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Marble King

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How old do you think the youngest businessman in the world is? Twenty? Sixteen? Well, we certainly think you'll be surprised.

Read a bit about this young entrepreneur, and share your thoughts with your classmates.

The world's most watched and most expensive basketball league.

10 Years and Older

Elementary

Marble King: The Youngest Businessman

At only eight years old, this kid is surely the youngest "business-child" on earth!

Vocabulary

Use a dictionary to look up the following words (You can also go to <http://www.wordreference.com>).

1. Store (n.): _____

2. Manager (adj.): _____

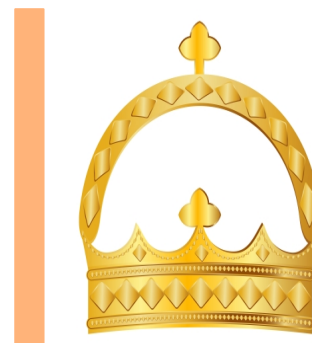
3. Owner (n.): _____

4. Operate (v.): _____

5. Marbles (n.): _____

Preview

Describe the picture at the top of this page. What animal is it?



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There is a famous online **store** that sells marbles. Nothing extraordinary, there are thousands of online stores nowadays. However, this is a very special store: Its **owner** and **manager** is only eight years old. No, we did not make a mistake; he is just a kid. His mom helped him and now he is a successful business-child who sells **marbles**. (*Continues on page 4*)



The N.B.A.!

The top basketball league in the world.

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Pre-Reading

Look up these words in the dictionary:

1. Reign (v)

2. Team (n) (sports)

3. To date (adv.)

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The National Basketball Association is the most important men's basketball league in North America. 29 **teams** from the USA and 1 from Canada play throughout the season.

These 30 teams are evenly divided between the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference. **To date**, the team from Miami **reigns** in the East, while the team from Oklahoma leads the Western division.

By the end of this season, the Champions of the two conferences will see each other in the play-offs. The play offs are the finals of NBA, and the first team to win 3 games will be the champion.

Reading Comprehension

True (T) or False (F).

1. The team from Miami won the play-offs.
2. There are 15 teams in each conference.
3. Oklahoma is the worst team of the West.

Discuss with a Partner

Do you like basketball? Why? Why not?



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www.nba.com



Saint Patrick's Day: An International Celebration

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14 years and older

Intermediate

On March 17th, people around the world will celebrate this special date.

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Pre-Reading

Discuss the meaning of the following words:

1. Christianity: _____
2. Catholic: _____
3. Ireland: _____
4. Celebrate: _____
5. Religious: _____
6. Shamrock: _____
7. Pub: _____

Every year in March many people gather to **celebrate** the arrival of **Christianity** to **Ireland**. Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans and other Christian religions commemorate this in various ways.

Religious services are common, but they are not the only characteristic. People wear green clothes, especially T-shirts and hats. However, the most popular symbol of Saint Patrick's Day is the **shamrock**.

In the United States, this holiday is very popular amongst people of Irish descent. In many American cities, you can see a lot of locals wearing green and drinking beer in Irish-styled **pubs**.

For more information go to
<http://www.st-patricks-day.com/>

Marbles are a popular game, but this kid is not playing at all. His mom, who is the accountant and Webmaster of the company, says that Harli is always thinking of ideas to make his store better.

4. Businessman: _____

Go to <http://www.marbleking.co.uk>
and find out more about this story.

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Take the bull by the horns!

Idioms and Slangs

- **Take the bull by the horns:** to bravely face a difficult situation. E.g.

A: Jane looks much happier since she told her mom about her new boyfriend

B: Yes, she **took the bull by the horns!**

A: It was so much better than hiding and lying.

B: Yes, indeed.

Discuss

Have you ever “taken the bull by the horns”? Tell a partner.

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Reading comprehension

Answer the following questions based on the article:

1. What do people celebrate on Saint Patrick's Day?

2. What kind of clothes do people wear on this date?

3. How do Americans commemorate Saint Patrick?

Web Quest

Go to <http://www.st-patricks-day.com/> and find out who Saint Patrick was.

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And the Winner Is...

2012 unveiled new winners

Meryl Streep won the best actress award for her role in 'The Iron Lady', and 'The Artist' gave Jean Dujardin the best actor prize.

The Academy Awards came with its usual display of fashionable dresses, expensive jewelry, and classy cars.

Additionally, it also brought prizes to “new

faces” and experienced professionals. The event even recognized the most glamorous dresses, and attendees were seen enjoying memorable moments. To find out more go to <http://www.oscar.com>.

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