

USE OF ENGLISH – PART 2

Open Cloze

For questions 1–10, think of ONE word which best fits each gap.

Lucy O'Connor first became interested (1) _____ boxing after a sports coach suggested that she should try it. She quickly discovered that she enjoyed the sport much more than she had expected.

Before long, she was competing (2) _____ national competitions and eventually became one of Britain's leading amateur boxers. Her success allowed her to train full-time, (3) _____ meant she could improve much faster.

Training requires a great deal (4) _____ commitment. Lucy not only exercises every day but also follows a carefully planned diet. She says that she no longer goes (5) _____ to parties very often because she needs to stay focused.

Many people believe boxing is dangerous, (6) _____ Lucy disagrees. She explains that amateur boxing follows strict safety rules, (7) _____ serious injuries are uncommon.

Lucy also believes that public opinion will improve, provided (8) _____ more people understand the difference between amateur and professional boxing. She hopes that young women (9) _____ are interested in the sport will feel more confident about trying it.

According to Lucy, success depends (10) _____ hard work as much as natural ability.