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# TT Races! Reading, Writing, Spelling

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## Reading

Daily reading and listening to audio books online - write a review about what you've read!

## Reading Comprehension

Read the information about the North West 200 Races and answer the questions: there are 3 levels to choose from - look at the



## Writing Skills: Practise your Punctuation

Complete the activities below. If you need a reminder when to use different punctuation see the sheet attached.

Rewrite the sentences and punctuate them:

1. where have you been all day
2. ill need two things a tent and a sleeping bag
3. i dont believe it
4. youre my friend my very best friend
5. how awful
6. if you dont stop that immediately im going to
7. move along theres nothing to see the police officer said

Rewrite the passage and add commas where appropriate:

Tommy woke up early on the morning of the school trip packed his bag twice as quickly as usual and ate breakfast really fast. He ran all the way to school almost bumping into his best friend as he reached the gates. He had never been to the zoo before and Mr Thompson has promised that there would be hippos tigers snakes and more!

## Spelling

Learn them and have your own test on Friday!

1. explanatory
2. environment
3. secretary
4. jewellery
5. poisonous
6. company
7. temperature
8. desperate
9. definitely
10. reference

## Writing: Extended Pieces

### Narrative

Your choice! Use the video as inspiration for a piece of writing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQN-KvFvTJg>

It begins with a mysterious man inspecting the wreckage of a car. It seems that he has survived a car crash. Help is at hand in the form of a friendly driver who stops and offers him a lift. All is not as it seems, however, and the driver realises this but is it too late?

### Road's End



Ideas  
- Character description  
- Retell the story  
- Write a conversation between the characters

Create a road safety leaflet to be used during TT fortnight.

It must include:

- Instructions on how pedestrians can stay safe
- Instruction on how motorcyclists can stay safe.
- Information about key services on the island (police, hospitals etc.)
- A slogan (a short and striking or memorable phrase)

### Non-Narrative



# Punctuation

Read the following definitions before punctuating the sentences.

## Full Stop

Marks the end of a complete sentence or statement, e.g. Ben really likes chocolate cake.

## Question Mark

Used at the end of a direct question, e.g. What is your favourite colour?

## Exclamation Mark

Indicates surprise, emphasis, strong emotion and sometimes disbelief, e.g. That's terrible!

## Comma

Separates units of meaning in a sentence, e.g. I love playing basketball, tennis and badminton.

## Semi-colon

Separates two main clauses that are closely related to each other, but could stand on their own as sentences, e.g. Heather likes oranges; James likes pears.

## **Colon**

Comes after a complete sentence to introduce a list, quote or definition, *e.g. You should bring three things: flour, sugar and water.*

## **Dash**

Separates elements within a sentence and indicates emphasis, interruption, or an abrupt change of thought. Can act as brackets or be used in place of the word 'to', *e.g. Could you please try - try your very hardest - to ignore him.*

## **Ellipsis**

Indicates that one or more words are missing, *e.g. Indicates... words are missing.*

## **Brackets/Parentheses**

Enclose additional related information, *e.g. I left you some cake (it's in the fridge.)*

## **Apostrophe**

Indicates possession, or that letters have been left out, *e.g. That's Jerry's book.*

## **Quotation/Inverted Commas**

Indicates quotes, direct speech and slang or foreign phrases, *e.g. "I'm sorry, I simply don't remember," she said.*

# The North West 200

## What Is the North West 200?

Every May, the North West 200 is a motorcycle race that happens in Northern Ireland. The race circuit is known as the 'Triangle' because of its shape. The course includes nine miles of public roads, which connect the towns of Portrush, Portstewart and Coleraine. Riders complete laps of the course at speeds of 200mph. The North West 200 is the biggest outdoor sporting event in Ireland. 150,000 spectators often watch the race happening.



## The History of the Event



The first organisers of the race meeting (The City of Derry and District Motor Club) wanted to hold it in the north-west of Ireland. The event was moved to the north coast but the name 'North West' was kept. The first race was held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1929. The race covered a distance of over 200 miles. This is why it's called the North West 200. Since 1964, the event has been organised by the Coleraine and District Motor Club.

## Cancelled Races

The race meeting has taken place every year since 1929. However, there have been some years when the race could not happen.

- Between 1940 and 1946, the event could not take place because of the Second World War.
- In 1948, there was not enough fuel so the race was cancelled.
- In 1963, there was not enough money for the race so it was cancelled.
- In 1972, the political situation in Northern Ireland meant that the race could not happen.
- In 2001, the foot-and-mouth epidemic meant the race was cancelled.

# Questions

1. What is the North West 200? Tick one.

- ☐ a motorcycle race
- ☐ a bicycle race
- ☐ a motorcar race

2. Around how many people attend the event each year? Tick one.

- ☐ 110,000
- ☐ 150,000
- ☐ 200,000

3. Which shape is the course named after? Tick one.

- ☐ triangle
- ☐ circle
- ☐ square

4. In which year did the North West 200 begin? Tick one.

- ☐ 1928
- ☐ 1929
- ☐ 1930

5. Fill in the missing word in the sentence below.

However, there have been some years when the event has had to be \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Why was the event called the North West 200?

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7. Why do you think the race is so popular?

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# The North West 200

## What Is the North West 200?

The North West 200 is an annual sporting event that takes place in Northern Ireland in May. The race circuit, known as the 'Triangle', is a nine-mile course, which connects the towns of Portrush, Portstewart and Coleraine. Riders complete laps of the course at speeds of over 200mph. The North West 200 is the biggest outdoor sporting event in Ireland and it often attracts more than 150,000 spectators during race week.



## The History of the Event



The original organisers of the race meeting (The City of Derry and District Motor Club) planned to hold it in the north-west of Ireland. The event was moved to the north coast; however, the original event name was kept. The first race was held on 20th April 1929 and was over a distance of 200 miles (this is why the number 200 is included in its name). Since 1964, the event has been organised by the Coleraine and District Motor Club.

## Race Cancellations

The race meeting has taken place annually since 1929. However, during its eventful history, there have been occasions when the event has had to be cancelled. During the Second World War, the event was cancelled. A few years later, in 1948, there was not enough fuel so the race could not take place. 15 years later, in 1963, the event was too expensive for the organisers to run so it was cancelled again. The political situation in Northern Ireland in 1972 meant it was abandoned for safety reasons. In 2001, the foot-and-mouth epidemic also led to the races being cancelled. Finally, in 2011, heavy rain, a hoax bomb alert and an oil spill on the course stopped the race happening.

## Did You Know...?

After four race victories in 2017, Alastair Seeley now holds the record number of wins with 21 victories. Robert Dunlop won 15 times at the North West during his career and Michael Rutter has won 14 times.

# Questions

1. Which of these towns is not part of 'The Triangle'? Tick one.

- ☐ Belfast
- ☐ Coleraine
- ☐ Portrush

2. Draw a line to complete the sentences:

During the Second World War,

more than 150,000 spectators during race week.

The race meeting has taken place

the event was cancelled.

It often attracts

annually since 1929.

3. Around how many people attend the event each year? Tick one.

- ☐ 50,000
- ☐ 150,000
- ☐ 200,000

4. How many victories has Alistair Seeley achieved at the North West 200? Tick one.

- ☐ 11
- ☐ 21
- ☐ 31

5. Why was the event cancelled in 1972?

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6. Fill in the missing words in the sentence below:

The race \_\_\_\_\_, known as the 'Triangle', is a nine-mile \_\_\_\_\_, which connects the towns of Portrush, \_\_\_\_\_ and Coleraine.

# Questions

7. Why was the event called the North West 200?

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8. Explain why you think the North West 200 attracts so many spectators each year.

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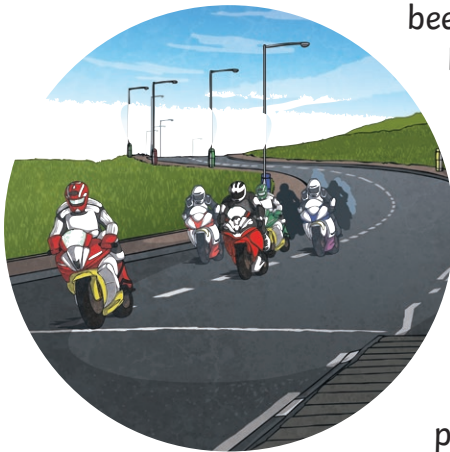
# The North West 200

## What Is the North West 200?

The North West 200 is an annual sporting event that takes place in Northern Ireland in May. It is a motorcycle race meeting which involves competitors riding on public roads along a nine-mile course called the 'Triangle'. The course connects the towns of Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart on the Causeway Coast. Riders complete laps of the course at speeds that can be in excess of 200 miles per hour. The North West 200 is the biggest outdoor sporting event in Ireland, often attracting more than 150,000 spectators during race week.



The original organisers of the race meeting (The City of Derry and District Motor Club), planned to hold it in the North West of Ireland. The event was moved to the North Coast, but kept its name. The first race was held on 20th April 1929 and was over a distance of 200 miles (that's where the '200' originates). The course was eleven miles long. Since 1964, the event has been organised and run by the Coleraine and District Motor Club.



Although the North West 200 occurs annually, there have been some occasions when it has had to be cancelled.

Firstly, between 1940 and 1946, the North West 200 did not take place because of the Second World War. A few years later, in 1948, a lack of fuel supplies meant the races did not happen. As a result, the organisers were determined that the event would resume in 1949. They were encouraged when there were 113 entries – more than ever before. 15 years later, the financial problems of running such a large event proved too great and, in 1963, this led to it being cancelled for a year.

The political situation and civil unrest in Northern Ireland meant the event was cancelled in 1972, as a result of safety concerns about large-scale public events. The foot-and-mouth epidemic in 2001 also led to the races being cancelled. In 2011, the event had to be abandoned after only one race was held, after heavy rain, a hoax bomb alert and an oil spill on the course.

## Did You Know...?

In 1955, Alan and Ernie Lyons became the first brothers to win races at the North West 200. The legendary racing brothers Joey and Robert Dunlop and Robert's sons – William and Michael – are the other brothers to have achieved victories at the race. Another father and son pair (Tony and Michael Rutter) have secured victories at the event as well.

After four race victories in 2017, Alastair Seeley achieved the record number of wins at the North West 200 (21 victories). Robert Dunlop won 15 times at the North West during his career and Michael Rutter has been victorious on 14 occasions.

## The Course



# Questions

1. 'The North West 200 is an annual sporting event...'  
What does the word **annual** mean?

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2. Who organises the event today? Tick one.
- ☐ Coleraine and District Motor Club
- ☐ The City of Derry and District Motor Club
- ☐ The Causeway Coast Motor Club

3. Match each question to the correct answer:

When was the event cancelled due to a lack of fuel?	1972
When was the event abandoned because of financial problems?	1963
When was the event cancelled because of the political situation in Northern Ireland?	1948

4. Name three reasons why the event was cancelled in 2011.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

5. Fill in the missing words from this sentence.

After \_\_\_\_\_ race victories in 2017, Alastair Seeley \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ number of wins at the North West 200 (21 \_\_\_\_\_).

6. Find and copy a word in the fourth paragraph that means **a widespread occurrence of an infectious disease**.

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# Questions

7. Why do you think the organisers were determined that the event should resume in 1949?

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8. How have the members of the Dunlop family played an important role in the history of the North West 200?

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9. Why do you think that the North West 200 has continued to be a popular event throughout its history?

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