

**The 7 Steps -**  
**April**



**The Masters**

**1. CONTEXT**

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

**2. QUESTIONS**

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

**Listening Questions 1**

1. What are 2 of the criteria needed to be invited to play in the Masters?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What was the prize money in the first ever Masters Tournament?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What history was made at the 2021 Masters?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. What iconic prize is given to winners of the Masters?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What do winners have to do 1 year after their victory?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Listening Questions 2**

1. What are 2 unique points about the 3-Par tournament before the Masters?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What has Jack Nicklaus done since 2011?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What policy changes happened at the club in 1990 and 2021 respectively?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Why does the course continue to change?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What changes were made after Tiger Woods' second victory in a row?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**3. LISTEN**

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

**Discussion Questions**

1. What is a traditional sport in your country and how has it changed over time?
2. What is a sporting controversy that is well-known in your country? What effect has that controversy had on sport and society?

#### 4. CHECK ANSWERS

Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

#### 5. CHECK VOCABULARY

Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

#### 6. READ ALOUD

Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

#### 7. SHADOWING

Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

#### TRANSCRIPT 1

The Masters Tournament, held in Augusta, Georgia every year, is one of four major golf tournaments which also include the US Open, the PGA Championship, and the Open Championship. As it is an invitational event, participants become **eligible** based on certain **criteria**. The current top 50 golfers in the world rankings are invited, as are past major golf tournament winners, and amateur golf champions from around the world.

Created by Bobby Jones, The Masters was first played in 1934 where the official prize money was \$1,500. Today prize money has grown considerably, with the winner receiving \$2,070,000 in 2021. Of the winners in Masters' history, Jack Nicklaus has won it six times with Tiger Woods on five and Arnold Palmer on four. In 2021 Hideki Matsuyama became the first Japanese and Asian player to ever win the event.

Along with the fourth highest winner's purse, winning The Masters comes with the most **sought after** green jackets in world sport. Winners can keep the iconic jacket for one year, when it then has to be returned to the club and held in a specially designed cloakroom. There are strict rules stating that the jacket cannot be worn outside of the golf club's grounds.

Eligible	Sought after	Dub	Criteria	Controversy
<b>Fill-in the blanks with the appropriate word / phrase above:</b>				
1. NFTs are now one of the most _____ digital commodities in the world.				
2. When you become 18 years old, you are _____ to vote in Australia.				
3. The candidate didn't meet all the _____ necessary for the job role.				
4. The company's CSR policy has generated a lot of _____ in the media due to its lack of respect for the environment.				
5. The cricketer was _____ 'The King' as he was one of his country's most successful players in history.				

#### TRANSCRIPT 2

Over the years, many interesting traditions have developed. On the Wednesday before each tournament, a 3-Par contest is held between the participants. This is held over 9 holes in a specially designed part of the course. The winner of the 3-Par tournament has never won the Masters. Another tradition is the honorary opening tee shot. This is usually done by legendary players that are not currently active. Jack Nicklaus has started the tournament since 2011.

The Augusta National Golf Club, which hosts The Masters, has seen a few **controversies** over the years. The first African American member, Ron Townsend, wasn't accepted into the club until 1990. In 2002 a public battle between Martha Burk and the club occurred over its male-only policy. This kept the club in the headlines until 2021, when finally the first women were admitted to the club.

In order to keep up with the advancement of golfers, the course is constantly changing. One of the most notable changes was in 2002 which was **dubbed** "Tiger Proofing". After Tiger Woods won the championship for a second straight year, more than half of the holes were lengthened, and more trees were added to make it more challenging for the players.