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Word on the Street Sport Scene 2

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**Stephen**: Ashlie, Ashlie? Are you there? Ah, no signal. I'll have to send her a text. OK, right. 'Where are you? – You are late – Race about to start.'

Ashlie: 'On my way.'

Stephen: Ash, you there?

Ashlie: Oh, hi Stephen.

**Stephen**: The race is about to start. All the runners are getting ready.

Ashlie: I've been sorting out my outfit.

**Stephen**: What? Your outfit? Ash, this isn't the time to think about your clothes. We're running a half-marathon. It isn't a fashion show. Where are you?

**Ashlie**: I'm nearly there. Where are you?

Stephen: I'm near the starting line.

Ashlie: OK, I'll come and find you.

Stephen: OK.

Ashlie: Hi, Stephen!

Stephen: Argh!

**Ashlie**: Like it? It's my charity outfit. I think it's really cute. What are you wearing, Stephen? You look like... er... like a, er... a proper runner.

**Stephen:** This is the very latest in hightech equipment. I have satellite navigation so I know exactly where I am. I can measure how fast I run, check my heart rate. And look at this...

**Ashlie**: Yeah. Very impressive, Stephen. Oh look! There's Kelvin. He's the organiser. Ashlie: Hi, Kelvin.

Kelvin: Hi. Great costume, Ashlie.

**Ashlie**: Thanks. This is my brother, Stephen. He's running in the race, too.

Kelvin: Hi, Stephen.

**Ashlie**: I'll be back in a minute. I'm just going to get my number. See you.

**Stephen**: So Kelvin, how many runners are there here today?

**Kelvin**: There's five thousand people taking part today. And a lot of money's being raised for charity. It should be a really good day.

**Stephen**: I've been training for weeks. I've been training very seriously.

**Kelvin**: That's great to hear. Thank you for taking part.

**Stephen**: That's OK. I'm hoping to get a really fast time today. I'm ready to go.

**Kelvin**: Excellent. The race is just about to start. See you at the finish line.

Stephen: OK. Thank you.

**Ashlie**: Hey, look I got my number. And guess what? There's a medal for the person...

Stephen: A medal? What for?

Stephen and Ashlie: It's for the person who...

**Stephen**: ... gets the fastest time. Come on, Ash. I'm ready. Let's get to the starting line.

**Ashlie**: Stephen, there's a medal for the person who raises the most money!





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Stephen: Oh come on, Ash. I've worked it out. We have to run the first 8 kilometres in 30 minutes.

Ashlie: Really? Why?

Stephen: That's my race strategy. It's very complicated. Don't worry. You're going too slow, Ash. If you'd trained more, you'd be running faster.

Ashlie: Well, it's quite a long way, Stephen, so this is fast enough for me.

Stephen: Oh, I'm going on ahead. I'll see you at the finish line. Good luck!

Ashlie: But Stephen...

Stephen: Well, must be that way. That's what the GPS says.

Stephen: Excuse me. I think I'm lost. Have you seen a race round here?

Ashlie: Well done, Stephen. You finally made it. And you know what? Look what I won. I raised loads of money for charity. Isn't it fantastic? Oh, Stephen!