

The New Trainers

Tom is sitting under a tree at the local park, waiting for his friends to arrive. He sat, bouncing his football, hoping to have a kick about. He sees Max wandering through the gate.

Tom : Hey Max, over here.

Max : Alright ? (*Max sits down by Tom*)

Tom : Yeah, didn't think anyone was coming down.

Max : It'll probably be just you and me. Man U are playing Liverpool and they're showing it on SKY.

Tom : We don't have SKY.

Max : Me neither.

Tom : I wish I could see it, Man U will thrash them !

Max : No way ! Liverpool are the best team in the premiership .

Tom : Man U have scored more goals than anyone else.

Max : Yeah, but their defence is rubbish. Liverpool have let in the least number of goals and that wins games.

Tom : But it's boring, I rather watch a team that attacks and scores goals. Their strikers are the best in the world !

Max : The weren't that good the last time they played.

(Tom knew Max was right so he changed the subject.)

Tom : Have you seen Toby's new minimoto ?

Max : He let me have a go on it the other day, it was real cool.

Tom : Is it true he was stopped by the cops and they threatened to take it away?

Max : Yeh, they threatened to crush his bike if he didn't get insurance.

Tom : He wouldn't do that, I don't think any of them have insurance.

Max : No, it costs too much. Toby said he got the bike free from a mate so he doesn't care.

Tom : Hey , have you got new trainers ?

Max : Yeah, cool aren't they.

(Max lifted one foot up to show off a new white and red trainer .)

Tom : How much did they cost ?

Max : They were over 80 quid and that was in the sale. They were 110 quid .

Tom : I got new ones last week, but mine were only 50 quid.

Max : Yours are just cheap rubbish . Mine are made of real leather.

Tom : So are mine !

Max : No they're not, they're just plastic.

Tom : Actually they are leather, it says so on the inside, look , there !

Max : But who would want to wear that make.

Tom : You just paid for the name, mine are just as good as yours and only half the price.

Max : These are the best ones you can get, really comfortable. They're really good kickers.

Tom : Yeah ? We'll see , let's take some shots. Put your coat over there and I'll put mine here.

Max : Do you want to go in goal first ?

Tom : Yeah, I'll go in goal . Do you think you can kick a football with those fancy shoes ?

Max : You won't see it go past you !

Tom : They'll probably fall apart as soon as you kick the ball.

Max : Your hands will fall apart when you try to stop this.

(Tom rolled the ball out to Max and stood in the goal ready.)

Tom : Go on , then , I bet you won't even get close.

Max : Right, here goes !

(Max kicked the ball and it whizzed past Tom , who wasn't very pleased.)

Max : Goal !!! I told you these shoes were magic !

(Tom ran after the ball. When he picked it up he noticed a muddy puddle and rolled the ball into it, covering it with mud.. Max didn't notice him doing it because he was busy dancing around celebrating his goal. Tom carried the ball back to the goal mouth and rolled it out to Max.)

Tom : Bet you can't do it again .

(Max didn't even stop the ball, he just let fly with a kick. But he didn't look at where it went, he was more concerned about the state of his trainer!)

Max : Oh no ! Look at my trainer !

Tom : They don't look so good now , do they ?

Max : You did that deliberately, your just a meat head .

(Max ran over to Tom's coat and used it to clean his trainer.)

Tom : Hey, leave my coat alone.

(He ran over to Max and pushed him over, but Max wouldn't let go.)

Max : You deliberately made my trainers muddy so I'll use your coat to clean them.

(Tom let go of Max and ran over to Max's coat, picked it up and ran to the muddy puddle.)

Tom : Leave my coat or I'll drop yours into the mud.

(Max dashed over to Tom and they stood eye-ball to eye-ball, each holding the other's coat.)

Max : You wouldn't dare .

Tom : Yeah ? Just watch me.

Max : Yeah ? If you do I'll drop your coat and stamp all over it !

(Tom dropped Max's coat into the mud and jumped on it. Max then dropped Tom's coat and stamped on his. They then began to push each other, trying to make the other fall into the mud. Both boys fell over – splat – when they got up they looked at each other . They were covered in mud, from head to toe and especially their trainers! Their trainers were so muddy you couldn't tell what colour they were.)

Tom : My Mum will kill me .

Max : So will my Mum. I know, we'll say some older boys bullied us and
threw us in the mud.

Tom : That's a good idea. My trainers are muddier than yours !

Max : No they're not , mine are muddier.

Tom : No they're not.....

Thinking About the Text

1/ Why were Max and Tom the only boys at the park ? _____

2/ What did Max say about Tom's trainers that made him annoyed ?

3/ Why did Max say his trainers were 'magic' ? _____

4/ Why did Tom roll the ball into the mud ? _____

5/ What lie were they going to tell their Mums about how they got muddy ?

6/ Say who you think started the aggro between the boys and explain your choice.

7/ What do you think '*pride comes before a fall*' means ?

How does this saying relate to this story ? _____

there their they're

Look over _____ and you will find it.

It is raining so _____ staying inside.

Give the ball back to them , it is _____ .

Find two examples for each of the words above in the play *The New Trainers* and write them here:

Now write your own sentences :

there _____

their _____

they're _____

The New Trainers



On a large A3 size of paper draw a trainer in the middle , then put 6 lines coming from the trainer....like the picture above. You don't have to copy this trainer, you could choose your own.

At the end of each line write a sentence describing the trainer. Here are some areas you could write about :

- ❖ the colouring of the trainer
- ❖ what materials are used to make the trainer
- ❖ who makes the trainer
- ❖ how comfortable the trainers are
- ❖ how fashionable the trainers are
- ❖ how much they cost and where you can buy them

ART :

Design your own trainers.....do a top and underneath drawing like above.

Many trainers are made from leather. Leather is animal skins that has been treated so it will be strong and pliable.

RESEARCH:

1. Using Encarta on the computer name ten animals whose skins are used to make leather.

2. What leather is used for the soft uppers of shoes ? _____

3. Use the internet to find out what the well known makes of trainers use, real leather or synthetic leather ?

OPINION:

What is your opinion about killing animals for their skins so that humans can wear leather goods such as shoes, coats, gloves and handbags ?
