

Word on the Street

Starting a Business

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch Joe's documentary about young business people. Put the interviews in the correct order.

- Four young entrepreneurs
- Sir Richard Branson, head of the Virgin group
- Arnold du Toit, inventor of the RolleyGolf
- Michael Winch, at the RolleyGolf workshop

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Complete the paragraph about Arnold du Toit and RolleyGolf with the correct words.

Arnold is from B_____. He had the idea for the RolleyGolf at u_____, where he studied e_____g and d_____. Now he's an i_____l b_____ and he's won several a_____ for young business people. He's also passionate about p_____g_____. His company makes about f_____ RolleyGolf carts every m_____. They make many of the parts

in a workshop in S_____ L_____. It's now possible to ride the RolleyGolf on the r_____ in B_____.

Activity 3

Choose the correct tense, present or past, to complete the passive sentences from the video.

- Golf ... all over the world.
 - is played
 - was played
- The RolleyGolf ... by a British engineering student.
 - is invented
 - was invented
- Now the RolleyGolf ... around the world.
 - is being sold
 - was being sold
- Virgin Pioneers ... to support young business people.
 - is set up
 - was set up
- Many parts of the RolleyGolf ... in a workshop in South London.
 - are handmade
 - were handmade

Activity 4

Can you remember the passive sentences from Activity 3? Write down the correct forms of the verbs in (brackets).

- Golf _____ (play) all over the

world.

2. The RolleyGolf _____ (invent) by a British engineering student.
3. Now the RolleyGolf _____ (sell) around the world.
4. Virgin Pioneers _____ (set up) to support young business people.
5. Many parts of the RolleyGolf _____ (handmake) in a

workshop in South London.

Discussion

- Have you ever thought of running your own business?
- What advice would you give young business people?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

1. C. Arnold du Toit, inventor of the RolleyGolf
2. B. Sir Richard Branson, head of the Virgin group
3. A. Four young entrepreneurs
4. D. Michael Winch, at the RolleyGolf workshop

Activity 2

Arnold is from Britain. He had the idea for the RolleyGolf at university, where he studied engineering and design. Now he's an international businessman and he's won several awards for young business people. He's also passionate about playing golf. His company makes about fifty RolleyGolf carts every month. They make many of the parts in a workshop in South London. It's now possible to ride the RolleyGolf on the roads in Britain.

Activity 3

1. a) is played
2. b) was invented
3. a) is being sold
4. b) was set up
5. a) are hand-made

Activity 4

1. Golf is played all over the world.
2. The RolleyGolf was invented by a British engineering student.
3. Now the RolleyGolf is being sold around the world.
4. Virgin Pioneers was set up to support young business people.
5. Many parts of the RolleyGolf are hand-made in a workshop in South London.