

Living beyond limits - Amy Purdy • TEDxOrangeCoast

Watch the video. Select the correct answer.

1. What did Amy Purdy always want to do ____
 - a. help people
 - b. travel the world
 - c. be a massage therapist
2. Why did Amy like her job? ____
 - a. She could tell stories.
 - b. She liked using her hands.
 - c. It made her feel in control of her life.
3. What illness caused Amy to lose both of her legs below the knee? ____
 - a. bacterial meningitis
 - b. the flu
 - c. insomnia
4. When she returned home from the hospital, did Amy like her new legs? ____
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. She doesn't say.
5. How did Amy move forward? ____
 - a. She escaped from reality.
 - b. She learned to snowboard again.
 - c. She learned to be happy with who she is
6. Amy makes the audience laugh when she talks about ____ .
 - a. her big shoes
 - b. her bright pink legs
 - c. how she can change her height

Select the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Amy Purdy grew up in **Las Vegas / Los Angeles**.
2. Purdy's disease caused her to lose parts of her body and the hearing in her **left / right** ear.
3. On her 21st birthday, Purdy received a new **foot / kidney** from her father.
4. Purdy won two **gold / silver** World Cup medals for snowboarding.
5. Purdy has learned to rely on her **parents / imagination**.

Watch the video again. Number the events and achievements (1–6) in the order that you hear them.

1 2 3 4 5 6

- ____ Amy got a new kidney from her dad.
- ____ Amy won two World Cup gold medals for snowboarding.
- ____ Amy went to South Africa and gave shoes to children there.
- ____ Amy decided to design her own legs for snowboarding.
- ____ Amy fell off her snowboard, which was shocking then but funny now.
- ____ Amy started a non-profit organization to help young people with disabilities do action sports.

Complete the quotation from the video with the words in the box.

borders dreams enabled fears forced imaginations limits minds

"My legs haven't disabled me, if anything they have (1) _____ me. They've (2) _____ me to rely on my imagination and to believe in the possibilities, and that's why I believe that our (3) _____ can be used as tools for breaking through (4) _____ because in our (5) _____, we can do anything and we can be anything. It's believing in those (6) _____ and facing our (7) _____ head-on that allows us to live our lives beyond our (8) _____."

Complete each sentence from the video with one word.

1. At the age of 19, a day after I _____ high school, I moved to a place where it snowed.
2. I went home from work early one day with what I thought was the _____.
3. When my parents wheeled me out of the _____, I felt like I had been pieced back together.
4. I was absolutely _____ and emotionally broken.
5. And that is when it dawned on me ... I could be as _____ as I wanted!
6. And that is when a new _____ in my life began.