# A Biography of Amir Khan

## Main Curriculum References

### Reading the biography

- Rt/L1.1 Trace and understand the main events of continuous descriptive, explanatory and persuasive texts
- Rt/1.3 Identify the main points and specific detail, and infer meaning from images which is not explicit in the text
- Rt/L1.4 Use organisational and structural features to locate information (e.g. contents, index, menus, sub-headings, paragraphs)
- Rt/L1.5 Use different reading strategies to find and obtain information

### Writing the answers

Ws/L1.1 Write in complete sentences

### Contributor Notes

Here's a reading lesson based on the biography of boxer Amir Khan. I have been using it in L1/L2 literacy classes, though it could also be suitable for higher level ESOL students.

It focuses mainly on three reading strategies - skimming, scanning and detailed reading - and has sections that clearly relate to each of these. Before starting the activity, I elicit some examples of these three reading skills. As well as the reading, there is also a little writing and speaking work.

The biography I used can be found at <a href="www.wikipedia.org">www.wikipedia.org</a> - just type in 'Amir Khan', and it should come up automatically. All questions / details are correct as of October 2006, and I have designed this activity so that any changes to his biography shouldn't matter too much.

I printed out copies of the biography as we don't have that many computers here. Another option would be to work singly or in pairs, directly from the computer.

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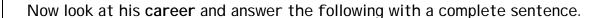
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Read the biography of Amir Khan from www.wikipedia.org and answer the following questions.

Look at Amir Khan's **statistics**, and decide whether the following are true or false.

- i) Amir is a middleweight boxer
- ii) He was born in the North of England
- iii) He's lost some of his fights
- iv) He won Olympic bronze in Athens
- v) His style is orthodox
- vi) He was born in summer



- a) Who encouraged him to take up boxing?
- b) What was he like when he was a child?
- c) When did Amir rise to fame?
- d) Why was there a row involving Amir at the English ABA Finals?
- e) How could you describe his attitude after winning his fifth fight in 75 seconds?
- f) What does Khan intend to do by the time he is 21?

Look at his **record** and answer the following.

- 1. What happened to Amir in 2003?
- 2. When was his last amateur match?
- 3. On what date did he beat Steve Gethin?
- 4. Name two opponents he has beaten in Cardiff
- 5. Where is Laszlo Komjathi from?

Finally, look at Amir's personal life. Discuss these questions in your group or with a friend.

- Does he have similar interests to you, or are they very different?
- Is your family a similar size?
- What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of having a brother like Amir?

