



# School Times Worksheet

# Velocast Interview

### Questions on the text

**Answer the following questions on the text 'Interview with The Velocast Part 1':**

1. How long ago was it that Scott moved to the town of Peebles in the Scottish Borders?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. In what way have Facebook and Twitter helped the show?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Why does Scott describe Cillian Kelly as a 'cycling nerd'?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. What did he say that women's cycling has 'been on' for the past 10 years or so?

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Scott doesn't believe the speed of a race is the most important thing. What does he think *is*?

\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Does he believe it's less exciting watching women's cycling compared to men's?

\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Why were riders and staff taken out of their hotels during the 1999 Tour de France?

\_\_\_\_\_.

### *is / are*

**Use 'is' and 'are' correctly in the sentences below:**

1. Scott O'Raw and John Galloway \_\_\_\_\_ the two main presenters of The Velocast.

2. 'It grew arms and legs' \_\_\_\_\_ a way of saying something simple became more complex.

3. The two other regular presenters \_\_\_\_\_ Cillian and Ashley.

4. The Tour de France \_\_\_\_\_ just one of cycling's three Grand Tours.

5. For some strange reason, cycling \_\_\_\_\_ always discussed from the men's side of the sport.

6. For Scott, women's cycling races \_\_\_\_\_ just as exciting to watch as those involving men.

7. There \_\_\_\_\_ no more exercises but you can listen to a sample podcast at [velocast.cc](http://velocast.cc) !



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*Greta Thunberg*

*it's / its (it's = it is; its = belonging to)*

**Use the words 'it's', 'its' in the sentences below:**

1. Young people around the world believe that \_\_\_\_\_ time for climate action.
2. Our planet and \_\_\_\_\_ fragile ecosystems are in danger due to man-made climate change.
3. The protests get more attention due to 2018 and \_\_\_\_\_ long, hot summer.
4. Some people think \_\_\_\_\_ unwise for schoolchildren to miss out on school to protest.
5. 'What kind of car is that?' 'I think \_\_\_\_\_ an electric car!'
6. Masha Gessen describes Sweden as being 'attached' to \_\_\_\_\_ rules and regulations.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ time to move away from the use of fossil fuels and develop more renewable energy.

*Prepositions*

**Prepositions are small words but difficult to use correctly. Use these prepositions in the sentences below:** *about, by, for, from, in, of*

1. Greta's young voice touched the hearts \_\_\_\_\_ many \_\_\_\_\_ those listening.
2. She began \_\_\_\_\_ saying 'I am 15-years-old and I come \_\_\_\_\_ Sweden'.
3. People \_\_\_\_\_ 190 countries took part \_\_\_\_\_ the UN climate meeting.
4. A worldwide effort is needed \_\_\_\_\_ something is to be done \_\_\_\_\_ global warming.
5. Some Polish children walked out \_\_\_\_\_ classes and marched to the conference hall.
6. Some members \_\_\_\_\_ Sweden's parliament have shown support \_\_\_\_\_ Greta.
7. Perhaps more \_\_\_\_\_ us should follow Greta's example and start protesting?

*was / were*

**Use 'was' and 'were' correctly in the sentences below:**

1. The COP24 UN climate conference \_\_\_\_\_ held in the city of Katowice.
2. There \_\_\_\_\_ more than 20,000 people at the event.
3. Another of those who spoke at the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Sir David Attenborough.
4. The event received more news than usual because many young people \_\_\_\_\_ involved.
5. There \_\_\_\_\_ others there, from the world of science, NGOs, and also from business.
6. On Friday 15 February there \_\_\_\_\_ school climate strikes across the United Kingdom.
7. The 15th \_\_\_\_\_ a huge success, and \_\_\_\_\_ probably the first of many more protests.



## School Times Worksheet

*Countdown to Brexit**Questions on the text*

**Answer the following questions on the text 'Countdown to Brexit':**

1. What do Sky News have at the bottom of their screen?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What has the parliament in London rejected?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. What now looks likely to happen on 29 March?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Which political party is helping UK Prime Minister Theresa May hang on to power?

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Why can't Scotland stay in the EU even though 62% of the nation voted to remain?

\_\_\_\_\_.

6 What is the 'border poll' mentioned in the text? In which country will it be held?

\_\_\_\_\_.

*their / there*

**Use 'their' and 'there' in the sentences below:**

1. The EU says \_\_\_\_\_ is no chance that they will change \_\_\_\_\_ deal with the UK.

2. In Scotland, \_\_\_\_\_ is growing anger about being made to leave the EU (against its will).

3. As a result of Brexit, the people of Ireland may see \_\_\_\_\_ nation re-united again.

4. On the Brexit map on page 12, \_\_\_\_\_ are *no* blue 'leave' areas in Scotland.

5. In Northern Ireland \_\_\_\_\_ was a majority vote to remain in the European Union.

6. So far Theresa May has said \_\_\_\_\_ is no chance of a second public vote on Brexit.

7. People who voted for Brexit said they wanted to take back control of \_\_\_\_\_ country.

8. In Britain, \_\_\_\_\_ is a feeling that the country is now out of control because of Brexit.



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Europe has  
committed so  
many massacres  
and horrors that  
it should bow  
its own head in  
shame.’

Desmond Tutu  
South African religious leader  
and human rights activist  
(1931-)

Dear Teacher,  
Welcome to the February  
issue of *The School Times*.

Our main news topic in this  
issue is the environment and  
climate change. We have  
two audio articles on this  
subject — ‘The Collapse of  
Civilizations’ and ‘Greta  
Thunberg: Age is No Barrier  
to Activism’.

On the sports front we  
have part 1 of a two-part  
interview with Scott O’Raw,  
who is one of the founders  
and presenters of ‘The  
Velocast’ — a popular online  
cycling podcast series.  
Part 2 of this interview will  
be in our March issue.

Finally we have  
‘Countdown to Brexit’. A  
difficult article to produce as  
no one in the UK (or Europe)  
seems to have a clue what  
will happen on 29 March.

We also have three  
Worksheets, plus Q & A,  
various puzzles and audio  
for each text.

We hope you and your  
students will enjoy this  
month’s issue.

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### Solutions

#### Questions on the text (page 5)

1 His lifelong love of nature  
clearly comes across.  
2 He told the conference that  
we are facing a man-made  
disaster of global scale.  
3 His television career began  
in the 1950s.  
4 He was there as a  
‘representative of Earth’s  
peoples’.  
5 They will damage our  
ecosystems and seriously  
endanger life on Earth.  
6 He said climate change is  
running faster than us and that  
we must catch up.

#### The Climate Puzzle (page 6) Across

1 know; 5 pull; 6 lead;  
8 ecosystems; 11 Earth;  
12 Poland; 14 fuels; 16 out;  
17 David  
Down  
1 Katowice; 2 collapse;  
3 degrees; 4 levels; 5 planet;  
7 presenter; 9 change;  
10 thousands; 13 nature;  
15 coal

#### The Cycling Podcast Puzzle (page 9)

1 ago; 2 road; 3 Ireland;  
4 fans; 5 audio; 6 sports;  
7 House; 8 drugs; 9 further  
**Key words** (10 Across)  
GRAND TOUR

**Jumbled Words** (page 9)  
1 PEEBLES; 2 PODCAST;  
3 CYCLIST; 4 FESTINA;  
5 EUROSPORT

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#### Questions on the text

(page 11)  
1 Her voice touched their  
hearts.  
2 It’s told us that we need to  
act now!  
3 She called for an  
international climate strike.  
4 The ‘voices of children’ was  
a theme throughout the event.  
5 Because it is the coal capital  
of Europe.  
6 A school strike outside the  
Swedish parliament.  
7 *Students’ own answers.*

#### The Goodbye to EU Puzzle (page 13)

1 hours; 2 going; 3 war;  
4 map; 5 power; 6 European;  
7 Wales; 8 Sturgeon; 9 deal  
**Key words** (10 Across)  
SOAP OPERA  
**Jumbled Brexit** (page 13)  
1 BRUSSELS; 2 ENGLAND;  
3 MARCH; 4 BRIBE;  
5 IRELAND

#### Worksheets 1

##### Questions on the text

1 He moved there 13-14 years  
ago.  
2 They have helped the show  
grow and become more  
popular.  
3 Because he has great  
knowledge about the history of  
cycling.  
4 Scott says women’s cycling  
has been on the ‘up and up’.  
5 He thinks it’s the tactics and  
the spectacle of the race.  
6 No, he believes women’s  
cycling is just as exciting.  
7 They were taken out to be  
charged with offences relating  
to the use of drugs.

#### is / are

1 are; 2 is; 3 are; 4 is; 5 is;  
6 are; 7 are

#### Worksheet 2 it’s / its

1 it’s; 2 its; 3 its; 4 it’s; 5 it’s;  
6 its; 7 it’s

#### Prepositions

1 of, of; 2 by, from; 3 from, in;  
4 for, about; 5 of; 6 of, for;  
7 of

#### was/were

1 was; 2 were; 3 was; 4 were;  
5 were; 6 were; 7 was, was

#### Worksheet 3

##### Questions on the text

1 They have a Brexit ticker.  
2 It has rejected the UK’s deal  
with the EU.  
3 That the UK will leave the  
EU without an agreement  
(about future relations).  
4 The DUP is helping her.  
5 Because it is not  
independent.  
6 It is a vote about  
‘re-unification’ It will be held  
in Ireland. (Possibly)

#### their / there

1 there, their; 2 there; 3 their;  
4 there; 5 there; 6 there;  
7 their; 8 there

