

# Unit 6: COMPETITIONS- PART 1

**Trang:** What are you reading, Paul?

**Paul:** The history of Boston Marathon.

**Trang:** It sounds (1) \_\_\_\_\_! How often is it held?

**Paul:** Every year, in the USA.

**Trang:** When did it begin?

**Paul:** In 1897. And the same year, John McDermott won the first Boston (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Association Marathon.

**Trang:** Who was John McDermott? Where did he come from?

**Paul:** He was the first man who won the first Boston Marathon in the USA. He came from New York.

**Trang:** How long did it take him to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the finish?

**Paul:** He clocked 2 hours (4) \_\_\_\_\_ minutes and 10 seconds.

**Trang:** Did women have right to participate in long (5) \_\_\_\_\_ running?

**Paul:** Yes ... But not until (6) \_\_\_\_\_, women were formally accepted to take part in the Boston races... A few years later, Kuscik became the first (7) \_\_\_\_\_ female champion.

**Trang:** When did she win the race?

**Paul:** In 1972. There were 8 women starting the race and all 8 finished.

**Trang:** Is the race held for only American people?

**Paul:** No. Each year, more runners from every part of the world join it. In 1984, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ runners from 34 countries ran in the marathon.

**Trang:** What are the rules of the Boston Marathon?

**Paul:** The Boston race is about (9) \_\_\_\_\_ km. Runners have to go through 13 towns during the race. It ends in the centre of Boston.

**Trang:** Oh, that's (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Thanks a lot, Paul.