

LISTENING

P: Welcome to this week's edition of our podcast, Heroes. Today we _____ the popular TV presenter Nancy B in our studio. Nancy, hello, and welcome.

N: Thank you. It's _____ to be here.

P: Nancy, _____ is your hero, and _____?

N: My hero is Katie Spotz because she rowed across the _____ alone.

P: Alone?! Wow! That's _____. _____ did she do it?

N: She was in a 19-foot wooden boat. And she's the youngest person to have done it. She's only twenty-two!

P: She must have been _____.

N: I _____ she was a couple of times. When her steering broke, and when her GPS tracker caught fire. And she **was** _____ **of running out of** _____. The big waves **made** her _____ as well. But Katie is a **very** _____ woman, and she made it through all of that. I know she _____ very happy about landing in Georgetown.

P: _____ about her family?

N: Well, actually, her family wasn't so _____ **about** her. They know she's a good rower and her dad spoke to her every day via a satellite phone to keep her going.

P: _____ you think this is something you would be _____ **in** _____?

N: Me? No! I'm very _____ to say that I'm not a great swimmer. But Katie has **inspired** _____ to take on more challenges. And as soon as Katie was finished, she told me she was interested in new challenges. And that's why she's a hero for me.

P: That's _____. And we're so happy you could come on and share this story. And thanks to all for listening to our Heroes podcast. Until next time.

READING

Read about Syd Barrett. What band did he start with a friend?

He started a band called _____



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Put the lines in the correct order.

- a Syd met Roger Waters at school.
- b Syd recorded two solo albums.
- c Syd Barrett left Pink Floyd.
- d Syd started using the name 'Roger'.

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- e Syd Barrett was born in Cambridge.
- f Syd died aged 60.
- g Pink Floyd was formed in 1965.
- h Syd walked from London to Cambridge.

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Cassie De Pecol was born on June 23, 1989, in the USA. As a child, she always wanted to explore. And when she finished high school, she did! Cassie studied for a year in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, but that was not enough for her. At the age of 21, she saved money from her job at a swimming pool and traveled for two years. When Cassie came back, she got a job, but she wanted to travel. She started planning her world trip ... and babysitting! On July 24, 2015, Cassie had \$10,000 in babysitting money. Her plan was to travel to all 196 countries in the world, and she wanted to be the first woman to do it alone.

On her travels, Cassie took more than 255 flights. She went to the Dead Sea, swam with jellyfish and even met a king. But there were difficult times too – often Cassie didn't have much money. Luckily, she found people who gave her more money.

On February 2, 2017, after 559 days, Cassie came home. She was the first woman to travel to all the countries in the world. She also broke a record by doing it in the fastest time. Why does Cassie like traveling alone? "Traveling alone ... gives me the freedom to go to many places. I loved every minute of it." And where is Cassie planning to go next? Antarctica!



Read the article again and number the events in order (1-6).

- a She began her trip around the world.
- b Cassie studied in Costa Rica and Nicaragua.
- c She traveled for two years.
- d She ran out of money.
- e She started babysitting.
- f She broke the record for visiting every country in the world in the fastest time.

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Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- a Cassie was born in the USA. T
- b She liked staying at home. _____
- c She worked as a lifeguard. _____
- d She saved \$10,000 working as a waiter. _____
- e She didn't ask anyone for money. _____
- f She wants to go to Antarctica. _____