

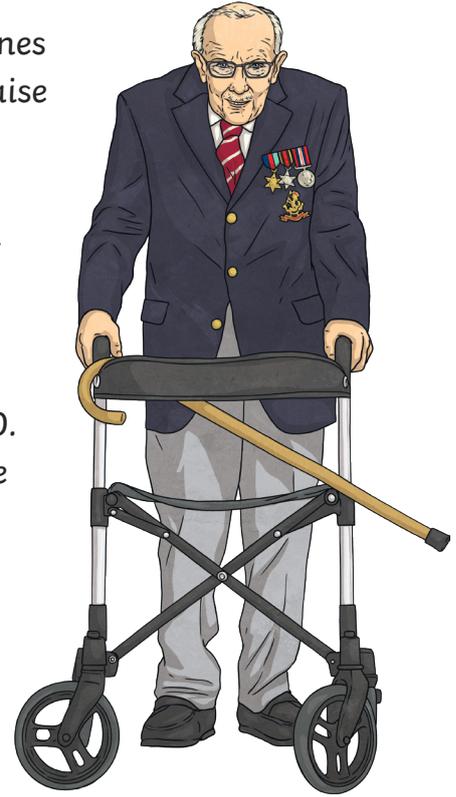
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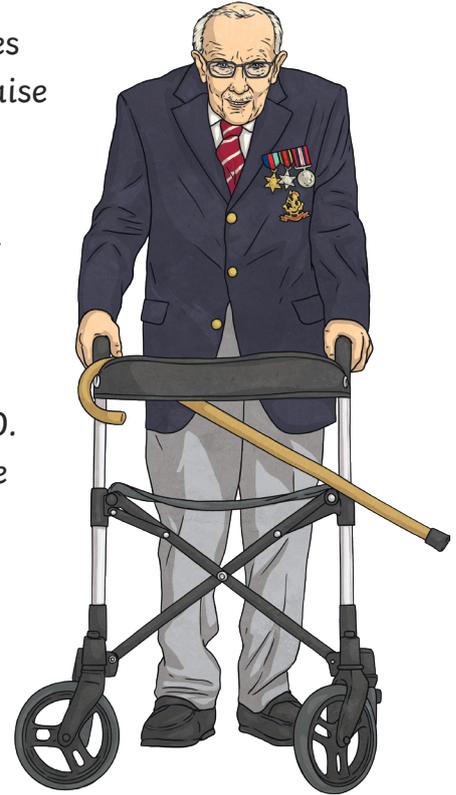
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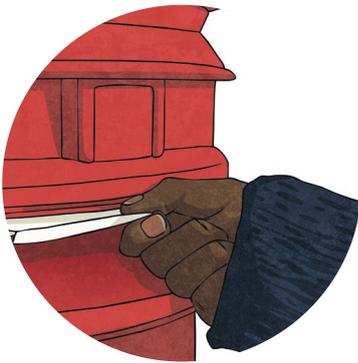
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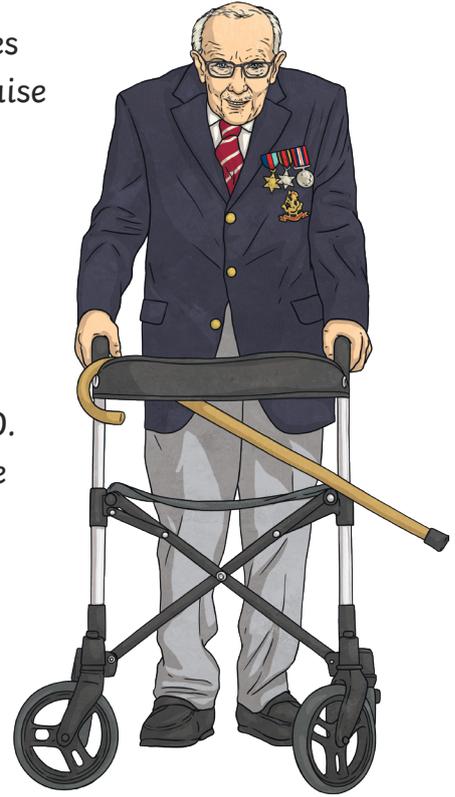
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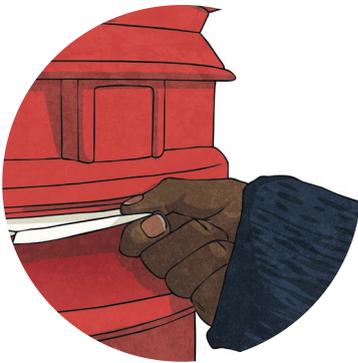
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The money raised will go towards helping care for people who have been discharged from hospital as well as **toiletries** and food for NHS staff.

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- A television **documentary** is being made about his life as a soldier.

Glossary

veteran	An ex-member of the armed forces.
toiletries	Items for personal care, e.g. soap, shampoo and toothpaste.
documentary	A factual television programme.

Captain Tom Moore Questions

1. How many laps of his garden did Captain Tom plan to walk before his birthday? Tick **one**.

- 100
- 200
- 1000
- 30

2. Draw lines to show when the events happened.

Captain Tom began his challenge.	1 st
Captain Tom released a single.	3 rd
Captain Tom finished his 100 laps.	4 th
Captain Tom celebrated his 100 th birthday.	2 nd

3. How would you describe Captain Tom? Tick **two**.

- Determined
- Charitable
- Friendly
- Shy

4. Write **True** or **False** for each statement.

Captain Tom wanted to raise £1000.	
Tom Jones released a single with Captain Tom.	
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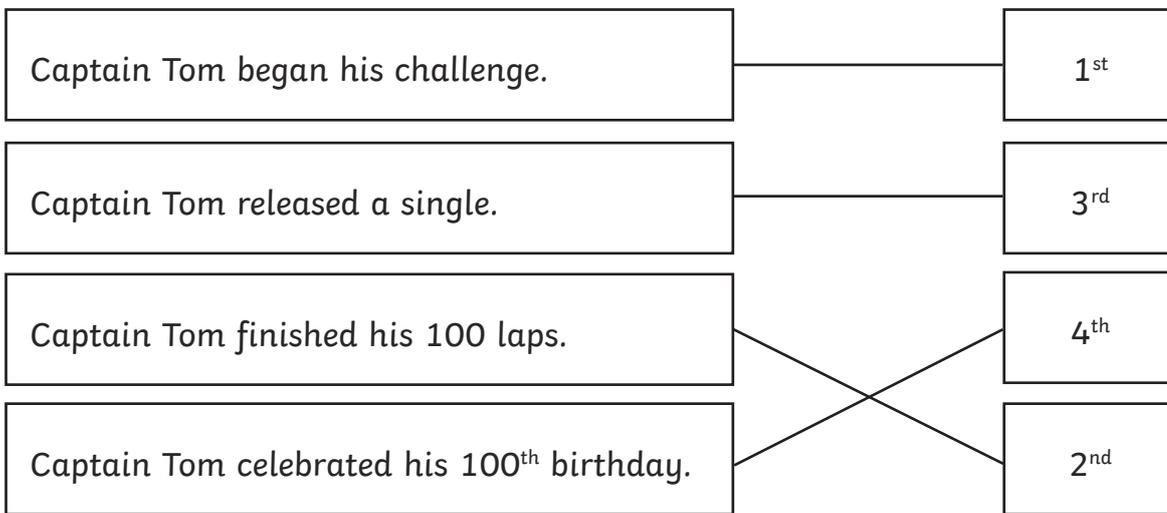
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Pupils' own responses, such as: He must have felt proud that he had raised so much money. He would have been amazed that so many people had donated to his cause. He was surprised that so many people had supported him.

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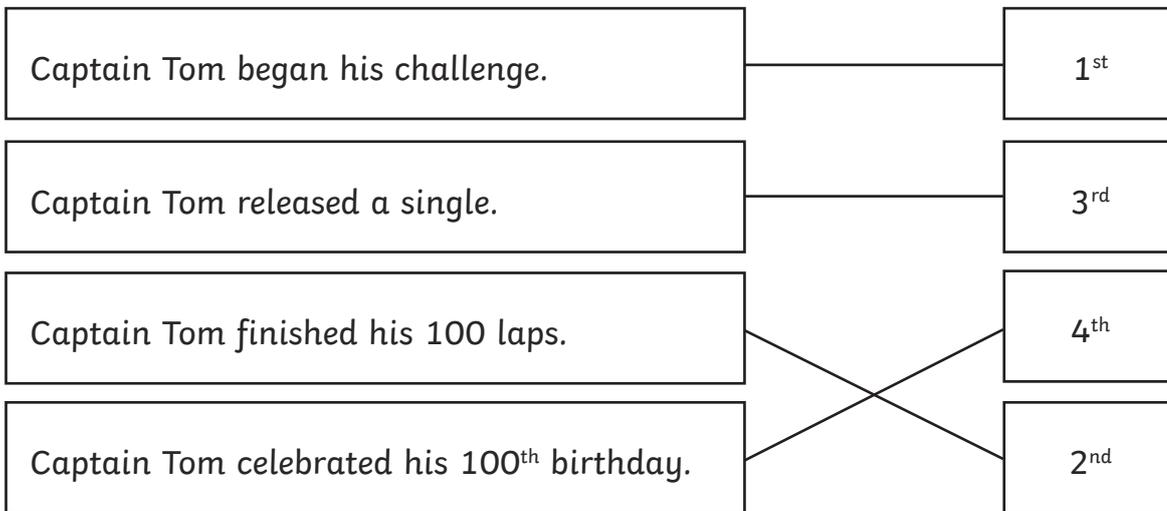
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He is the **oldest** person ever to have a song at number one in the **charts**.

7. Why do you think Captain Tom wanted to raise money for the NHS?

Accept any of the following: He wanted to show them his appreciation. He wanted to say thank you for looking after him and others. He was impressed with their hard work during a difficult time.

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Pupils' own responses such as:

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