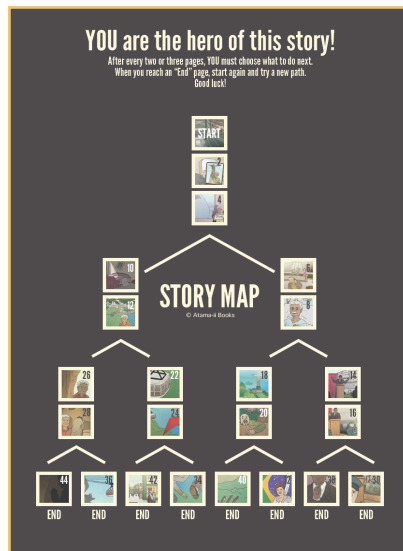
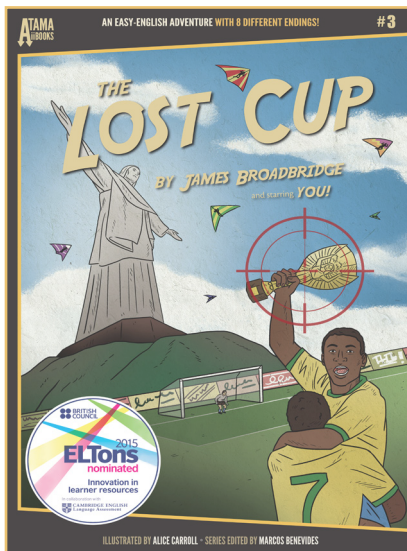


BEFORE READING



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THE LOST CUP

This story takes place in Rio de Janeiro, a city in Brazil, just before the 2014 World Cup of Soccer.

Before you read, think about these questions:

1. What do you know about Rio and/or Brazil?
2. What do you know about the World Cup?
3. Who is the most famous soccer player in history?

Look at the picture. Can you describe three things in it?

Next, learn the story keywords



KEYWORDS

Learn these important words before you read the story.
They will help you to read more smoothly.

cable car (n.) a vehicle that hangs from cables and goes up and down a mountain

cave (n.) a natural hole in a mountain, often big enough for people to go inside

climb (v.) to go up toward the top of something, like a mountain or a ladder

cup (n.) a prize in a game or contest that is shaped like a drinking container; often made of gold or another valuable metal; also “trophy”

detective (n.) a person whose job is to solve mysteries

grab (v.) to take and hold something with your hand

gun (n.) a weapon that shoots metal bullets, often carried by the police

hang glider (n.) a wind-powered V-shaped flying wing; often used for jumping off mountains

kidnap (v.) to take someone against their wish; often to get money from that person’s family

partner (n.) a person who works together with another person

police officer (n.) a police man or woman

KEYWORDS



soccer (n.) also known as “football”; a popular team sport in which players try to kick a ball into the other team’s goal.

stadium (n.) a very large building where thousands of people can get together to watch sports events, concerts, etc.

stage (n.) a raised area where performers can be seen by an audience

statue (n.) a 3D image, often of a person, often made of stone or metal

steal (v.) to take something that is not yours

thief (n.) a person who steals things; plural “thieves”



AFTER READING

EXTENSION QUESTIONS

Reading a good story can make you think about new things. Here are some interesting questions. Talk about them with your friends or your teacher, or try to find out more online. Remember, not all questions have one clear answer.

1. Did you know that the original world cup really *was* stolen--twice? Where and how did it happen? What happened next?
2. The 2014 World Cup was in Brazil. What were some of the big news stories about that event? Where is the next World Cup?
3. In the story, you meet two very famous Brazilian people. Who are they? Why are they famous?
4. In one of the paths in the story, you hang-glide from the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. Do people really hang-glide there?
5. In the story, you visit Cristo Redentor, a famous place in Rio. What is Cristo Redentor? Who built it, and why?
6. Maracana is also a famous place in Rio. What is it? Why is it so famous? What is a big event that once happened there?
7. In the story, you are a detective. If you were a detective in real life, what is a famous mystery that would you like to solve?
8. The original world cup was called the Jules Rimet trophy. Who was Jules Rimet, and why was the cup named after him?
9. The Jules Rimet world cup looked very different from the world cup we have now. Who was the woman with wings?
10. In the story, you become famous after finding the lost cup. If you had the choice, would you rather be rich or famous?

BOOK REVIEW



1. Did you enjoy this story? Why or why not?

2. Who are the main characters? Can you describe them?

3. Where does the story take place? Can you describe it?

4. Which ending did you like the most? Why did you like it?

5. Which ending didn't you like? Why didn't you like it?

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