

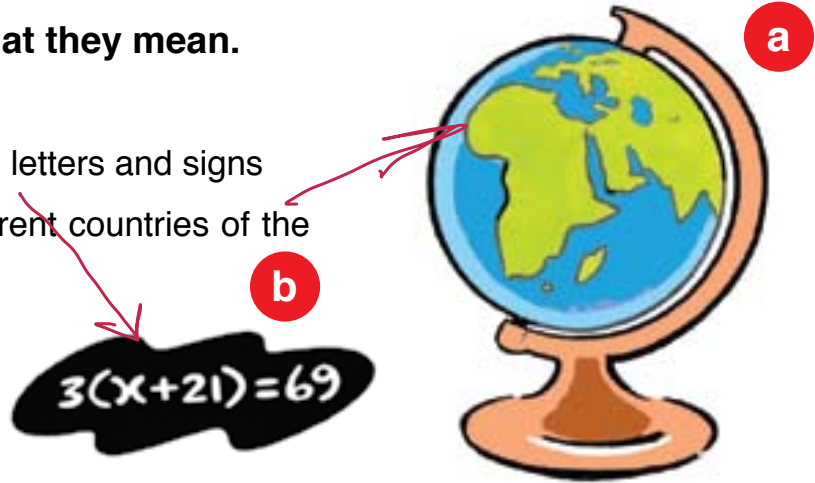
# Famous People

**1. Read the words and what they mean.**

**Match with a picture.**

**algebra:** maths which uses letters and signs

**geography:** we study different countries of the world in geography



**Before you listen**

**2. Talk about these questions.**

*It's a picture of Al khawarizmi*

- ▶ This stamp was made in 1983.
- ▶ Who is this a picture of?
- ▶ Why do you think it was made?



*It was made because he was an important and famous man*



**Listening**

**3. Listen and identify the main idea.**

*Al Khawarizmi studied Maths and Geography*

**4. Listen again. Choose the right answers.**

1. When was Al-Khawarizmi born?  
 a) about 718      b) about 870      **c) about 780**
2. When did he die?  
**a) about 850**      b) about 815      c) about 915
3. Most people know Al-Khawarizmi for ...  
 a) geography.      b) stamp collecting.      **c) maths.**
4. He made a map of the world in ...  
 a) 813.      **b) 830.**      c) 833.

## 5. Listen and read the sentences in the box.

Look at the questions at the end of the sentences.  
They help to make sure the information is right.

### Grammar: Tag questions

*He is* best known for algebra, *isn't he?*

He *isn't* famous for stamp collecting, *is he?*

Al-Khwarizmi *was* born in about 780, *wasn't he?*

He *wasn't* born in Baghdad, *was he?*

## 6. Say these sentences to your partner. Add question tags.

You are from Kuwait, *aren't you?*

Kuwait is very modern, *isn't it?*

We aren't studying maths now, *are we?*

You weren't at school on Friday, *were you?*

Our teacher wasn't at school yesterday, *was he?*

There was a picture of Al-Khwarizmi on television, *wasn't there?*

## 7. Work with a friend. Make sentences with these verbs, like the examples.

be      live      move      want      come      do      make

*My grandfather was ill last week.*



*Al-Khwarizmi lived in Baghdad.*



## Before you read

### 8. Talk about the question.

This woman is very famous. What do you think she was?

- a) a doctor   b) a scientist   c) an artist



## Reading

### 9. Manar wrote about Marie Curie for the radio station. Do you think she will win the prize?

*I think she will win the prize*

Marie Curie was born on 7 November 1867. Her mother and father were both teachers. Marie proved to be a very bright child and did well at school. Unfortunately, at that time women were not allowed to go university. So, Marie had to study abroad.

Marie went to university in 1891. She studied Physics and Maths. In 1894 she met Pierre Curie, a scientist. They married in 1895. Marie and Pierre worked together to find a cure for cancer. Their work saved many lives.

In 1903, Marie and Pierre Curie were awarded The Noble Prize for Physics. Winning the prize brought them fame. Sadly, in 1905 Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn vehicle. However, after his death Marie was offered his post as a professor of Physics at Sorbonne University in Paris. In 1911, Marie was given the Noble Prize for Chemistry. Marie worked hard all her life to help people who had cancer. She died on 4 July 1934 of cancer.

*I think she should be on a stamp!*

### 10. Answer the questions in your notebook:

1. What is the main idea of the text? *Marie Curie was a famous scientist*
2. Why did Marie have to study abroad? *Women weren't allowed to go to university*
3. What does the underlined word "them" refer to? *Marie and Pierre Curie*
4. How old was she when she died? *she was 77 years old*
5. Why should she be on a stamp? Explain.  
*Because she was a great scientist she helped the world a lot*

# Unit 9



## Speaking

11. Match the people with what they did. Make and say sentences.

The Arabs	invented	the telephone.
A. G. Bell		fireworks.
The Chinese		the plane.
The Wright brothers		the compass.



The Arabs



The W. brothers



The Chinese



## Writing

12. Write about a famous man or woman. Use the questions to help you.

*When was he/she born?*

*Where did he/she come from?*

*Did he/she go to university?*

*What did he/she study?*

*What did he/she do to be famous?*

*Did he/she win any prizes?*

*How did he/she help people?*

*How did he/she die?*

*When did he/she die?*

Answer the questions in paragraphs. Each colour is a different paragraph.

### Remember

- the topic sentences.
- the supporting details.
- punctuation marks.
- Surf the net for useful information.
- Write the topic in your notebook.

## 13. Make questions with the question words.

who what where when how many why

What do you want to know about a famous person? Make questions with these words.

## 14. Read the information. Can you answer your questions?

Hicham El Guerrouj was a very fast runner.

He was the best runner in the world.

He comes from Morocco.

He was born on 14 September 1974.

He started running in 1990.

He won many times.

He was called 'King of the Mile' because he was very good at running.



## 15. Read about another person.

### Who is the writer writing about?

This person was born thirty-seven years ago. He comes from Kuwait and he lives in Kuwait City. He has got one brother and two sisters. He has got a wife and two children. He is tall and has got black hair and brown eyes. Every day he drives his red car to work. He goes to work at 7.30 in the morning. In the evening, he comes home and helps me with my homework. Sometimes he plays football with me. He is a very kind man and always wants to help other people.

