

Word on the Street

Sport Scene 2

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Answer the questions with 'Stephen', 'Ashlie' or 'Stephen and Ashlie'.

Who ...

1. ...is almost late for the race?

2. ...wears a special outfit?

3. ...has satellite navigation?

4. ...knows Kelvin, the race organiser?

5. ...has a special strategy for running the marathon?

6. ...gets lost?

7. ...finishes the marathon?

8. ...wins a medal?

Activity 2

Read the present continuous sentences from the video. Which are about something happening now? Which are about the future? Select the correct option.

1. The race is about to start. All the runners **are getting** ready.
a) now
b) the future
2. This isn't the time to think about your clothes. **We're running** a half marathon.
a) now
b) the future
3. What **are** you **wearing**, Stephen? You look like a proper runner.
a) now
b) the future
4. This is my brother, Stephen. He's **running** in the race, too.
a) now
b) the future
5. I'm **hoping** to get a really fast time today.
a) now
b) the future
6. You're **going** too slow, Ash!
a) now
b) the future

Activity 3

We can use 'be about to' to say that something will happen in the near future. For example, Stephen says, 'You're late!

The race **is about to** start.' This means,
'The race **will** start **soon**.'

Match the sentences with the situations.

Hurry up, the exam's about to start! You need to go to room 18. / OK, I have to turn off my phone now. We're about to take off. / Where are you? The film's about to start. / We're just about to have dinner. Would you like to join us? / I'm afraid we're just about to close. But we'll be open tomorrow from nine. / Look at that sky. It looks like it's about to rain.

1. At the cinema _____

2. At home _____

3. On a plane _____

4. At a museum _____

5. At school _____

6. In the park _____

Activity 4

Can you remember the sentences from Activity 3? Complete them with the correct words. There are four or five words in each gap.

1. Hurry up, the exam _____!
You need to go to room 18.
2. I'm afraid we _____.
But we'll be open tomorrow from nine.
3. Look at that sky. It looks like it _____.
4. OK, I have to turn off my phone now. We _____.
5. We _____ dinner.
Would you like to join us?
6. Where are you? The film _____
_____.

Discussion

- Have you ever taken part in a race? What kind of race was it? Did you win?
- How does one win this kind of race?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

Who ...

1. ...is almost late for the race? Ash
2. ...wears a special outfit? Ash
3. ...has satellite navigation? Stephen
4. ...knows Kelvin, the race organiser? Ash
5. ...has a special strategy for running the marathon? Stephen
6. ...gets lost? Stephen
7. ...finishes the marathon? Ash and Stephen
8. ...wins a medal? Ash

Activity 2

1. now
2. the future
3. now
4. the future
5. now
6. now

Activity 3

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| 1. At the cinema | Where are you? The film's about to start. |
| 2. At home | We're just about to have dinner. Would you like to join us? |
| 3. On a plane | OK, I have to turn off my phone now. We're about to take off. |
| 4. At a museum | I'm afraid we're just about to close. But we'll be open tomorrow from nine. |
| 5. At school | Hurry up, the exam's about to start! You need to go to room 18. |
| 6. In the park | Look at that sky. It looks like it's about to rain. |

Activity 4

1. Hurry up, the exam is/'s about to start! You need to go to room 18.
2. I'm afraid we are/'re just about to close. But we'll be open tomorrow from nine.
3. Look at that sky. It looks like it is/'s about to rain.
4. OK, I have to turn off my phone now. We are/'re about to take off.
5. We are/'re just about to have dinner. Would you like to join us?
6. Where are you? The film is/'s about to start.