

An Olympic Champion

What do Olympic champions do when they retire from their sport? Some try television presenting, others become coaches and some even start practicing new sports. But of this last group, how many people have been successful?

Victoria Pendleton is a British Olympic cycling champion, the winner of two gold medals. Since she retired, she's appeared in a dance competition on



TV, advertised shampoo and even designed a range of bikes. But her next step surprised everyone.

In 2015, Victoria decided to try horse riding, and since then, she has competed in several big races! She took the challenge of learning to ride in one year, and then took part in a famous horse race at the Cheltenham Festival in England.

Olympic cyclists love moving fast, and Victoria soon developed a passion for her new sport. She picked it up quickly and was soon taking on big jumps. Six months after she began her training, she came second in a race. And then, just a few weeks before the big race at Cheltenham, she won for the first time.

At Cheltenham, no one expected Victoria to do well. For Victoria herself, simply being part of the race was enough for her. But she surprised everyone by coming fifth and described it as one of the greatest achievements of her life.

Answer the following questions:

1. In Paragraph one, the author states that _____.

- a. all the Olympic champions become coaches
- b. some Olympic champions are successful when they change their careers
- c. it is easy for Olympic champions to do another sport.

2. After Victoria tried bike designing, she _____.

- a. tried horse riding
- b. tried advertising
- c. won two gold medals

3. It took Victoria _____ to learn to ride.

- a. 2 years
- b. 6 months
- c. 12 months

4. Victoria won a horse race for the first time _____.

- a. at Cheltenham race
- b. six months after she started training
- c. just before Cheltenham race

5. According to the text, one of Victoria's biggest accomplishments is to _____.

- a. come fifth at such a big race like Cheltenham race
- b. learn to ride horses in one year
- c. design a range of bikes

6. Put the new things that Victoria tried after she retired in order.

- a. bike designing, dance competitions, advertising, and horse riding.
- b. dance competitions, advertising, bike designing, and horse riding.
- c. bike designing, horse riding, dance competitions, and advertising.