudy has lunch.
  - b. She wades out of the water onto a beach in England.
  - c. She refuses to get out of the water when her coach tells her to.
  - d. Trudy wins Olympic medals.
  - e. Trudy is told she will never be a swimmer.
  
2. How did the storm affect Trudy's swim?
  
3. Why had Trudy covered her body in lanolin, Vaseline, olive oil and lard?
  
4. What word would be best to replace 'gruelling' in the sentence, 'After a gruelling 14 hours and 34 minutes, Trudy walked onto a beach in England'?

tricky ---- demanding ---- punishing --- relaxing

  
5. The word 'brew' has many different meanings. Tick any of the meanings below that it does NOT have:
  - Make a cup of tea.
  - Mix ingredients to make beer.
  - Cut up beans.
  - A storm is coming.

## 2. Lily Parr – Football Legend

## C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Lily Parr?

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# D. Comprehension Check Page

## What do you remember?

1. What did Lily Parr do to become a famous football legend?
2. What was the challenge to Lily from the male player?
3. Why did the Dick, Kerr team start playing football?
4. What were some of the remarkable achievements of Lily and the team? Select from the list:
  - a. The team attracted a crowd of 53,000 people to watch them play at Goodison Park.
  - b. Lily scored over 960 goals for her team.
  - c. The team made their own uniforms.
  - d. The team played 833 games and only lost 28.
  - e. The team raised thousand of pounds for charity.
  - f. Lily was the first woman to be named in the Football Hall of Fame.
5. Why was the team called the Dick, Kerr Ladies team?

### 3. Maria Spelterini – Tightrope Walker of Niagara



## C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Maria Spelterini and her amazing tightrope walks?

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# D. Comprehension Check Page

## What do you remember?

1. What feat of daring is Maria Spelterini famous for?
  
2. What did Maria do to make her tightrope walks more daring and dangerous?
  - a. She wore a dress.
  - b. She walked backwards.
  - c. She covered the rope with grease.
  - d. She walked with her hands and feet bound in chains.
  - e. She tied her feet into awkward baskets.
  - f. She walked with a blindfold on.
  
3. On page 4, the text says that 'One careless slip into the raging waters would have meant certain death'. What did we learn about Maria's skills that made it unlikely that she would take a careless slip?
  
4. On page 5, the text says, 'In 1876, Maria Spelterini gave up the comfort of performing inside a circus tent'. What would have made a circus tent comfortable for a tightrope walker?
  
5. What was it about the Niagara Falls that attracted the early explorers of the American continent?

## 4. Amelia Earhart – Queen of the Air

## C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Amelia Earhart?

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# D. Comprehension Check Page

## What do you remember?

1. What are three aviation records that Amelia set and became famous for?
2. What happened on Amelia's last flight?
3. What was the last big challenge that Amelia had set for herself?
4. What experience inspired her to become a pilot?
5. When Amelia rode on a rollercoaster, she went home and built one. When Amelia decided she wanted to become a pilot, she earned money to pay for the training. What words would you use to describe her attitude to challenges?

fearful ---- bold ---- determined ---- fearless ---- anxious

resourceful ---- unfazed ---- decisive ---- timid

hesitant ---- risk-taking ---- courageous ---- confident

## **5. Junko Tabei – Free Spirit of the Mountains**

## C. Recalling Information to Remember

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What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Junko Tabei?

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# D. Comprehension Check Page

What do you remember?

1. What is Junko Tabei famous for?
2. What did Junko study and why?
3. What are three dangers of high-altitude climbing?
4. What made Junko fall in love with climbing?
5. What was the purpose of the organisation that Junko Tabei started?

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