

Fill in each blank with the help of the words in the box.

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| opponent | pessimist | widower | braggart |
| champion | hermit    | mute    | amateur  |
| athlete  | optimist  | cripple | youth    |

1. A/ An \_\_\_\_\_ communicates with others using sign language.
2. James Douglas became the heavyweight \_\_\_\_\_ of the world when he knocked out Mike Tyson.
3. It is the dream of every \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the Olympics.
4. He became a/an \_\_\_\_\_ when he lost his leg in the war.
5. The boxer knocked his \_\_\_\_\_ down in the tenth round of the match.
6. A/An \_\_\_\_\_ is one who always looks at the gloomy side of things.
7. She is still a/an \_\_\_\_\_; she has a lot more to learn about the game.
8. Two years after his wife's death, the \_\_\_\_\_ remarried.
9. The old man recalled the mistakes he had made when he was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
10. She is very boastful; I have never come across a/an \_\_\_\_\_ like her.