CLASSROOM WORKSHEET

Gerwyn Price Ends Title Drought with Grand Slam Victory

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1 Read

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1 Welsh darts player Gerwyn Price has secured his fourth Grand Slam of Darts title, defeating Gian van Veen 16-11 in Wolverhampton. The victory marks his first televised major since 2022, ending a challenging period in which he had lost three finals earlier this year. The match reached a turning point in the 15th leg, when Van Veen failed to convert six darts to break. Price seized the opportunity, winning that leg on his fifth attempt at double two before claiming the next six legs consecutively. Van Veen had eliminated compatriot Michael van Gerwen in an earlier round, so few expected him to be stopped so decisively in the final. Both Luke Littler and Luke Humphries were eliminated from the tournament in its early stages, which may have contributed to Price's path to the title. In the semi-finals on Sunday, Price defeated Kevin Doets to reach the final. This eighth major overall for Price demonstrates that he remains one of the most consistent performers on the professional darts circuit.

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2 Key words

secure /sɪˈkjʊə/ *verb*
to obtain or guarantee something, especially after a difficult effort or competition
The team secured their place in the playoffs with a dramatic late goal.

eliminate /ɪˈlɪmɪneɪt/ *verb*
to remove or defeat someone or something so that it is no longer part of a competition or group
The new rule aims to eliminate errors caused by manual entry.

turning point /ˈtɜːnɪŋ pɔɪnt/ *noun*
a moment at which a situation changes significantly and permanently
The signing of the peace treaty was a turning point in the country's history.

consecutively /kənˈsekjətɪvli/ *adverb*
one after another without interruption
The company posted rising profits for four consecutive quarters.

decisively /dɪˈsaɪsɪvli/ *adverb*
in a way that settles a matter firmly and leaves no room for doubt
She responded decisively when the manager questioned her decision.

3 Grammar focus

Relative clauses

noun + who / which / where / whose + more information

Relative clauses (who, which, whose, where) add information to a noun. Defining clauses identify it; non-defining clauses, set off by commas, add extra detail.

1. The victory marks his first televised major since 2022, ending a challenging period in which he had lost three finals earlier this year.
2. Both Luke Littler and Luke Humphries were eliminated from the tournament in its early stages, which may have contributed to Price's path to the title.

Find the noun that each clause describes.

4 Reading comprehension

EXERCISE 1 Understanding the Final

3 points

Read the text carefully and choose the best answer for each question.

1 Why does the author mention that Van Veen had eliminated Michael van Gerwen in an earlier round?

(a) To show that Van Veen was a strong opponent who few expected to lose so badly in the final
(b) To explain why Van Veen was not a serious threat to Price
(c) To prove that van Gerwen was the weakest player in the tournament
(d) To suggest that Van Veen and van Gerwen had a personal rivalry

2 What can we infer about the early stages of the tournament from the text?

(a) The tournament was entirely dominated by Van Veen in its opening rounds
(b) Price faced all his strongest opponents in the very first round
(c) The elimination of Littler and Humphries made it easier for Price to progress
(d) No Welsh player had ever won the tournament before Price

3 What is the significance of the 15th leg according to the text?

(a) It was the very last leg of the match and decided the winner directly
(b) It was the moment when Price won on his first attempt at double two
(c) It was where Van Veen had already won several legs before the turning point
(d) It was the point at which the match's momentum shifted in Price's favour

EXERCISE 2 Key Details

Answer each question in a short complete sentence, using information from the text.

1 How many televised major titles had Price won before this one, and in what year was his previous one?

2 Who did Price defeat in the semi-finals and on what day did it happen?

3 How many legs in a row did Price win after the turning point in the 15th leg?

5 Vocabulary and grammar practice

EXERCISE 3 Tenses in a Narrative

4 points

Complete each sentence by putting the verb in brackets into the correct form. Consider the timeline of events described in the text.

1. Van Veen _____ (eliminate) Michael van Gerwen in an earlier round before facing Price in the final.
2. Littler and Humphries _____ (eliminate) from the tournament in its early stages, which may have contributed to Price's path.
3. This eighth major overall _____ (demonstrate) that Price remains one of the most consistent performers on the circuit.
4. Price _____ (defeat) Kevin Doets in the semi-finals on Sunday to reach the final.

EXERCISE 4 Match the Vocabulary

5 points

Match each word or phrase with its correct definition.

1. secure _____
2. drought _____
3. consecutively _____
4. eliminate _____
5. turning point _____

A a moment at which a situation changes significantly and permanently

B to remove or defeat someone so that they are no longer part of a competition

C to obtain or guarantee something, especially after a difficult effort

D a long period during which no achievements or positive results occur

E one after another without interruption

EXERCISE 5 Put the sentences in order

4 points

These sentences are from the story. Put them in the order they appear.

A The victory marks his first televised major since 2022, ending a challenging period in which he had lost three finals earlier this year.

B Van Veen had eliminated compatriot Michael van Gerwen in an earlier round, so few expected him to be stopped so decisively in the final.

C Price seized the opportunity, winning that leg on his fifth attempt at double two before claiming the next six legs consecutively.

D The match reached a turning point in the 15th leg, when Van Veen failed to convert six darts to break.

Correct order: _____ _____ _____ _____

6 Guided writing

EXERCISE 6 **Summary and Opinion**

Write a short summary (80–130 words) of the news story. Include what happened, how the match unfolded, and why the victory was notable. Then add ONE sentence giving your reasoned opinion on whether this win suggests Price will remain a top player. Use the required keywords in your response. Write 80 to 130 words. Use these words: turning point, eliminated, consecutively, decisively.

Answer key

For the teacher

Keep this page for yourself and copy only the pages before it. Short-answer and writing tasks list one possible answer.

Exercise 1 Understanding the Final

1. A. To show that Van Veen was a strong opponent who few expected to lose so badly in the final The text says Van Veen had eliminated compatriot Michael van Gerwen in an earlier round, 'so few expected him to be stopped so decisively in the final.' This implies Van Veen was considered a dangerous player, making his decisive loss surprising.
2. C. The elimination of Littler and Humphries made it easier for Price to progress The text states that 'Both Luke Littler and Luke Humphries were eliminated from the tournament in its early stages, which may have contributed to Price's path to the title.' This suggests their absence made his route easier.
3. D. It was the point at which the match's momentum shifted in Price's favour The text says 'The match reached a turning point in the 15th leg,' where Van Veen failed to convert and Price seized the opportunity to win that leg and the next six consecutively, shifting momentum to his side.

Exercise 2 Key Details

1. This was his first televised major since 2022. The text explicitly states 'his first televised major since 2022,' so learners need to identify the year 2022 as the last one.
2. Price defeated Kevin Doets in the semi-finals on Sunday. The text states: 'In the semi-finals on Sunday, Price defeated Kevin Doets to reach the final.'
3. Price won the next six legs consecutively after the turning point. The text says 'before claiming the next six legs consecutively,' referring to the legs after the 15th.

Exercise 3 Tenses in a Narrative

1. had eliminated The past perfect is used here because Van Veen's elimination of van Gerwen happened before another past event (the final). The text uses 'had eliminated' to show this earlier action.
2. were eliminated The passive voice is needed because the subject (Littler and Humphries) received the action. Past simple 'were eliminated' matches the completed event described in the text.
3. demonstrates Present simple is used here to state a general truth or conclusion drawn from the victory. The text uses 'demonstrates' with a singular subject ('This eighth major').
4. defeated Past simple is used for a completed action in a specific past time ('on Sunday'). This narrates an event that happened before the final.

Exercise 4 Match the Vocabulary

1. C. to obtain or guarantee something, especially after a difficult effort
2. D. a long period during which no achievements or positive results occur
3. E. one after another without interruption
4. B. to remove or defeat someone so that they are no longer part of a competition
5. A. a moment at which a situation changes significantly and permanently

Exercise 5 Put the sentences in order

A, D, C, B The victory marks his first televised major since 2022, ending a challenging period in which he had lost three finals earlier this year. The match reached a turning point in the 15th leg, when Van Veen failed to convert six darts to break. Price seized the opportunity, winning that leg on his fifth attempt at double two before claiming the next six legs consecutively. Van Veen had eliminated compatriot Michael van Gerwen in an earlier round, so few expected him to be stopped so decisively in the final.

Exercise 6 Summary and Opinion

Gerwyn Price ended a title drought by winning his fourth Grand Slam of Darts in Wolverhampton, defeating Gian van Veen 16-11. The turning point came in the 15th leg when Van Veen failed to convert six darts to break. Price then won six legs consecutively to seal the match decisively. Van Veen had eliminated Michael van Gerwen earlier, so his heavy final defeat was unexpected. Both Littler and Humphries were eliminated in the early stages, possibly easing Price's path. This was his first televised major since 2022. In my view, this win shows Price remains among the most consistent performers and is likely to stay competitive at the top level. One possible answer. Yours will be different and can still be good: check it against the list.