All About Masks

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Level 20

Running Words 561 **Text Type** Information Report (Informative)

Curriculum Areas The Arts; Humanities – History; Intercultural Understanding

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the information report in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Think and Talk About ...

Fact boxes in the book encourage each student to explore the statements further and to share the information with others.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why do doctors and dentists wear masks?
2 Why do some actors on a stage wear masks?
3 Why do people wear masks with red decorations at Chinese New Year?

Inferential

4 Why are parade masks so colourful?
5 Why do rescue workers wear masks when there is dust or smoke in the air?
6 How does a mask protect a player in a game of ice hockey?
7 Why were early masks made from animal skins?
8 Why do masks have holes for the eyes, nose and mouth?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why have people all over the world worn masks?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 20	Card	Procedure	*Making Masks for a Parade*
Level 19	Book	Information Report	*Night Work*
Level 20	Book	Information Report	*Lizards*

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Masks

Masks are covers that people wear over their faces.

Some masks only cover part of the face,
but other masks cover all of the face.

Many masks have small holes at each side
with strings tied onto them.

People place the masks over their faces,
and tie the strings into a bow behind their heads.
The masks do not fall off when people move around



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Why Masks Are Worn

Sometimes, people wear masks
to hide their faces in a play or a parade.
They wear the masks
because they are pretending
to be someone else.

People wear masks for fun
at parties or fairs, too.
The masks are very colourful.



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Some people wear masks
to protect their faces and to keep themselves safe.

Doctors and dentists wear face masks
so they do not spread germs to their **patients**.



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Masks are often worn by rescue workers. Sometimes, they have to help people who have been in an **accident**, and there is a lot of dust or smoke in the air. The masks help to stop rescue workers from breathing in the dust and smoke.

Some people who play sport wear masks. Masks can protect their face and teeth in games, such as softball and ice hockey.



Firefighters wear masks to stop them from breathing in smoke.



Ice hockey players wear masks to protect their faces.