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# The Long Road

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## 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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2 What is Terry doing?

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3 Why is he doing this?

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4 Who are the people in the car?

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5 Why are they driving behind Terry?

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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



**O**n 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:d/ (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**.

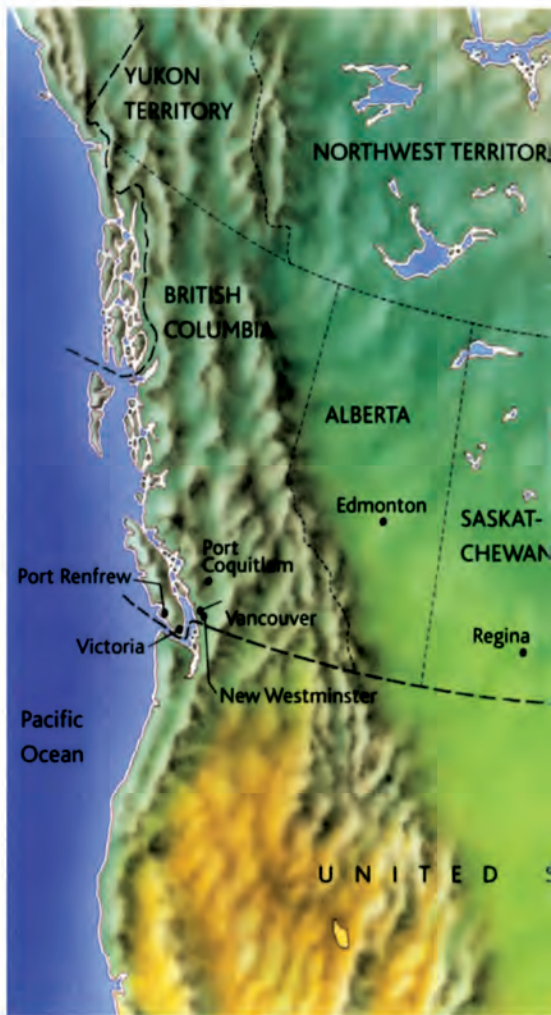
Terry goes home in April, but he often thinks of the children with cancer in the hospital. "Only money can stop the **pain**," he thinks.

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 friend, Ricky. Doug and Ricky 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.





**hospital** /'hɒspɪtl/ (n) My mother is in the *hospital*. She is very sick.

**cancer** /'kænsə/ (n) My father has *cancer* but he has good doctors.

**operate** /'ɒpə,reɪt/ (v) Please wait. The doctors are *operating* on your father's leg now.

**artificial** /,ɑ:rtə'fɪʃəl/ (adj) The child walks very slowly on his *artificial* legs.

**pain** /peɪn/ (n) I have a *pain* in my back. I can't move!

**marathon** /'mærə,θʌn/ (n) Every year, people run in the London *Marathon*.

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*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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