

# 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 [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org) - 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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Read the biography of Amir Khan from [www.wikipedia.org](http://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

Now look at his **career** and answer the following with a complete sentence.

- 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?