

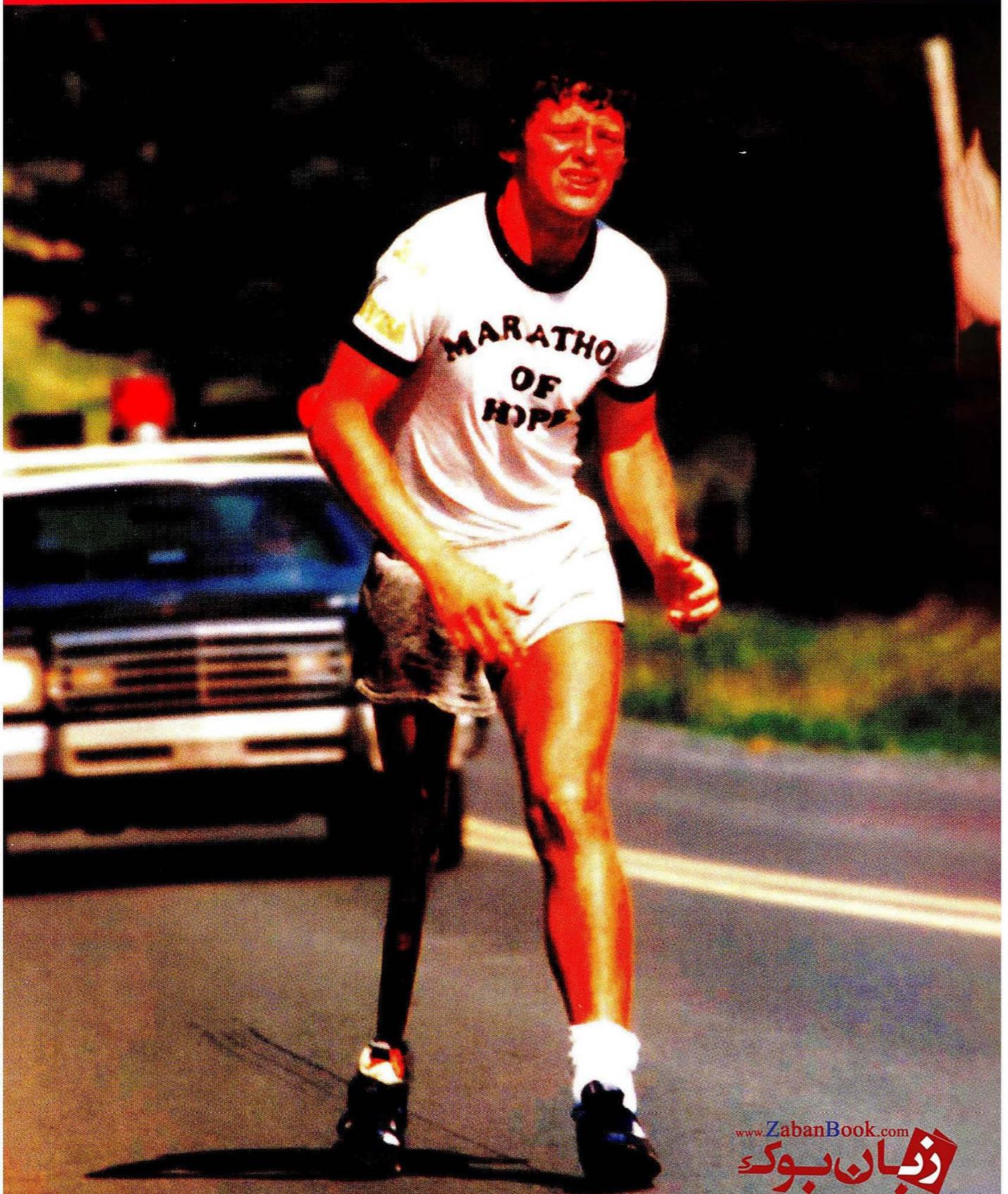


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**1.1 What's the book about?**

Look at the picture of Terry Fox on the front of this book. What do you think? Write answers.

1 Where is Terry?

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4 Who are the people in the car?

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2 What is Terry doing?

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5 Why are they driving behind Terry?

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3 Why is he doing this?

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**1.2 What happens first?**

1 Look at the pictures on pages 1–3. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

a Terry Fox is famous.

b He is an old man in the pictures.

c The woman doesn't know Terry Fox.

d Terry Fox is dead now.

e He is from the United States.

f Canadians don't remember Terry Fox.

2 Look again at the picture on pages 2–3. Find:

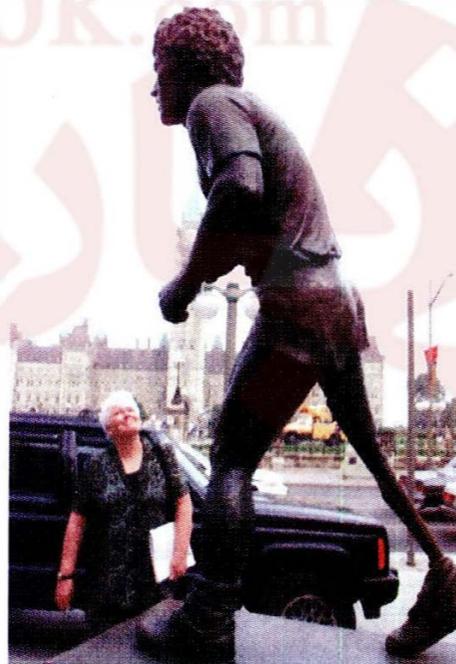
- a Port Coquitlam, in British Columbia
- b Ottawa
- c St. John's, Newfoundland, near the Atlantic Ocean
- d Port Renfrew, near the Pacific Ocean



On July 28, 1976, Terry Fox is eighteen years old. He has an “**Athlete of the Year**” **award** from his school in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. His family is very happy.

Five years later, the young man is dead. But Terry Fox’s name is now famous.

Today, his **statue** stands in Ottawa. Betty Fox looks at it and remembers. Her son is a Canadian **hero**. This is his story.



**athlete** /'æθlit/ (n) She is strong and she runs quickly. She is a good *athlete*.

**award** /ə'wɔ:rd/ (n) There are *awards* for beautiful new buildings.

**statue** /'stætʃu/ (n) There is a very big *statue* of Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg.

**hero** /'hɪrəʊ/ (n) Harry Potter is the *hero* of J. K. Rowling’s stories.

At eighteen, Terry Fox is a good student and a strong athlete. The happy times stop in March 1977. One day, Terry is running home. He stops suddenly. His mother looks out the window. "It's my right leg," Terry says.

The family takes him to the **hospital**. Terry has **cancer** and there is only one answer. On March 9, the doctors **operate**. Three weeks later, Terry has an **artificial** leg.

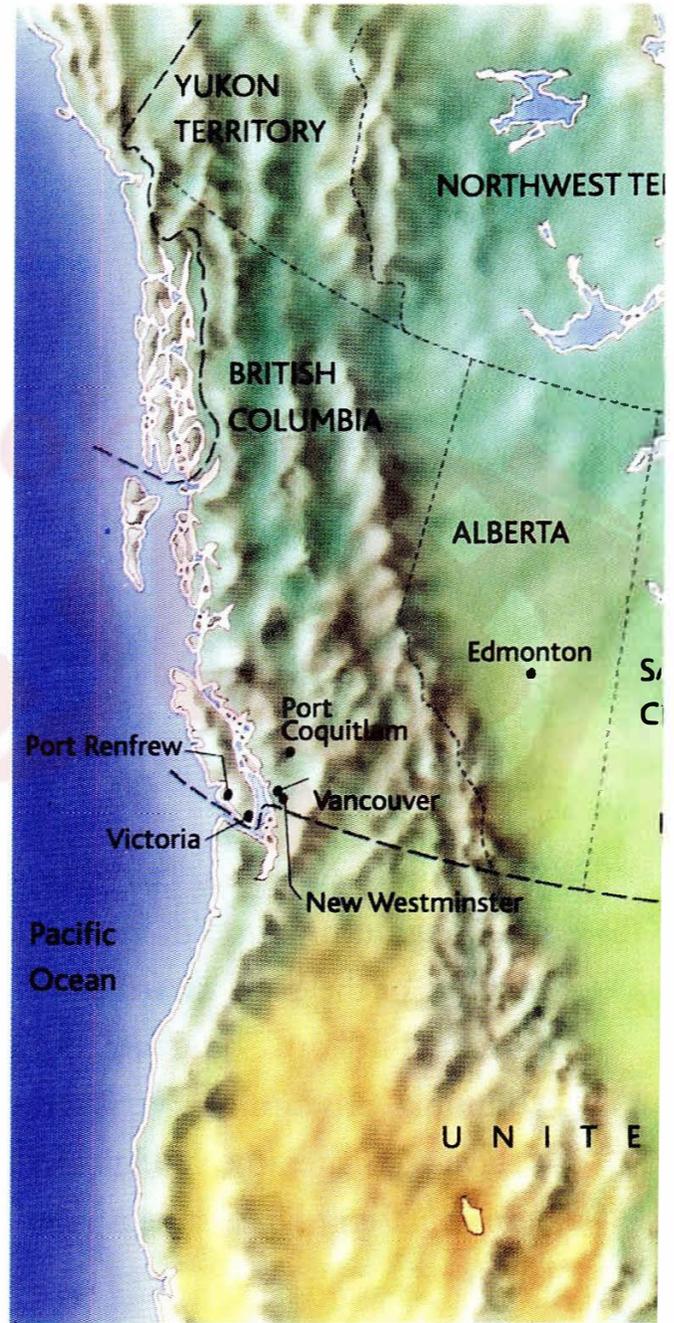
Terry goes home in April, but he often thinks of the children with cancer in the hospital. "Only money can stop the **pain**," he thinks.

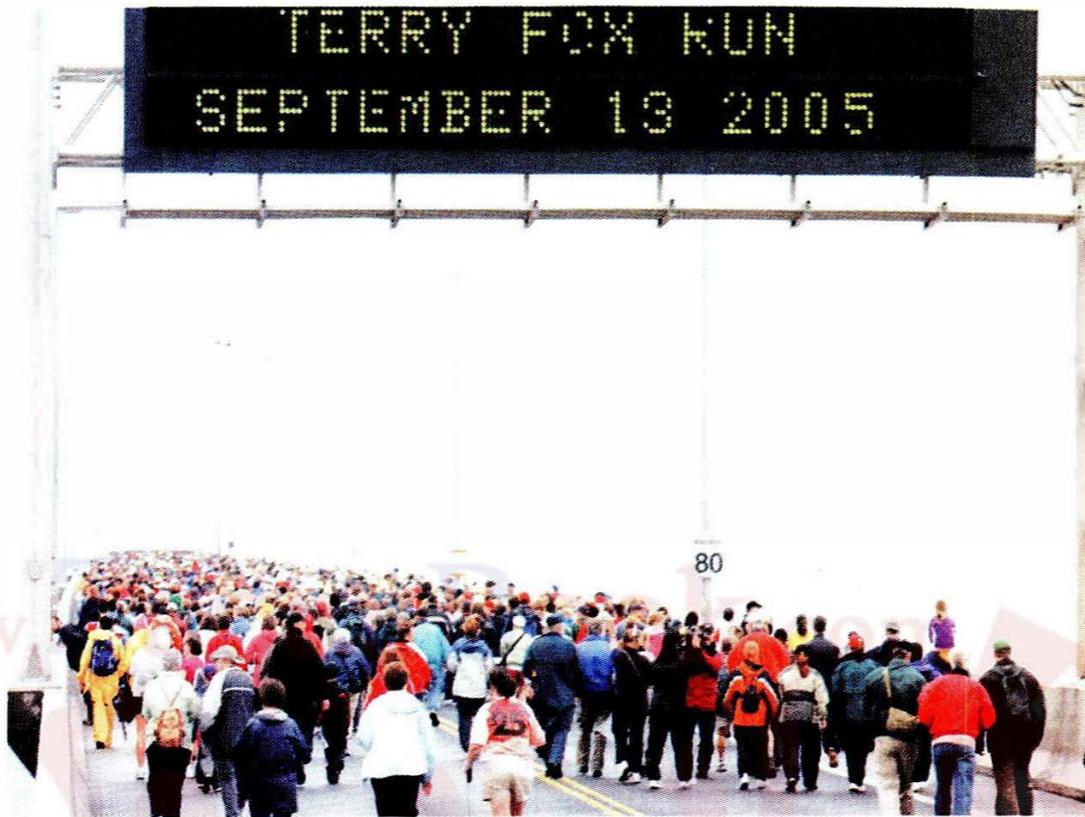
He remembers a story about a man with one leg in the New York **Marathon**. "I can run a marathon, too," Terry says to his friend Doug Alward. "I can run across Canada for money."

Later, Terry talks about the marathon to his girlfriend, Rika. Doug and Rika are happy about it, but Terry's mother isn't very happy.

"You can't run from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean on one good leg," she says. "That's very difficult."

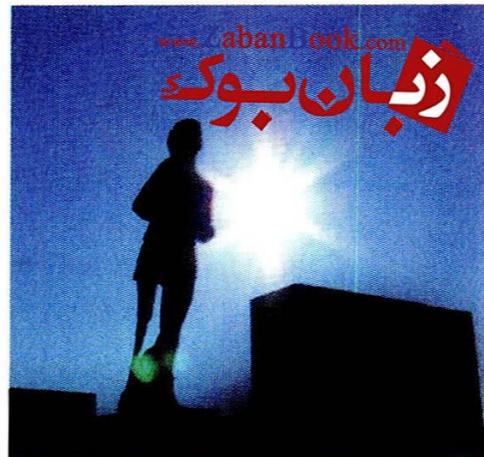
But Terry doesn't listen.





The answer is yes. The first Terry Fox Run in Canada starts in week three of September 1981. It brings \$3,500,000 to the fight with cancer.

Today, there are Terry Fox Runs around the world. In the same week in September every year, people run and remember “Canada’s hero.” Terry is dead, but his message is always with us: “Stop the pain.”



WORK WITH THREE FRIENDS.

1 Terry is doing his marathon. Now, he is in Ottawa. What questions do you want to ask him? Talk about them and make notes.

Notes

2 You are at a TV station in Ottawa.

Student A

You work for the TV station. Ask Terry, Darrell, and Doug questions. Ask about them, and about the marathon.

Students B-D

You are Terry, Darrell, and Doug. Answer the questions.

Write about it

It is three days before Terry arrives in your town. Write about the "Marathon of Hope" for the newspaper in your town.



Many people give money to *charities*. There are charities for children, for sick people, for old people, for animals ...

- 1 Look on the Internet. Can you find the charities? What do they do? Talk about them.



Oxfam

- 2 Work with some friends. Choose a charity. Why is it a good charity? What do you think?

- 3 What can you do for your charity? Choose one—or think of one.



A run



A swim

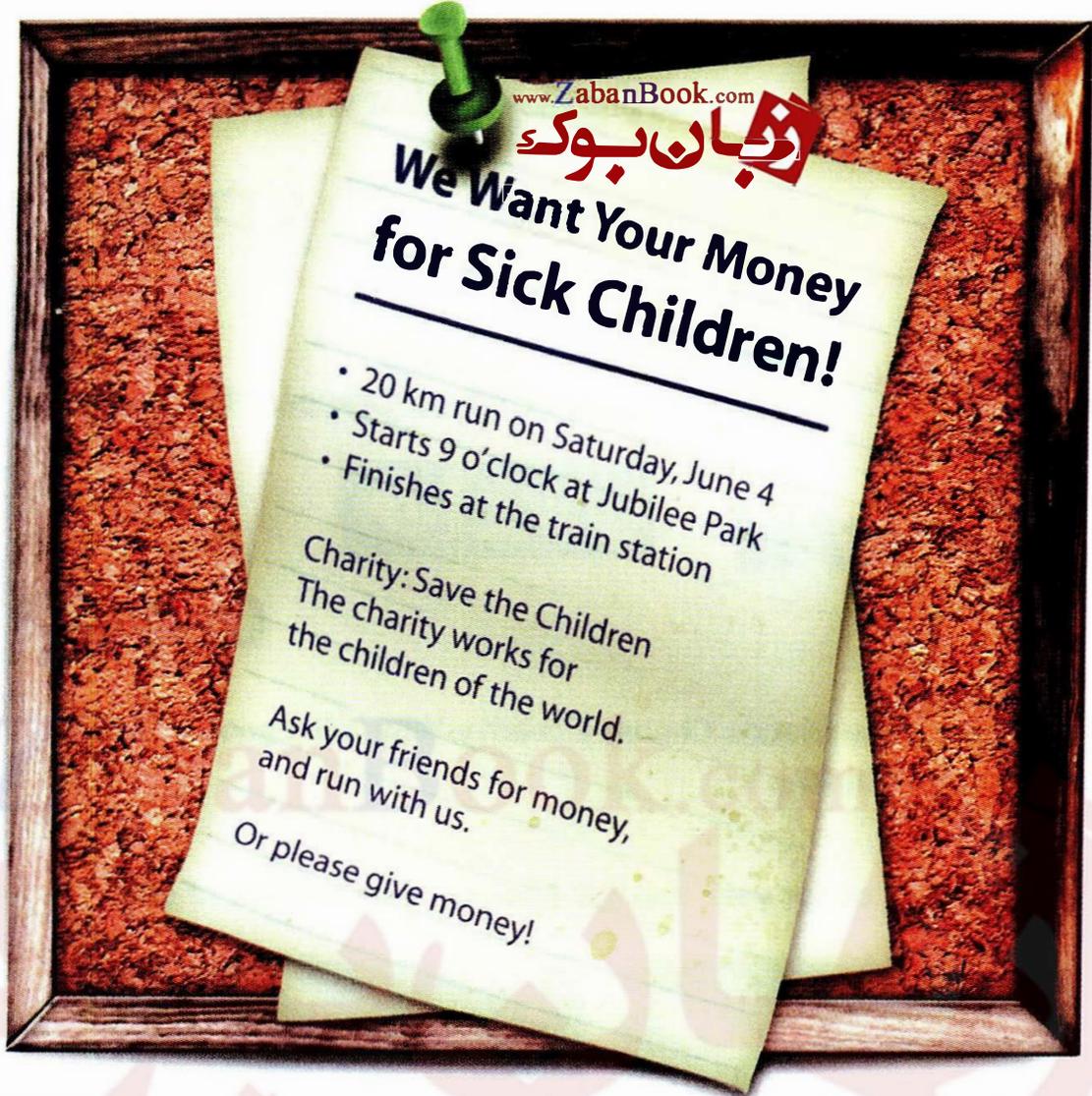


Tree planting



A sale

4 Read this notice. Answer the questions.



- a When is the run?
- b Where does it start?
- c Where does it finish?
- d What charity is the money for?

5 Now write *your* notice.

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American English

*Original*

Terry Fox has cancer and he has an artificial leg. He runs across Canada for sick children and he gets \$10,000,000. Read about his Marathon of Hope, his pain, and his short life. This is the true story of a strong athlete—and a Canadian hero.

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