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Unit 14

Quiz Show in London

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The Blue Knights were the best quiz team in the U.S.

On the Blue Knights team were Knox, Alex, and Quinn.

These three were going to London for a big quiz show game.

If the Blue Knights won the quiz show game in London, they would be one of the top teams in the world.

The questions would be hard on the quiz show.

There would be questions about math.

There would be questions about sports, spelling, and maps.

There would be questions about space, movies, and music.

Hard questions. Think!
Knox asked, “Do you think we can beat these guys in London?”

“Yes,” said Quinn. “The Blue Knights is a solid team. We know our stuff.”

“Well, the heat is on,” said Alex.

“A lot of people will watch us on TV.”

“I just hope I don’t say the wrong answer,” said Knox.

“I have bad dreams about that.”

The Blue Knights got on a plane to fly across the Atlantic to England. They flew all night.

On the plane, Knox had another dream.

He dreamed about a real knight.

The knight was on a quest.

But this knight went the wrong way. He was lost.

When Knox woke up, it was morning.

The plane was landing in London.

Knox told Alex and Quinn about his dream.

“The Blue Knights have a quest too,” said Alex.

“But we will not go the wrong way. We are going to win.”
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**Word Work**
He did not want to go the __________ way and get lost.

**Team Talk Questions**

1. What did Knox dream about?
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2. What is the Blue Knight’s quest?
   ___________________________________________________________

**Dictation**

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2. Practice reading “The Blue Knights.” Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.

3. Fill in the blank. Choose the word from Word List 1 that makes the most sense in the sentence. Write it in the blank.

   1. You ask too many _____________.

   2. The knight went on a _____________.

   3. I _____________ all the answers on the quiz.
At the airport, Quinn spotted a man holding up a sign.

“What did he write on that sign?”

Alex squinted, “I think the sign says Blue Knights. That must be our guide.”

“Hello, my name is Mr. Wright,” said the man with the sign.

“Welcome to London.
I will be your guide while you are here.”

Mr. Wright got the team on a bus into the city.

The bus had two decks.

The Blue Knights went up eight steps to the top deck.

They wanted to be up high to see the sights of London.
The bus turned and started down the road.

“Wait!” said Quinn. “This is wrong. We are going down the left side of the street.”

Mr. Wright smiled. “Here we drive on the left side of the road. When you cross a street, look right.”

“Thanks. Good tip,” said Quinn.

“Mr. Wright, can we see where the queen lives?”

“Yes we can. Our first stop is the palace of the queen,” said Mr. Wright. “There it is.”

He pointed to a big, BIG stone house with a tall fence around it.

Crowds stood outside the fence.

“What is going on at the palace?” asked Quinn.
“While she reigns, the queen has guards to protect her and her family,” said Mr. Wright. “They are the men with the red coats and big black hats. It is time for the changing of the guard.” They watched as the guards marched up to the gates.

The new guards were in place. The rest of the guards marched back to their quarters.

“I like the black hats,” said Knox. “What are they made of?” Mr. Wright said that the tall hats were called bear skins.
Day 2 Classwork

Word List 2

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Word Work  We use a pen to __________ the letter.

Team Talk Questions

1. How did the Blue Knights get into the city?

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2. How is driving in London different from driving in the U. S.?

Dictation

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1. Practice reading the words in Word List 2. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1 and 2 correctly.

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2. Practice reading “Sights of London.” Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.

3. Play Quick Erase. Make a new word by changing one letter or letter combo at a time. Be sure you can pronounce the new words you make.

   knit  ___________  ___________  ___________
The Blue Knights wanted to stay sharp for the quiz show. They looked at their notes. They quizzed each other on facts.

After a while Knox said, “I feel like my brain is squeezed dry. Let’s quit for a while.”

Quinn and Alex agreed. They phoned Mr. Wright. He picked up the team in a small car. Knox, Quinn, and Alex squeezed in. Then they were off to get a look at the city.
Mr. Wright took them to a bridge with two square towers.

“This is our next stop, Tower Bridge.”

Mr. Wright and the Blue Knights went up many steps inside a tower.

At the top there was a walk between the two towers.

“Wow,” said Alex. “You can see a lot of the river from up here.

Look at all the boats.”

“I know the name of this river,” said Knox.

“It is called the Thames.”

“Yes,” said Mr. Wright.

“That is how it is spelled.

But you say it the wrong way.

We say the river Temz.”
“Look over there,” said Quinn.
“What is that very large wheel?”
“That is called the London Eye,” said Mr. Wright.
“I will take you there next.
Let’s be quick.
I know you will really like the Eye!”

Soon the Blue Knights were looking up at the huge wheel.
“Will we get on?” asked Alex.

“Alex,” said Knox, “If you get on that wheel, I think your knees will knock.”

“They will not!” said Alex.
“I think if you go on that wheel, you will get a knot in your gut!”

“Quiet you two,” said Quinn.
“It will be fun. Let’s just get on.”
Review

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Word Work

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using one or more words from the word lists.


Team Talk Questions

1. What was at the top of Tower Bridge?

2. What is the London Eye?

Dictation

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Day 3 Homework

1. Practice reading the words in Word List 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

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2. Practice reading “Tower Bridge.” Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.

3. Fill in the blank. Choose the word from Word List 3 that makes the most sense in the sentence. Write it in the blank.

1. Keep an ____________ out for a red house.

2. She ____________ the juice from the orange.

3. There was a large ____________ in the rope.
Mr. Wright and the Blue Knights got tickets to the London Eye. Then they stood in a long line. The Blue Knights had lots of questions.

“Do you think the queen has had a ride to the top of this wheel?” asked Alex. “Oh yes,” said Mr. Wright.

“Do you think the queen had to wait in line?” asked Knox.

“I think the queen would get to squeeze in the front of the line,” said Quinn.

“See those cables?” said Mr. Wright. “They are like the spokes on a bike wheel.”

“What is the wheel made of?” asked Alex. “And how much does it weigh?”

“The London Eye is made of steel,” said Mr. Wright. “The weight of the steel is over 1,600 tons.”
At last it was their turn to ride on the wheel.

Mr. Wright and the Blue Knights went into one of the glass pods. Eight more people followed them in.

Then the doors were closed.

The Blue Knights could feel the pod begin to move. They were slowly going up higher and higher.

“You were right, Alex,” said Knox. “I do have a knot in my gut.”
“But look!” said Quinn.

“We can see all around.
I see the bridges that cross
the River Thames.
And there is the queen’s palace!”

“Wow, this is much higher than the Tower Bridge,” said Alex.

“How high will we go?”

“The Eye will take us 440 feet into the air,”
said Mr. Wright.

“If you look down there you will see
a clock tower. We call it Big Ben.”

“Too bad you can not be on our
quiz show team, Mr. Wright,” said Knox.

“You know a lot of facts.”
Day 4 Classwork

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  - Red Words
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Word List 2
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Word List 3
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Word Work
They will ______________ the fruit to find out the price.

Team Talk Questions
1. What is the inside of a pod like?
2. What did the Blue Knights see from the pod?

Dictation
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Practice reading “The London Eye.” Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using one or more of the words from your word lists.
Mr. Wright picked up the Blue Knights in his small car.
The team squished in.
“Not a lot of elbow room in this car,” said Knox.
“It is like a toy car.”

“When you see some London streets, you will know why the car is small,” said Mr. Wright.
He drove them down a narrow street.
“I see what you mean,” said Quinn.
“The car is small because the street is narrow.”
Mr. Wright showed the Blue Knights where they would tape the quiz show.

“Here is the Garden Theater. Many people will come here to watch the quiz show.”

“We are not the home team,” said Alex. “I know people will be cheering, but not for us.”

“I think you are wrong about that,” said Mr. Wright. “I will be cheering for you.”

Mr. Wright took them around the corner to the stage door. “You can go in the back way because you are on the show. Good luck.”

The Blue Knights shook hands with Mr. Wright and went inside.
Inside the theater a man handed them a paper.

“Write your names here,” he said.

The man showed them the door
to a dressing room marked Blue Knights.

For a long time the Blue Knights
waited in the dressing room.
They went over their notes.
They asked each other questions.

“Let’s go down and take a quick look at the theater,” said Quinn.

“I want to see how many people have come to see the quiz show.”

“Whoa!” said Knox when he saw the crowd.

“This is a big crowd.”

“There are many more people than this watching on TV,” said Alex.

“I am getting that knot in my gut,” said Knox.
Review

1. scrap ____________ 2. hid ____________ 3. not ____________

4. us ____________ 5. rag ____________

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Word Work

The car was small _______________________ it had to fit in narrow streets.

Team Talk Questions

1. How did the Blue Knights get in to the Garden Theater?

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2. What advantage does a home team have over a visiting team?

Dictation

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Practice spelling the words in Word Lists 1, 2, and 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you spell all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

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Practice reading “Quiz Show.” Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using at least two words from your word lists.

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Key Cards

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