

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5 & Year 6: Maintain positive attitudes to reading and an understanding of what they read by identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing. [More resources with this objective.](#)

Differentiation:

Section A Identify text features of an interview.

Section B Expand given contractions.

Section C Match formal and informal phrases.

Section D Rewrite informal sentences using a formal tone.

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Interviewer: Christiano Ronaldo, thank you so much for taking the time to talk to me. I image you're pretty busy at the moment?

Ronaldo: It's a pleasure. I'm always happy to take time out for my fans.

D: (Q7) What features would you expect to find in an interview? Interviews normally include: an introduction about the person being interviewed and why they are being interviewed; names on the left followed by a colon; no speech marks; open-ended questions to encourage a detailed answer; question marks; interesting facts, thoughts and feelings which are personal to the person being interviewed.

E: (Q1) Why is Ronaldo being interviewed? He is playing against Juventus in the UEFA Champions League Final.

S: (Q13) Who does Ronaldo play for? How do you know that? He must play for Real Madrid because the interviewer says that Ronaldo intends to stop Juventus from taking the trophy.

M: (Q19) What does the phrase 'club giants' suggest about Juventus and Real Madrid? It suggests that both clubs are big in terms of the success they achieve and the number of fans and supporters they have.

Interviewer: 2016 was quite a year for you. You were voted player of the year by FIFA, UEFA and La Liga; you were also a crucial member of the teams that bagged last years FIFA Club World Cup, UEFA Champions League and UEFA European Championship. Do you think you will be just as successful this year?

Ronaldo (smiling): It was a pretty great year for me, wasn't it? I'm just really proud and honoured to be playing for Real Madrid and Portugal. Football is my life and I'm lucky enough to be working with so many talented players. We get the job done!

Interviewer: People who know you say that you're an incredibly ambitious person. Is that true?

Ronaldo: Absolutely! When I'm on a football pitch, victory for my team is the only thing that matters. I like to win trophies and that's what the supporters want too.

S: (Q14) What does the phrase 'bagged' mean in the context of this interview? It means won or acquired.

M: (Q20) Do you think Ronaldo is happy to be called 'ambitious'? It would appear so as he replies by saying 'absolutely' which implies that he agrees. He backs this up by saying that victory is the only thing that matters.

E: (Q2) What is the purpose of the brackets? They give us extra information about Ronaldo's reaction to the question.

D: (Q8) Think of TWO more words that mean the same as 'talented'. E.g. gifted, able, brilliant, capable etc.

Interviewer: You're 32 years old now; have you had any thoughts about slowing down or retiring?

Ronaldo (laughing): Not yet! I'm still 100% motivated. It's my job to help the team win, either by scoring goals or by assisting others. When I put in a great performance, it makes my fans happy, which obviously makes me happy. This is what I've been doing since I was 17 and I feel that I've got so much more to give.

Interviewer: What makes you such a great player?

Ronaldo: Natural ability – obviously! It's also important to have good physical strength and fitness. An ability to read the game and have lightning reflexes is paramount too. As a kid, I would practise all the time. It's crucial that you can score a goal with either foot or your head. It keeps the goalie on his toes!

D: (Q9) What does the word 'paramount' mean? Something that is more important than anything else.

E: (Q3) What type of word is lightning in the phrase 'lightning reflexes'? In this instance, the word lightning is used as an adjective to describe a player's reflexes (noun).

M: (Q21) Do you think this interview has a formal or informal tone? What makes you think this? It has an informal tone. This is evident in the use of informal language e.g. fans instead of supporters; the chatty and jokey nature of the interview and the use of contractions e.g. it's, you're etc.

S: (Q15) What do you think the phrase 'an ability to read the game' means? It means that a player must be fully aware of what is happening during the game in order to anticipate what might happen next.

Interviewer: How are you preparing for the upcoming Champions League final?

Ronaldo: I can't tell you too much as I don't want to give anything away that might help Juventus during the game! We have closed training sessions which means that no cameras or journalists can be present. Team tactics must be kept secret. I can tell you though, that I always eat well, rest properly and listen carefully to what the coaches tell me. It's a privilege to be part of a top flight team like Real Madrid and I have to earn my place on that team, just like everyone else. If I don't focus, or try my best, then I can expect to be dropped. No player wants that to happen.

D: (Q10) What are team tactics and why do you think they must be kept secret? Team tactics refer to a plan of action made before the game is played. They are generally kept a secret as the other team might use the information to their advantage.

E: (Q4) What must Ronaldo do to ensure that he is not 'dropped' from the team? Stay focused and try his best.

Interviewer: The final is being played at the National Stadium of Wales. How do you feel about that?

Ronaldo: It's a fantastic stadium and neutral ground for both teams, which is important. I love the fact that it has a retractable roof too, as I know from experience that it can rain a lot in the UK. I also get to show off my incredible skills in front of 75,000 people!

Interviewer: How do you rate your chances against Juventus?

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An Interview with Ronaldo – Y5/P6/G4 – Teacher Version

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M: (Q22) Why is it important for the teams to play on neutral ground? It's important because it means that neither team will have the advantage of knowing the pitch or gain extra support from a home crowd.

S: (Q16) '...there isn't much to separate us...' What does Ronaldo mean by this? He means that the teams are of a similar standard and ability.

Interviewer: You are sponsored by several mega global companies. Is that something you enjoy doing?

Ronaldo: I'm flattered that so many people want me to advertise their things. Football is a fairly short-lived career so I need to make sure the future is secure for my family. I see so many talented players whose careers are suddenly cut short through injury. I'm a successful athlete and one of the top goal scorers in the world; I also have over 200 million social media followers. This is why companies like me to advertise their products.

M: (Q23) What does the phrase 'mega global' suggest about the size of the companies? The phrase suggests that the companies are huge and have a worldwide influence.

S: (Q17) What does Ronaldo mean when he says, 'I need to make sure the future is secure for my family'? He wants to make sure he has enough money to support his family when he can no longer play football.

E: (Q5) Identify the TWO reasons why Ronaldo feels that he needs to secure his future. Football is a short-lived career and injury might shorten it further.

D: (Q11) Why is having lots of social media followers a good thing for advertisers? It means that lots of people will get to see their products.

Interviewer: You are widely regarded as being one of the two best players of your generation. The other playing being Lionel Messi. Is it true that there is conflict between the two of you?

Ronaldo (sighing): I get asked that question a lot! I've a great deal of respect for Lionel and I think we both share a passion for wanting to be the best. It's fair to say that we play a different type of football but we are both incredibly successful in our own way. Competition can be a good thing; it encourages you to improve your own game. It's inevitable that the media are going to compare us and it pleases them to think that we have some sort of bitterness towards each other. That's just not true.

Interviewer: Thank you so much for taking the time to talk to me today. I wish you success for the UEFA Champions League final and I hope you continue to thrill us with fantastic football for many years to come.

E: (Q6) What does the word 'conflict' mean? A serious disagreement or argument.

S: (Q18) What does the word 'sighing' suggest about Ronaldo's reaction to the question? The word 'sighing' suggests that Ronaldo is a little tired or fed up of being asked that particular question.

M: (Q24) Why does Ronaldo think it's inevitable that the media will compare Messi and himself? They are regarded as being the best two players of their generation, although they have very different styles and personalities.

D: (Q12) What is the purpose of the final comment? It allows the interviewer the opportunity to thank Ronaldo for his time, it also revisits the main reason for the interview and refers to future events.

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Section B

7. What features would you expect to find in an interview?

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Section C

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Section D

19. What does the phrase ‘club giants’ suggest about Juventus and Real Madrid?

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21. Do you think this interview has a formal or informal tone? What makes you think this?

22. Why is it important for the teams to play on neutral ground?

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24. Why does Ronaldo think it’s inevitable that the media will compare Messi and himself?

Section A

Identify whether you would normally find these features in an interview.

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instructions		
yours sincerely		
brackets		
personal facts, thoughts and feelings		
question marks		

Section B

Expand these contractions back to TWO words.

you're	_____	weren't	_____
they're	_____	shouldn't	_____
couldn't	_____	aren't	_____
they've	_____	won't	_____
wouldn't	_____	it'll	_____
doesn't	_____	who's	_____
mustn't	_____	what'll	_____
shan't	_____	mightn't	_____

Section C

Complete the chart using the word bank below.

Informal	Formal
fight	
enemy	
help	
friend	
so	
enough	
tell apart	
end point	

assist	consequently	rival	destination
sufficient	conflict	distinguish	acquaintance

Section D

Rewrite the following sentences using a formal tone.

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- The fans weren't happy with the player's rubbish shot at goal.

- The ref was yelled at by the away fans.

- The goalie was ace at stopping the ball that was booted right at him.

An Interview with Ronaldo – Challenge Activity

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instructions		✓
yours sincerely		✓
brackets	✓	
personal facts, thoughts and feelings	✓	
question marks	✓	

Section B

Expand these contractions back to TWO words.

you're	you are	weren't	were not
they're	they are	shouldn't	should not
couldn't	could not	aren't	are not
they've	they have	won't	will not
wouldn't	would not	it'll	it will or it shall
doesn't	does not	who's	who is
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Rewrite the following sentences using a formal tone.

- I watched the footie with my mate and it was awesome.

e.g. I observed the football with an acquaintance and it was tremendous.

- The fans weren't happy with the player's rubbish shot at goal.

e.g. The supporters were unimpressed with the participant's poor attempt at scoring.

- The ref was yelled at by the away fans.

e.g. The referee was berated by the rival supporters.

- The goalie was ace at stopping the ball that was booted right at him.

e.g. The goalkeeper immobilised the advancing football superbly.

Whole Class Guided Reading – Teaching Guide

- The text is for the children to read. Give each pair a copy of the text (without questions) to read individually or as a whole class. This text has been aimed at Year 5 (Wales)/Primary 6 (Scotland)/Grade 4 (Australia).
- The teacher should use the teacher version. It shows you where to pause after each section and provides questions for you to ask. The colours refer to our levels so that you can direct specific questions at specific students in terms of difficulty (their version does not have these colours to show them which is which). The questions are also numbered in the order they appear on the comprehension sheet.
 - Beginner – (Red)
 - Easy – (Blue)
 - Tricky – (Orange)
 - Expert – (Green)
- The children can record their answers to the questions at the end of the shared read/discussion or in a different session by using the comprehension sheet. The questions have been re-grouped into abilities so that you can assign sections to specific children.
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 - Section B – Easy
 - Section C – Tricky
 - Section D – Expert