

Fun at the Winter Olympics

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They climbed some steps and found their seats. As they sat down, the first pair of ice skaters slid onto the ice rink to begin their dance.

Questions

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England

South Korea

South London

2. Which sport were the Green family going to watch? Tick one.

snowboarding

speed skating

figure skating

3. What was the name of the Winter Olympic mascot? Tick one.

Suzanne

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Soo Pang

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Jessie loved watching the figure skating. The ladies made her think of princesses and the men were like Prince Charming.

The Green family made their way to the Gangneung Ice Arena. It was a cloudy day and very cold. They wrapped up in their warmest coats. It would be cold inside the arena too!

As they walked through the streets, Jessie suddenly saw someone dressed up as Soohorang, the Winter Olympic mascot.



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“Really?” said Mum. “I didn’t know that, Jessie.”

“This way!” Dad called, pointing to the entrance of the arena. “Quickly, we haven’t got much time!”

Jessie could see some huge TV screens around the queuing area, showing the President of South



Korea, Moon Jae-in, giving a speech to welcome everyone to South Korea.

When they were inside the ice arena, Jessie could hardly believe her eyes. There was so much to look at. There was a food market selling foods from every country she could think; there were people in different costumes, handing out maps to show people

where to go for each event. You could dress up in winter sports clothes to have your photo taken in front of a mountain background!

They climbed some steps and found their seats. As they sat down, the lights began to dim and the first couple slid onto the ice rink to begin their dance.

Questions

1. How would you say Jessie felt about watching the figure skating at the Winter Olympics?

Tick one.

miserable

bored

excited

2. Where would Jessie and her family be watching the figure skating? Tick one.

Gangnam Ice Arena

Gangneung Ice Arena

Gigantic Ice Arena

3. The Winter Olympic mascot is based on which animal? Tick one.

the white zebra

the white panda

the white tiger

4. Match up the sentences.

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Jessie loved watching the figure skating. She thought the ladies looked like princesses as they danced on the ice and the men were like Prince Charming.

The Green family made their way to the Gangneung Ice Arena. Although it was near the coast, it was a cloudy day and very cold. They were all wrapped up in their warmest coats. It would be cold inside the arena too!

As they walked through the streets from the train station, Jessie suddenly saw someone dressed up as Soohorang, the Winter Olympic mascot.



“Look!” said Jessie. “It’s Soohorang! In South Korea, people say the white tiger protects the country and its people.”

“Really?” said Mum. “I didn’t know that, Jessie”.

“This way,” Dad called, pointing to a large crowd gathered near an entrance to the arena. “Quickly, we haven’t got much time!”



Jessie could see a number of very large TV screens around the queuing area, showing the President of South Korea, Moon Jae-in giving a speech to welcome all visitors to South Korea.

They were finally inside the ice arena. Jessie could hardly believe her eyes. It was so huge and there was so much to

look at. There was a huge food market selling foods from every country she could think of. There were performers on stilts, walking along, handing out maps for the venues of all the events. People were selling programs for all the sports taking place over the two weeks of the Games. You could even pretend you were an athlete and dress up in winter sports clothes to have your photo taken in front of a snowy mountain background!

Jessie's dad found the block where their seats would be and they hurried through the crowds. Jessie held her mum's hand tight. They climbed some steps and shuffled down the row of seats. As they sat down, the lights began to dim and an announcer introduced the first couple to enter the arena to begin their dance.

Jessie couldn't take her eyes off the skaters as they glided across the ice and took their places in the centre of the rink. The music started and the skaters began their beautiful dance.



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2. Where would Jessie and her family be watching the figure skating?

3. Find and copy one word which means to keep safe from harm.

4. Fill in the missing words to complete this sentence.

Jessie could see a number of very _____ TV screens around the queuing area, showing the President of South Korea, Moon Jae-in, giving a _____ to _____ all visitors to South Korea.

5. Write one thing Jessie saw when she was inside the arena.

6. How did Jessie feel at the end of the story? Explain how you know.

Answers

1. Why did Jessie like watching the figure skating?

Jessie liked watching the figure skating because she thought the ladies looked like princesses and the men were like Prince Charming.

2. Where would Jessie and her family be watching the figure skating?

It would be cold inside the arena because it was an Ice Arena for ice dancing

3. Find and copy one word which means to keep safe from harm.

protects

4. Fill in the missing words to complete this sentence.

Jessie could see a number of very **large** TV screens around the queuing area, **showing** the President of South Korea, Moon Jae-in, giving a **speech** to **welcome** all visitors to South Korea.

5. Write one thing Jessie saw when she was inside the arena.

Accept any one of the following: A huge food market selling foods from every country; performers on stilts; walking along, handing out maps for the venues of all the events; people selling programs for all the sports taking place over the two weeks of the Games.

6. How did Jessie feel at the end of the story? Explain how you know.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Jessie was really pleased because the author has written 'Jessie couldn't take her eyes off the skaters,' which means she was really interested and keen to see what they did.