

FORM 3: READING COMPREHENSION (LESSON 59)

Read the passage below and answer questions 1 to 10.

For several months, Efi and her team have been training hard for an inter-school track and field competition. Now that the day of the event has finally arrived, the girls are nervous.

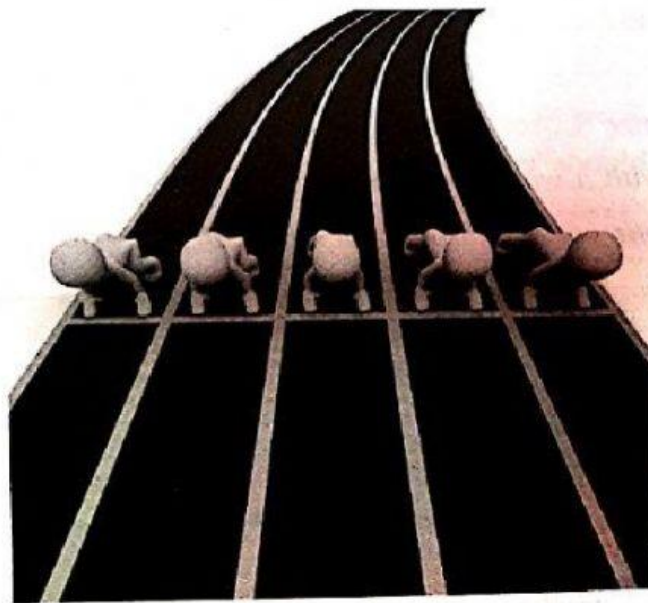
Efi's team is scheduled to participate in the 400-metre relay. She is confident that her team is in good shape because they recently broke their school 400-metre relay record. The girls' coach is also confident that they will win the race.

The race is only a few moments away. The atmosphere in the stadium is tense. Supporters from Efi's school are eager for the race to begin. They are eager to cheer for them as they cross the finishing line. Soon, a man announces that the 400-metre relay is about to begin. He calls the runners to get into position.

Then, the whistle is blown and the first runner in each lane sets off. One by one the runners make a clean pass of the baton to their teammates. Efi's teammates are clearly in the lead. The spectators rise from their seats and cheer excitedly as the runners approach the last 100 metres.

At last, it is Efi's turn. She grasps the baton firmly in her hand and runs as fast as she can. As she approaches the finishing line, the cheers grow louder. Suddenly, Efi feels a sharp pain in her right calf. She stumbles a few metres and falls to the ground. As she lies on the ground in pain, she sees the other runners and tears fill her eyes.

She has lost the race. She feels so disappointed in herself, and worst of all, she let her team down. However, to her great surprise, her teammates do not blame her. They are more concerned with her well-being than anything else. She cries silently as they help to carry her off the track. She is sad that they lost, but very grateful to have teammates that understand and care for her so deeply.



Questions 1 to 8

Answer the questions below. Choose no more than three words and/or a number from the text for each answer. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

confident

nervous

the lead

care for her

emerge

positions

concerned

400-metre relay

a sharp pain

supporter

1. The girls are _____ because their race day has finally come.
2. Efi's team is competing in the _____ race.
3. Due to the fact that they have broken their school 400-metre relay record, Efi and the coach are _____ that they will win the race.
4. There are _____ from Efi's school that have come to cheer them on.
5. Before the race starts, a man calls all the runners to take their _____ on the track.
6. Efi's team takes _____ early in the race.
7. What does Efi feel when she stumbles in the race? _____
8. Efi is grateful that her teammates understand and _____ so deeply.

Questions 9 and 10

Complete the table below with a word from the text. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

Meaning	Word
9. appear	
10. worried about	