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## **China teen makes history at U.S. Masters**

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# THE ARTICLE

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A 14-year-old Chinese boy made sporting history on Thursday when he became the youngest ever golfer to play at the U.S. Masters. Guan Tianlang scored a 73 on his round, which means he "made the cut". This means he could continue to the next round of the world-famous golf tournament held in Augusta, Georgia. He is also the youngest competitor to play in a Major in 148 years. One of Guan's playing partners was the American star Ben Crenshaw. He told reporters that Guan did not play like a young teen. He said: "He played like a veteran today. Played a beautiful round of golf." Guan's score of 73 was better than the 76 that legends Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus got in their first Masters.

Guan is currently 10 shots behind tournament leader Jason Day of Australia. The teenager said he was very happy with his progress. He told reporters: "It's the most amazing experience I've ever had. I was a little bit shaky at the beginning, but a good first shot erased my nervousness." He added: "I made no big mistakes and hit a couple of birdies. It feels like a victory already." Guan's day was made even more special when he got to train with his golfing hero Tiger Woods. Guan said: "I was happy to practise with Tiger. Actually my golf career partly started because of him. He is my idol." The previous record for a youngster at the Masters was set by the Italian Matteo Manasser in 2010, at the age of 16.

Sources: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/sports/2013-04/13/c\\_132304879.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/sports/2013-04/13/c_132304879.htm)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/golf/22129753>

# WARM-UPS

**1. SPORTS STARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about sports stars. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*sporting history / golfer / the next round / tournament / young teen / veteran / progress / amazing experience / nervousness / mistakes / practice / career / idol*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MAKE SPORTING HISTORY:** Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Sport	Who made history?	What did they do?	How good/bad was it?
Golf			
Football			
Tennis			
Athletics			
F1			
Cycling			

**4. GOLF:** Students A **strongly** believe golf is very boring; Students B **strongly** believe it is very exciting. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. IDOL:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the ones with most of your idols at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sport
- movies
- gaming
- singers
- business
- technology
- writers / poets
- religion

**6. TEEN:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'teen'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us\\_masters.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us_masters.html)

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A 14-year-old became the youngest ever leader at a golf tournament.   | T / F |
| b. The boy's score was good enough to go through to the next stage.      | T / F |
| c. The boy is the youngest to play in a Major in nearly 150 years.       | T / F |
| d. The boy beat golf his playing partner, the golf legend Arnold Palmer. | T / F |
| e. Jason Day is just 10 shots behind Guan Tianlang.                      | T / F |
| f. Guan said he wasn't so full of confidence at the beginning.           | T / F |
| g. Guan didn't make any serious errors.                                  | T / F |
| h. Guan shared a train ride with his hero Tiger Woods.                   | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. scored    | a. weak        |
| 2. round     | b. initial     |
| 3. held      | c. old         |
| 4. veteran   | d. recorded    |
| 5. first     | e. presently   |
| 6. currently | f. staged      |
| 7. amazing   | g. hero        |
| 8. shaky     | h. stage       |
| 9. idol      | i. awesome     |
| 10. previous | j. past master |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. made sporting               | a. I've ever had          |
| 2. he could continue           | b. playing partners       |
| 3. One of Guan's               | c. with his golfing hero  |
| 4. He played like a            | d. of golf                |
| 5. a beautiful round           | e. tournament leader      |
| 6. 10 shots behind             | f. already                |
| 7. the most amazing experience | g. history                |
| 8. It feels like a victory     | h. record for a youngster |
| 9. he got to train             | i. veteran                |
| 10. The previous               | j. to the next round      |

# GAP FILL

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*veteran*  
*famous*  
*legends*  
*scored*  
*beautiful*  
*continue*  
*sporting*  
*partners*

Guan is currently 10 (9) \_\_\_\_\_ behind tournament leader Jason Day of Australia. The teenager said he was very happy with his (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He told reporters: "It's the most amazing experience I've ever had. I was a little bit (11) \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning, but a good first shot erased my nervousness." He added: "I made no big mistakes and hit a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of birdies. It feels like a victory already." Guan's day was made even more special when he got to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ with his golfing hero Tiger Woods. Guan said: "I was happy to practise with Tiger. Actually my golf (14) \_\_\_\_\_ partly started because of him. He is my (15) \_\_\_\_\_." The (16) \_\_\_\_\_ record for a youngster at the Masters was set by the Italian Matteo Manasser in 2010, at the age of 16.

*shaky*  
*career*  
*previous*  
*progress*  
*train*  
*idol*  
*shots*  
*couple*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us\\_masters.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us_masters.html)

- 1) A 14-year-old Chinese boy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. made sporting historical
  - b. made sporting historian
  - c. made sporting history
  - d. made sporting histories
- 2) he could continue to the next round of \_\_\_\_\_ golf tournament
  - a. the worldly-famous
  - b. the worlds-famous
  - c. the word-famous
  - d. the world-famous
- 3) He told reporters that Guan did not play \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. like a youngish teen
  - b. like a young teen
  - c. like a younger teen
  - d. like a youngest teen
- 4) Played a \_\_\_\_\_ of golf
  - a. beautiful circle
  - b. beautiful oval
  - c. beautiful square
  - d. beautiful round
- 5) Guan's score of 73 was better than the \_\_\_\_\_ Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus
  - a. 76 that legends
  - b. 76 that legendary
  - c. 76 that legends
  - d. 76 that leg end
- 6) Guan is currently 10 shots behind \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tournament leaders
  - b. tournament leadership
  - c. tournament leader
  - d. tournament ladder
- 7) The teenager said he was very happy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with his progress
  - b. with this progress
  - c. with miss progress
  - d. with is progress
- 8) a good first shot erased \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. my nervousness
  - b. my nervously
  - c. my nervous
  - d. my nerves
- 9) Guan's day was made even more special when he \_\_\_\_\_ his golfing hero
  - a. got to training with
  - b. got to train with
  - c. got to trains with
  - d. got to trainer with
- 10) Actually my golf career \_\_\_\_\_ because of him
  - a. partly started
  - b. part lay started
  - c. part lee started
  - d. part lie started

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us\\_masters.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us_masters.html)

1. What kind of history did the teenage boy make?

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2. What was so important about his score of 73?

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3. When did a younger player last play in a golf Major?

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4. What is the relationship between Guan and Ben Crenshaw?

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5. How did Guan's round compare to the debut of Arnold Palmer?

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6. How far away from the lead is Guan?

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7. What did Guan say he was pleased about?

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8. How was his performance when he started the day?

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9. What made his day even more memorable?

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10. What was the last record for the youngest player at the Masters?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us\\_masters.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us_masters.html)

1. What kind of history did the teenage boy make?
  - a) unforgettable
  - b) sporting
  - c) athletic
  - d) historical
2. What was so important about his score of 73?
  - a) he won \$1,000,000
  - b) it was the lowest of the round
  - c) it was the first time anyone got a 73
  - d) it meant he made the cut
3. When did a younger player last play in a golf Major?
  - a) 148 years ago
  - b) April 1952
  - c) 1848
  - d) last year
4. What is the relationship between Guan and Ben Crenshaw?
  - a) Ben is Guan's trainer
  - b) Guan's career started because of Ben
  - c) they were playing partners
  - d) uncle and nephew
5. How did Guan's round compare to the debut of Arnold Palmer?
  - a) it was 3 shots higher than Arnold's
  - b) it was better by 3 shots
  - c) he had the same score
  - d) there is no comparison
6. How far away from the lead is Guan?
  - a) 10 shots
  - b) 7 shots
  - c) 3 shots
  - d) 1 shot
7. What did Guan say he was pleased about?
  - a) being in the USA
  - b) the beginning
  - c) his progress
  - d) the weather
8. How was his performance when he started the day?
  - a) a little shaky
  - b) unbelievable
  - c) terrible
  - d) full of mistakes
9. What made his day even more memorable?
  - a) he trained with his hero
  - b) it was his birthday
  - c) he got a hole in one
  - d) he won the tournament
10. What was the last record for the youngest player at the Masters?
  - a) an 18-year-old last year
  - b) a 13-year last year
  - c) a 15-year-old in 1948
  - d) a 16-year-old in 2010

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'sport' and 'history'.

<b>sport</b>	<b>history</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• youngest</li><li>• cut</li><li>• continue</li><li>• 148</li><li>• beautiful</li><li>• 76</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10</li><li>• amazing</li><li>• first</li><li>• special</li><li>• idol</li><li>• 2010</li></ul>
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# GOLF SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us\\_masters.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us_masters.html)

Write five GOOD questions about golf in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## **GOLF DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'golf'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) How great is it for a 14-year-old to compete with the best golfers?
- e) Do you think golfers from China will start winning big tournaments?
- f) What do you think of golf?
- g) How popular is golf in your country?
- h) What skills do you need to be good at golf?
- i) Is golf a rich person's game?
- j) Do you think Guan could become the best player in the world?

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## **GOLF DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What are the rules of golf?
- c) What do you know about the history of golf?
- d) Are American or European golfers best?
- e) Do you like watching golf on TV?
- f) Why is golf so popular around the world?
- g) What three pieces of advice would you give to Guan Tianlang?
- h) Who is your sporting hero, and why?
- i) Would you like Guan Tianlang to win the U.S. Masters?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Guan Tianlang?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |              |                  |                 |
|-----|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) spotting  | (b) world    | (c) sporting     | (d) Chinese     |
| 2.  | (a) scored    | (b) scarred  | (c) scared       | (d) scraped     |
| 3.  | (a) cut       | (b) chop     | (c) slice        | (d) dice        |
| 4.  | (a) partners  | (b) partner  | (c) partnering   | (d) partnership |
| 5.  | (a) birdie    | (b) caddie   | (c) golfer       | (d) veteran     |
| 6.  | (a) pars      | (b) bogeys   | (c) eagles       | (d) legends     |
| 7.  | (a) currently | (b) currency | (c) correctly    | (d) coherently  |
| 8.  | (a) digress   | (b) congress | (c) regress      | (d) progress    |
| 9.  | (a) shaky     | (b) shook    | (c) shake        | (d) shackled    |
| 10. | (a) few       | (b) couple   | (c) duo          | (d) double      |
| 11. | (a) parts     | (b) partly   | (c) particularly | (d) partner     |
| 12. | (a) previous  | (b) early    | (c) before       | (d) ago         |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. made sporgint history
2. oecdrrs a 73
3. world-famous golf tnmnateour
4. the youngest oocretipmt
5. he played like a taenrev today
6. dsgelen Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus

## Paragraph 2

7. cylrterun 10 shots behind
8. happy with his sospegrrr
9. the most amazing xcnreeeeeip
10. erased my sneonvrsuse
11. my golf earrce
12. the iosuepvr record

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us\\_masters.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130414-us_masters.html)

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) the cut". This means he could continue to the next round of the world-famous golf tournament
- ( ) happy with his progress. He told reporters: "It's the most amazing experience I've ever
- ( ) golf." Guan's score of 73 was better than the 76 that legends Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus got in their first Masters.
- ( ) had. I was a little bit shaky at the beginning, but a good first shot erased my
- ( ) to practise with Tiger. Actually my golf career partly started because of him. He is my idol." The previous record
- ( ) nervousness." He added: "I made no big mistakes and hit a couple of birdies. It feels like a victory
- ( ) teen. He said: "He played like a veteran today. Played a beautiful round of
- ( ) held in Augusta, Georgia. He is also the youngest competitor to play in a Major in 148 years. One of Guan's playing
- ( ) already." Guan's day was made even more special when he got to train with his golfing hero Tiger Woods. Guan said: "I was happy
- ( **1** ) A 14-year-old Chinese boy made sporting history on Thursday when he became the youngest
- ( ) Guan is currently 10 shots behind tournament leader Jason Day of Australia. The teenager said he was very
- ( ) ever golfer to play at the U.S. Masters. Guan Tianlang scored a 73 on his round, which means he "made
- ( ) for a youngster at the Masters was set by the Italian Matteo Manasser in 2010, at the age of 16.
- ( ) partners was the American star Ben Crenshaw. He told reporters that Guan did not play like a young



# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. year- 14- A history sporting made boy Chinese old.

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2. Masters the ever at youngest U.S. play The to golfer.

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3. the he to round means continue next This could.

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4. play to competitor youngest The years 148 in Major a in.

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5. he today played like He a said veteran.

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6. the currently behind leader is shots tournament Guan 10.

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7. said he was very happy with his progress The teenager.

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8. amazing experience It's I've the ever most had.

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9. Tiger got with hero He train golfing Woods to his .

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10. golf of career him partly started My because.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A 14-year-old Chinese boy made *sporting* / *sporty* history on Thursday when he became the youngest *even* / *ever* golfer to play at the U.S. Masters. Guan Tianlang scored a 73 on his round, which means he "*made* / *did* the cut". This means he could *continuation* / *continue* to the next round of the world-famous golf tournament *held* / *hold* in Augusta, Georgia. He is also the youngest *competitor* / *competition* to play in a Major in 148 years. One of Guan's playing *partner* / *partners* was the American star Ben Crenshaw. He told *reports* / *reporters* that Guan did not play like a young teen. He said: "He played like a *veteran* / *veterinary* today. Played a beautiful round of golf." Guan's score of 73 was better than the 76 *that* / *than* legends Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus got in their first Masters.

Guan is *currently* / *current* 10 shots behind tournament leader Jason Day of Australia. The teenager said he was very happy with his *regression* / *progress*. He told reporters: "It's the most *amazed* / *amazing* experience I've ever had. I was a little bit *shaky* / *shook* at the beginning, but a good first shot *erased* / *eraser* my nervousness." He added: "I made no big mistakes and hit a *few* / *couple* of birdies. It feels like a *victory* / *victorious* already." Guan's day was made even more special when he got to *truck* / *train* with his golfing hero Tiger Woods. Guan said: "I was happy to practise with Tiger. Actually my golf *career* / *carver* partly started because of him. He is my idol." The previous record for a youngster at the Masters was *sat* / *set* by the Italian Matteo Manasser in 2010, at the age of 16.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about golf. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. GOLF:** Make a poster about golf. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. GUAN TIANLANG:** Write a magazine article about the 14-year-old golfer from China. Include imaginary interviews with him and Tiger Woods.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to Guan. Ask him three questions about golf. Give him three pieces of advice on what to do in life from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.



# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d F    e F    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. scored    | a. recorded    |
| 2. round     | b. stage       |
| 3. held      | c. staged      |
| 4. veteran   | d. past master |
| 5. first     | e. initial     |
| 6. currently | f. presently   |
| 7. amazing   | g. awesome     |
| 8. shaky     | h. weak        |
| 9. idol      | i. hero        |
| 10. previous | j. old         |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Sporting history
2. It meant he "made the cut" and went to the next round
3. 148 years ago
4. They were playing partners
5. Guan's score was better
6. 10 shots
7. His progress
8. A little bit shaky
9. He trained with his hero Tiger Woods
10. 16-year-old Matteo Manasser in 2010

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)