



Read the text and mark the statements

True (1)      False (2)      Not Stated (3).

### It's Never Too Late to Fulfil One's Dream

It took five attempts, but on September 2nd, 2013, U.S. swimmer Diana Nyad accomplished the dream she had been working for since 1978. She became the first person to swim from Cuba to the Florida Keys without a protective "shark" cage.

The 103-mile epic journey began on the morning of Saturday, September 1st, when Diana dived into the warm waters of Havana, Cuba. Surrounded by a team of 35 members that included support assistants, a doctor, a shark hunter, a navigator and even a jellyfish expert, the athlete swam almost continuously for the entire 52 hours 54 minutes stopping only for short food breaks.

Despite the exhausting swim, the athlete still had the energy to acknowledge the thousands of fans that had gathered to greet her and inspire them with this brief speech:

"I have three messages. One is that we should never, ever give up. Two - you never are too old to follow your dreams. And three: it looks like a solitary sport but it's a team."

And while Diana made it look easy, the epic swim was not easy at all. Besides the dreadful currents and blazing sun, she also had to deal with jellyfish. To avoid their deadly stings, Diana wore a full body suit, gloves, booties and a mask at night when the jellyfish rise to the surface. This not only slowed her down but the constant biting on the silicone mask resulted in bruises inside her mouth, making it difficult for her to speak.

But despite all these problems, the 64-year-old who says she kept herself mentally occupied by playing tricks like counting her strokes (взмах) in different languages and singing from a repertoire of 85 songs, did not give up on her dream.

This is not the first time Diana is making headlines. Regarded as one of the greatest long-distance swimmers in the world in the 1970's, she broke several world records. Her first attempt at this particular route was when she was just 28 years old. Soon after that she gave up the sport to pursue her other interests which include broadcasting, motivational speaking and writing books about her experiences.

Then to everyone's surprise, at the age of 60 she announced not only a return to the sport, but also the desire to realize her dream of completing the 103-mile trek - this time, without the shark cage. She said that she wanted to prove to other women her age, that it is never too late to fulfil their dreams!

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- A. Diana Nyad started to prepare for her record many years ago.
- B. She swam over 100 miles from Florida to Cuba.
- C. There were some of her relatives in the support team.
- D. Jellyfish is especially dangerous in the daytime.
- E. She believes that age can't prevent one from fulfilling one's dream.
- F. Diana's full body suit together with special boots weighed over 5 kg.
- G. On her long way she kept singing and counting to herself.
- H. Swimming has always been Diana's only job and hobby.

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