

## WRITING ■ A biography

I can write a biography of a sports star.

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**Elizabet Tursynbayeva**

### 1 Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 Which paragraph describes Elizabet's family?
- 2 Where did she study?
- 3 What was her big break?
- 4 What problems did she have in 2014?
- 5 What happened in 2017?

### 2 Study the key phrases. Put the phrases in the order of the text. Then check your answers.

#### KEY PHRASES ■ A biography

She's got ... and ... .  
 In the years that followed, ... .  
 She's been involved in ... since ... .  
 ... was born in ... .  
 Since then, she has ... .  
 Her big break came in ... .

### Language point: Order of adjectives

#### 3 Complete the table with adjectives from the model text. Then order the words in 1–6.

Opinion	Size / length	Age	Colour	Noun
	1 ____		2 ____	hair
	big	new		car
3 ____	4 ____		5 ____	eyes

- 1 She's a (shy / child / little).
- 2 She lives in a (flat / new / big).
- 3 She's got (long / hair / blonde).
- 4 Her sister has got (beautiful / eyes / big / blue).
- 5 She's a very (young / warm-hearted / girl).
- 6 She's wearing a (red / dress / lovely / long).

#### 4 ACTIVATE Follow the steps in the writing guide.

- 1 Elizabet Tursynbayeva was born in Russia on 14 February 2000, but her parents were originally from Kazakhstan. Her older brother, Timur Tursynbayev, is a two-time figure skating champion of Kazakhstan. Elizabet's got a pretty face with long dark hair and lovely big brown eyes. She isn't very tall, but she's got a strong personality. She's a very sensible and determined person.
- 2 She studied music at a school in Moscow where she learned to play the violin and the piano. She's been interested in sport since she was five years old, when she took up ice skating. In 2015, she moved to Canada so that she can attend a special school for skaters.
- 3 Her big break came in 2013, when she won a silver medal in the Junior Grand Prix in Belarus. In the years that followed, she had to work really hard. In 2014, she didn't have a coach and she had to train at a shopping mall ice rink. Despite the difficulties, she won the junior ladies' titles at the International Cup of Nice, Merano Cup and NRW Trophy that year.
- 4 Since then, Elizabet's had a very successful career in sport. She's won several championships and she's even competed in the Olympics. In 2017, she came third in the Asian Winter Games. She plans to get involved in charity in the future and wants to help develop figure skating in Kazakhstan.

### WRITING GUIDE

#### A TASK

Write a biography of a famous sports star.

#### B THINK AND PLAN

Find information about the person and make notes.

- 1 When and where was he / she born?
- 2 What does he / she look like?
- 3 When and how did he / she get involved in sport?
- 4 When and how did he / she get a big break?
- 5 What happened after that?
- 6 What has happened since then?
- 7 How successful has the person been?
- 8 What are his / her plans for the future?

#### C WRITE

##### Paragraph 1: Personal information

... was born in ...

##### Paragraph 2: Studies

He / She studied ...

##### Paragraph 3: Success

His / Her big break came in ...

##### Paragraph 4: Recent career

Since then, he / she ...

#### D CHECK

- order of adjectives
- present perfect and past simple